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SWINGING INTO SPRING, Eleanor Davis, almost 2, gets a push from her big sister Cordie, age 4, on the swing at the Sullivan Street playground in Eastport. They are the children of Zach and Jill Davis of Cooper. (Edward French photo)

#### Cold plunge dipper raises over \$44,000

by Arlene Benham

A New Year's resolution by one Grand Manan resident has exploded far beyond his original intent into a community-wide fundraising initiative, as he has now raised over \$44,000 for the local food bank.

Kyle Mawer began the year thinking that the discipline of "doing something hard every day" would be beneficial, so he chose a daily cold plunge: 100 days in a row, all outdoors, in all weather. Living in Australia for three years, the Saint John native joined a cold-water swim club and subsequently made occasional winter dips in Canada. Now his goal to make it a daily practice involved jumping off lobster boats at the end of a long day's work, in

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# Officials in Cutler receive audit but decide against legal action

by Renee Patterson

A recently completed forensic audit of the Town of Cutler's books has found multiple transactions that were lacking in full support or clear municipal business purpose, and without proper documentation it's difficult to determine if transactions were actually town expenses. However, both the district attorney's office and the town's select board have decided not to take any legal action based on the audit report.

In February 2023 the town had hired The CPA Solution of Bangor to conduct the forensic audit on the recommendation of the former town attorney. The forensic examination team reviewed and analyzed

bank statements, warrants and payroll transactions from July 2019 through February 2023.

The total amount disputed by the selectmen for the three-year period is \$15,118, consisting of 115 transactions. There are also six transactions for building materials that were delivered to a personal residence with a value of \$2,086.92.

A summary of transactions that were identified and questioned as to their true authorized municipal purpose include the following vendors: Home Depot, Tom's Mini Mart, Shell Oil, aka Machias on the Run, Family Dollar, Marden's, Walgreens, Machias River General, Amazon,

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# Cabinet eyes ferry service to Campobello

by Derwin Gowan

New Brunswick's provincial cabinet might take up an invitation to meet on Campobello Island, according to Premier Susan Holt. "We've had a lovely invitation from the people of Campobello to bring cabinet to the island," she said at a legislative committee meeting in Fredericton on April 22 to consider budget estimates for the provincial Executive Council Office.

She added, "I think it [the invitation] was tied to a specific event or activity, but it came in at just the time as we were talking about moving cabinet around the province and getting meetings into different communities." Meeting outside the provincial capital would allow the 19 cabinet ministers to meet people where they live, especially in places impacted by the tariff war launched by U.S. President Donald Trump.

This road trip was not a done deal, "but I did just receive an invitation for us to bring cabinet there, so we're looking at whether we can make that happen, and I will be sure to keep you posted," the pre-Continued on page 27

#### World's largest clam garden ready for first harvesting

by Lura Jackson

The Sipayik Community Clam Garden a project that began in 2022 in Half Moon Cove and has since become the largest soft-shell clam garden in the world - is nearing its first harvest, according to steward Erik S. Francis. All of the clams from the harvest will be distributed to tribal members at no cost.

"It's a really good project for future generations," Francis says. "We are trying to build the clam population back to where it used to be, even though we are dealing with green crab struggles. They are a voracious predator, and they do not discrim-

The soft-shell clam population in the state has declined by approximately 85% since 1977, according to figures from Downeast Institute (DEI), with warming waters and green crab predation cited as the primary factors for the decline in a study published in March. Even with the decline, clamming remains one of the larg-

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# Cultural revival is expanding Downeast

#### Machias Arts Center to open

by RJ Heller

The Machias Arts Council (MAC) will be opening a new community project and space this spring to both engage the membership as well as the community. The rental space located at 277 Main Street, the former Refine Furniture building, will be the Machias Arts Center.

"We are getting all the behind-the-scenes preparations attended to and hope to unofficially open our doors in early May with a grand opening slated later in the month," says MAC Chair Kitty Stemac, who has been a member since November

In 2012 the Machias Arts Council began as a small group of six artists searching for a way to work together and share their

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## Historic church gains new life

by RJ Heller

A historic building in East Machias, having been rescued from deteriorating into the ground, is now seeing "its old bones" find purpose once more. The East Machias Cultural Arts Center (EMCAC) now calls First Congregational Church home as it moves to interact with both church members, residents and visitors to East Machias.

Friends of the First Congregational Church of East Machias (FFCCEM) have been through plenty together. Starting in July 2021 with a historic building in real trouble, church trustees, local residents, representatives from the Maine Steeples Fund, Maine Preservation and members of the greater historic preservation community came together and successfully raised the

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PLANTING CLAM SEEDS in the Sipayik Community Clam Garden at Half Moon Cove are members of the Downeast Institute during a sunny but brisk day in early April. The clam garden, which will provide clams to Passamaquoddy tribal members at no cost, now hosts 1.25 million soft-shell clams, making it the largest in the world. (Downeast

#### CLAM GARDEN (from page 1)

est fisheries in the state - and the ties

"It's something that really resonates with me," says Francis, who himself dug clams for years before volunteering for this project when it was launched. "It's time that somebody really made the effort

The clam garden project began in 2022 through a joint effort of DEI, Maine Sea Grant, Sunrise County Economic Council, Wabanaki Reach, the Maine Department of Marine Resources and numerous volunteers, with an initial seeding of 250,000 clams. With this year's planting, the garden will be home to up to 1.25 million clams.

The clams take about three years to grow to harvestable size, with the first sample harvest planned to happen within develop the best practices for growing clams and share it with the tribe in Sipayik. We're honored to be a partner in this effort, and I look forward to hearing how

Mistakes are costly, Francis says, as they found during the first planting in matter of days, with each plot being 14' x 14' and having around 5,000 clams. Since plots having an estimated survival rate of

lops as well.

# Golden fights unfair lobster regulations

Maine Congressman Jared Golden has sent a letter to President Donald Trump highlighting alleged unfair trade practices and regulatory disparity Canada uses to benefit its lobster industry at the expense of American lobstermen.

Golden writes, "Throughout my time in the Maine State Legislature and Congress, I have heard from Maine's seafood harvesters, processors and those involved in the ocean economy that they cannot make the necessary investments to grow due to overregulation, arbitrary and capricious management, inconsistent policies from various federal agencies and unfair trade action from Canada. Without your intervention, projections indicate that many commercial fishing operations in New England will become economically unviable within the next 30 years. This would lead to the collapse of a historic food production industry, the loss of thousands of jobs, the devastation of coastal communities that have shaped American maritime heritage for centuries and an increased reliance on foreign food."

Golden explains that Canadian lobstermen are not required to follow the same conservation measures, like releasing lobsters over a maximum size, that American lobstermen must. He also cites extensive regulations on American fishing gear and environmental practices; this burden is especially visible in the gray zone - 277 square miles near Machias Seal Island fished by both Mainers and Canadians that remains one of America's only contested maritime borders.

Golden criticized market manipulation by Canadian seafood processors and subsidies from the Canadian government to undercut the cost of competing American labor.

Dustin Delano of the New England Fishermen's Stewardship Association (NEFSA) comments, "The NEFSA commends Congressman Jared Golden for highlighting the significant disparities faced by American lobstermen compared to their Canadian counterparts in his recent letter to the president. NEFSA has made it a top priority to raise awareness of the longstanding territorial dispute in the gray zone and the resulting economic and

#### Maine DMR adopts halibut restrictions

The Maine Department of Marine Resources has adopted a regulation prohibiting fishing for Atlantic halibut in the state's territorial waters on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the halibut season, which runs from May 18 to June 13. The regulation also reduces the number of allowable hooks for commercial vessels from 250 to 200 hooks and clarifies that individuals fishing for halibut recreationally are limited to 100 hooks both per person and per vessel.

The regulation aligns the expected halibut catch in the state's waters with requirements set by the New England Fishery Management Council.

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environmental consequences. Unbalanced regulatory frameworks between the United States and Canada continue to place American fishermen at a disadvantage both in terms of access to seafood stocks and financial sustainability.'

Virginia Olsen of the Maine Lobstering Union states, "The Maine Lobstering Union is thrilled President Trump is looking into imbalances in the U.S. fisheries. Maine fishermen have been supporting Maine's economy for generations. We continue to raise concerns that Canadian trade practices, unequal conservation and regulations are hurting Maine families, and it is rewarding to see some of that noise is making its way to President

Patrice McCarron, executive director of the Maine Lobstermen's Association (MLA), says, "The MLA has been fighting government over-regulation for years and won a historic court case that challenged draconian whale rules, taking a big step forward in ending this abuse of power. The president's executive order recognizes the challenges our fishing families and communities face, and we appreciate the commitment to reduce burdensome regulations and strengthen the competitiveness of American seafood."

#### Man found deceased on Robbinston beach

The Maine Marine Patrol is investigating the death of 67-year-old Gerald Rhodes of Baileyville, whose body was recovered on Thursday, April 17, on the beach at Mill Cove in Robbinston.

The Marine Patrol responded to a report that a body had been discovered on the beach by a U.S. Border Patrol agent. The agent located the body at approximately 5:30 p.m. after being notified earlier in the day that an unoccupied vehicle had been located in a parking area near Mill Cove since that morning. The Washington County Sheriff's Office also responded along with local EMS providers, who pronounced Rhodes deceased at 6:15

Family members have been notified, and his body has been transported to the Chief Office of Medical Examiner in Augusta for examination.

#### Tribal fishermen reach elver quota

by Edward French

The elver fishery ended for the Passamaquoddy Tribe on April 13, after tribal fishermen met this year's quota of 1,101 pounds. The quota was reached this year in three weeks, which is longer than some seasons, when the fishery has lasted less than a week for the tribal fishermen.

As of April 19, fishermen licensed by the state had caught 428.5 pounds of their 7,566-pound quota. The average price so far this season has been \$752 a pound, down considerably from years when the price that fishermen have received has reached well over \$2,000 a pound.

The Passamaquoddy have a derby-style fishery with each tribal member limited to no more than five pounds. A total of 533 elver fishing licenses were issued by the tribe this year.

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between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the mollusk are thousands of years deep.

to restore the beaches."

one or two months, Francis says.

"This project aligns with the work Brian [Beal] has been pioneering since 1987 when he started the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery to produce softshell clam seed for local communities," says Kyle Pepperman, associate director at DEI. "We're able to take Brian's decades of research and field experience to the tribal people enjoy the clams when they are harvested." Alongside the plantings, Francis has been monitoring the plots for green crabs,

including recently conducting a study to determine when the crabs become active and when they go dormant. The results inform when the plantings should be scheduled, and, if they should lose a net, whether or not they should replant it or

2022 when several plots were lost in a the initial plantings, survival rates have improved, with the more than 200 planted

Moving forward, Francis is looking to plant oyster seed in the garden in June and July, he says, counting on their shells to provide a natural resistance to the green crabs. Later on, he plans to introduce scal-

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IN A SEA of masts and spars are these boats hauled out at Deep Cove Marine Services in Eastport, including Buggin-Out, owned by Erik Francis of Sipayik. (Edward French photo)

# Weather Report

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April 28	12:49 pm	27.2	6:59 pm	1.6	May 6	8:39 pm	23.3	2:24 pm	5.6
TUES.	1:08 am	28.9	7:30 am	0.3	WED.	9:05 am	23.3	2:54 am	6.2
April 29	1:40 pm	27.2	7:51 pm	2.1	May 7	9:34 pm	23.6	3:21 pm	5.6
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April 30	2:33 pm	26.6	8:43 pm	3.1	May 8	10:22 pm	24.1	4:12 pm	5.6
THUR.	2:52 am	27.9	9:15 am	1.6	FRI.	10:47 am	23.6	4:38 am	5.2
May 1	3:27 pm	25.6	9:38 pm	3.9	May 9	11:05 pm	24.3	4:56 pm	5.6
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Star Harmonia	Brunswick, Ga.	1
Ocean Provider I	Blacks Harbour	2

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The *Dunedin Star* arrived on April 11 from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and unloaded 76.4 metric tonnes of frozen pollock before sailing the same day.

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The *Nordnes* arrived on April 16, loaded 16,162 metric tonnes of aggregate rock and sailed on April 17. She is currently in Saint John awaiting a windmill farm decision by U.S. President Trump.

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# **QUODDY OPINION**

# Print publication will continue

The announcement that the printing plant at *The Ellsworth American*, where *The Quoddy Tides* newspaper has been printed for 50 years, will be closing effective June 6 was unexpected. However, readers of *The Quoddy Tides* should rest assured that the print publication of the newspaper will continue coming to you as regularly as the tides. We have good options to consider for where to have the paper printed and will be making a decision soon.

The closure of the printing operation, the last remaining one in eastern Maine, is part of ongoing changes in the newspaper industry in the state. The owner of the *American*, Reade Brower, decided to have the Ellsworth paper printed at a facility in South Portland that his company will manage and that is owned by the Maine Trust for Local News. Brower has stated, "Consolidating our printing to South Portland is a necessary step to ensure our local papers in mid-coast and Downeast Maine remain economically viable. The presses in Ellsworth are older and not as efficient

as the equipment in South Portland, and presses are in need of significant resources to modernize."

The Quoddy Tides is grateful to the production crew at The Ellsworth American for their many years of printing a high-quality newspaper for our readers. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the paper has always been published on time for half a century.

Rapid changes are occurring in how information is distributed, and *The Quoddy Tides* will be offering digital subscriptions before too long. But we also remain committed to providing a print publication that readers can hold in their hands and peruse at their leisure

We strongly believe that the future for community newspapers remains bright, as they provide accurate and balanced coverage of the news that cannot be found anywhere else, either on television, online or through social media. We appreciate our readers' support as we continue to navigate the uncertain waters that lie ahead.

**Edward French** 

# **MAILBOAT REX IV**

## WILL TAX CUTS ENERGIZE THE ECONOMY?

To the editor:

To finance more tax cuts for billionaires, Republicans are slashing essential services and infrastructure.

I'm sure there's waste, fraud and abuse in government. But does anyone in Washington County think federal investments in rural broadband are wasteful, fraudulent or abusive? How about phone lines for customer service at the Social Security Administration? Protection from predatory lenders? Washington County needs these programs that DOGE killed, with Trump's blessing.

National-level Republicans proposed to lift the debt limit by \$5 trillion. Why? So they can give giant tax cuts to the richest people in America. The 2017 tax cuts, which Republicans want to make permanent, cost the country \$1.9 trillion – 30% of that went to people making more than \$743,247 a year. That's \$570 billion in tax cuts for people who earn almost three-quarters of \$1 million every year. People making less than that but more than \$320,855 saved another \$361 billion in taxes. Which programs would you save with that \$931 billion?

Extending the tax cuts will cost us an estimated \$4.2 trillion over the next 10 years. Senate budget leader Lindsay Graham, Republican of South Carolina, wrote that making these tax cuts permanent would "energize the economy." How does Jeff Bezos building a \$500 million yacht in the Netherlands energize our economy? How does Elon Musk spending hundreds of millions on election ads energize our economy?

What does energize the economy? Federal money that pays people to do stuff, like build roads, lay fiber optic for broadband, answer phones for people at Social Security offices, and yes, investigate rich folks for tax fraud. I'm an independent voter with serious complaints about Joe Biden and the Democrats, but Biden's investments in paying people to do stuff energized our economy and delivered badly needed services.

Let's demand a better future, for ourselves and later generations. Please join me in making regular calls to our state and national officials. Let's call on business leaders too, because it wasn't so long ago that rich people were proud to support not only our collective defense, but also health, education, even cultural institutions

So hey, rich folks: make kindness and generosity great again. If you call yourself a Christian, lead the charge. Kindness and generosity are the core of Jesus Christ's teachings after all.

Kim Nunlist East Machias

#### THE VIETNAM EXPERIMENT

To the editor:

The Trump administration is excited. Vietnam called. They offered to drop their import tariff on American-made goods. Vietnam imports around \$10 billion of product each year from the USA. The USA imports roughly \$115 billion from Vietnam.

The change in tariff structure will not change this trade deficit. Nor will it likely result in more product being shipped to Vietnam. How much computer technology, which is what Vietnam imports from us, does this small country need on an annual basis? Answer: About \$10 billion a year.

Locally, the administration is hoping more lobster processing plants will open in Maine. That is unlikely to happen. China slapped a reciprocal tariff on American products, including lobster, but China did not slap a tariff on Canada. Result: If Maine lobster fishermen want to sell more lobster to China, it will have to go through Canada first.

Uncertainty prevails over every asset in the United States. That anxiety has become contagious.

RFK Jr. laid off 10,000 health-related personnel on April 4. On April 5 he said many were laid off by mistake and will be called back. On April 6 he said the statement that health employees would be called back was a mistake.

Musk fired those guarding our nuclear stockpiles. Realizing nuclear materials were unguarded, Musk tried to hire them back but could not find their contact information.

And Social Security, I don't think I need to go into that fiasco.

Does anyone in Washington, D.C., know what they are doing?

Keith Newman Addison



# Across Your Editor's Desk

#### **LOBSTER FISHERY CHANGES**

The April issue of Landings, a publication of the Maine Lobster Community Alliance, reports that lobster surveys conducted by the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in 2024 have been encouraging. The article by Melissa Waterman notes that preliminary landings data for 2024 show a drop of 10 million pounds, or 11%, but the experience for individual fishermen depended on where they were fishing. The eastern lobster zones in the state had the greatest decline. A robust price, averaging \$6.14 a pound, allowed fishermen to still have a strong year, though. During a talk at the Maine Fishermen's Forum, DMR scientist Kathleen Reardon noted that the \$709 million value would have been \$181 million less if fishermen had received the 2022 price per pound.

During the past 15 years, landings hit a peak in 2016, along with the number of commercial licenses. The article states, "In 2024 landings were down by 35%, the number of fishing trips made by lobstermen had dropped by 25% and licenses had declined by 20%." There are also fewer smaller boats in the fishery, and fishing has moved to deeper waters.

Reardon also reviewed the DMR's settlement surveys, which are encouraging, and ventless trap samples show an increase in sublegal lobsters. Fall and spring trawl surveys also indicate that recruit abundance is up.

In addition, the publication noted some changes in the Maine Lobstermen's Association, with Kristan Porter of Cutler, who has been the president for the past seven years, stepping down. A new MLA board member also comes from Cutler, Jordan Drouin, 29. His father, John Drouin, has been active in the fishery, serving on the Lobster Advisory Council and the Zone A lobster council. Of the lobster fishery, Jordan Drouin is quoted in the publication as stating, "There's a lot of uncertainty in general. Some of the fishermen are kind of discouraging their children from getting into it as their first option." He adds, "My parents always said not to put all your eggs in one basket. But I just like fishing.'

#### SARDINELAND EXHIBIT

An exhibit at the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport titled "Sardineland: Boom, Bust and Aftermath" is the focus of an article in the April/May issue of *The Working Waterfront*. The exhibit will open Memorial Day weekend and run through October 26. The museum has been seeking information from former sardine factory workers along the coast, gathering their stories for the exhibit. Writer Tom Groening reports on a listening session held by the museum in January to hear recollections from those who worked in the factories around Belfast.

The museum is still looking for information from former workers, with answers to questions such as: How and when did you know the cannery was closing? How did it affect your family and finances? How has the community changed since the closing? Answers can be sent to: <cgood@pmm-maine.org> or Penobscot Marine Museum, curator, PO Box 498, Searsport, ME 04974.

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# Whirlpool

Spring has finally arrived in the Quoddy area, and all sorts of spring bulbs are blooming close to foundations.

Don't forget your mother on Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 11, this year.

## The Cove

#### APRIL DOWNEAST

April, you beguiling, fickle, flighty month, Your very name makes us want to sing. Your coming heralds winter's end at last, Tantalizing us with little bits of spring. You paint the leaden skies a brilliant azure blue,

Then, perversely, you snatch them all away. Just when our very souls are crying out for sun,

You cast upon us a dark and dreary day. April, sitting at the foot of Old March Hill, Waiting to show yourself, you primp and preen.

You arrive garbed in dirty patches of winter snow,

But with lovely undergarments of brightest green.

Now, tho we rue the days of mud and rain, We hope at least we've seen the last of snow, But we wake one morn to find fragrant April,

Attired in a snowy ermine coat, just for show.

April, you naughty whimsical, vixen of a month,

Your days are spent contriving ways to vex us.

While you exasperate us with contradictory moods,

'Neath your bluster are promises which warm us.

Just when we think that winter shall ever linger,

You present us with a sparkling April day. Ah, you weren't being just plain cantankerous,

Alas! You were only sending winter on its way!

Hazel Cassidy Lubec

# MAILBOAT REX IV

#### **RESIDENTS URGED** TO VOTE ON AOS BUDGET

As noted in an earlier letter, on March 27, 2025, the residents of AOS 77 voted down the 2025-2026 AOS 77's second draft budget dated March 18, 2025. Also, as previously noted, the 2025-2026 budget (\$856,027) increased by \$219,978 since the 2023-2024 budget, and it appeared 74.12% of the total budget was attributed to salaries and healthcare benefits. The second draft reflected a decrease of \$1,106 for a 2025-2026 AOS 77 budget of \$854,901 and failed passage. The third draft reflects a decrease of \$10,083 for the 2025-2026 AOS 77 budget of \$844,818. This is still a \$208,789 increase over the 2023-2024 budget.

The AOS 77 will be meeting on April 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. at Pembroke Elementary School to present the third draft for a public vote.

The AOS 77 town residents (towns of Alexander, Baring, Charlotte, Crawford, Dennysville, Eastport, Lubec, Pembroke and Perry) will again have the opportunity to vote on the budget. I suggest all town residents and selectmen review the proposed third draft budget and plan to attend the budget meeting to vote!

David Bibber Charlotte

#### **CONSERVATION FACTS MATTER**

In an era where personal opinions and agenda-driven biases are passed off as facts on a daily basis, I feel compelled to make some major clarifications to a recent legislative bill that was introduced and subsequently killed in committee - thankfully. When covering the rise and fall of this bill, local news outlets have neglected to differentiate a critical falsehood that was the entire reason for the bill's misguided

LD 183 - "An Act to Cap Publicly Owned Land Area at No More than 50 Percent of Any County" - was introduced and sponsored by almost all of the Washington County legislative delegation. This bill, requested by Jon Reisman of Cooper, posited that approximately 30% of the land in Washington County is publicly owned. The glaring fallacy here is simply this – less than 6% of land in Washington County is public (state and federal ownership). The remaining 24% of property that Mr. Reisman is referring to is privatelyheld land that is conserved. "Public" land is not the same as conserved land, and it's a major difference.

Conserved land comes in many different forms, including conservation easements that protect privately-owned land and direct ownership of publicly-accessible land by conservation organizations. Suggesting to place limits on conserved land in a particular location is effectively advocating to place restrictions on what private landowners are legally allowed to do with their own property. The Quoddy Tides stated on page 15 of their most recent issue that "opponents [of the bill] argued that land conservation is important to biodiversity, climate resilience, recreation and clean water." They're right. Those are all great benefits that Downeast residents enjoy. But the contributions of conservation lands in Washington County go far beyond obvious ecological services and provide essential and direct support to the state and local economy.

Many conserved lands protect crucial points of public access for the intertidal harvesting of shellfish, worms and other marine organisms. Conservation organizations are working with municipalities to improve coastal access, assist with funding and trail design, establish working waterfronts and identify and secure potentially-threatened sites to support this

important industry. The inland working forests of Washington County are another major contributor to our natural resources-based economy that are conserved. Many timber companies and private landowners have large forests that are protected by conservation easements, ensuring sustainable harvest practices and providing a large percentage of the raw timber that feeds the mill at Woodland Pulp LLC in Baileyville – one of the largest employers in the entire county and an economic powerhouse for the timber industry in Maine. While some folks might think the recreational access on these lands is limited to hiking, nearly all of the publiclyaccessible conserved lands in Washington County are open for hunting, fishing and other traditional sporting uses, greatly benefiting registered Maine guide businesses across the region.

I haven't even touched upon the social and educational benefits because they are almost too innumerable to list - outdoor classrooms adjacent to schools, community gardens, free environmental education programs and summer camps, fun family events and guided hikes and paddles are just some of the many examples. If these services and programs are surprising to readers, I encourage everyone to get out to your local trails, attend a community event and support your local conservation organizations. They do far more for Washington County than Mr. Reisman would have you believe.

It's a shame that nearly the entire Washington County delegation was led astray with this foolish, time-wasting, dead-onarrival bill. There are far more pressing issues that our representatives should be working on to improve the lives of Downeast residents. Attacking conservation lands without understanding the basic facts isn't one of them.

Colin Brown Executive director Downeast Coastal Conservancy Pembroke

#### **ABUSES BY "47"**

To the editor:

The "golden years" continue under 47. Due process of citizens and want-to-be citizens is being weakened daily. What is due process? [According to Wikipedia,] "Due process of law is application by the state of all legal rules and principles pertaining to a case so all legal rights that are owed to a person are respected. Due process balances the power of law of the land and protects the individual person from it. When a government harms a person without following the exact course of the law, this constitutes a due process violation, which offends the rule of law."

Why should you or I be upset with 47 and his agents' total disregard for the basis of our judiciary system? Well, it goes without saying that if the premise of due process can be avoided in any instance, whether with an immigrant, a supposed gang member, a green-card-holding student, a Palestinian supporting protester, an accused drunk driver, a shoplifter, a poacher, a trespasser, a jaywalker, an abuser, a drug addict, an accused anyone, well, you see where this is going.

What happens when a democracy allows its citizens to be apprehended, arrested, whisked off to unknown prisons? What happens to a democracy when its leader and his agents are allowed unchecked power in apprehending and detaining its supposed "enemies" without due process?

Well, I can think of several countries that are examples of these practices, namely Russia, North Korea, China, Hungary, to name a few. Speak out against the corrupt practices of the government, its lies and corruption, and you may disappear on

vour way to town. Send a letter of protest to your local paper and an agent may knock on your door with threats of harm to you or your family. We are seeing people in our own country speak about being afraid to say anything because of their job position, their family's ties, their location in MAGA country. When will it end? And how will it end?

Do we allow a leader to apprehend who he wants to, when he wants to, without regard for due process? Do we watch as he threatens people who followed the laws of our land and prosecuted him successfully? He seems to want to reward those who terrorize and use violence when they don't get the results they want in an election. Did I just hear that he actually wants

to reward monetarily those who charged, ransacked and physically harmed guards at our country's capital?! These are the same criminals who believed

the biggest lie concocted yet by 47, that the election of 2020 was stolen. These terrorists who felt coaxed by 47 to do the illegal acts that they were then charged with, after being given due process!

In my government class with Mr. Whalen/Mr. Roffey at Woodland High School, I was taught and believed that our government leaders were expected to follow the law of the land and there were supposed checks and balances by the three branches of our government to ensure this was practiced, so that no one branch became too powerful. I was also taught that if the people of a democracy are unhappy with its laws, they then fight through their votes to change those laws. Silly, innocent

Every day of 47's reign, I am seeing these principles being chipped away at. Our rights, our press freedoms, our lauded institutions being reframed to mirror not what I was taught to defend and protect (veteran here), but what I was taught to fear. Let us hope our democracy can withstand 47's abuse.

Tonya Troiani Meddybemps

#### **PROTESTERS SILENT** ON KILLINGS IN GAZA

To the editor:

Americans: What makes you think that if you devalue Palestinian children the powers that be will value your children when the drones, guns and tanks are finally turned on them? Do you have that much faith in your privilege? The answer must be yes. But when you didn't make a peep about genocide funded with your tax dollars, you gave your own government carte blanche to do the same things to you with zero repercussions. Look up imperial boomerang.

From Sudan, to the DRC, to Palestine – Americans have selective empathy. Americans cannot confront the implications (for our collective future) of the last 18 months in Gaza. But disregarding what Israel does to Gaza and the West Bank is to participate in illusion. Americans live on one indigenous peoples' land, while refusing to acknowledge that our money is currently funding ethnic cleansing of another indigenous people 6,600 miles away.

Your taxes supply Israel F-35s, drones, tanks, quadcopters, bulldozers, bunker buster bombs. Israel uses bunker busters, meant to penetrate buried steel, on civilians living in tents and collapsed homes. Bunker buster bombs result in children coming into hospital dead on arrival from blast overpressure injuries (BOI). BOI are characterized by pressure rupturing organs, leading to death from internal hemorrhaging (brain, lungs, middle ear, bowels).

Americans: Are you alright footing the bill? I assume yes; 50501 protests barely mentioned Palestine. In Augusta, there

were signs against tax breaks for the rich, cutting Medicaid, government overreach. But outside our vocal Palestine contingent, no signs about Mahmoud Khalil, Rumeysa Ozturk or the others state-kidnapped. Let alone war or genocide.

There is much self-congratulation amongst participants, which needs addressing. Your protests went unchallenged due to several factors: government is unthreatened by your message; crowds were predominantly white; the protests did not do what protests are meant to (disrupt); they didn't shut anything down, on Saturdays outside empty state houses.

For an example of effective threat-tothe-state, look at the anti-genocide march 48 hours later in NYC: Protesters were

> kettled by the NYPD, there were violent arrests and a regular zionist agitator threw feces and bleach down onto the protesters (including children). The

protesters still went on to occupy Grand Central. Violent arrests of protesters are happening at historic anti-genocide marches globally. If you intake western media, you won't even know about these

Every individual, every government in the world, has legal responsibility to the Genocide Convention to stop this. But how can you stop a genocide you won't even talk about?

Molana Oei

#### WITHDRAW SUPPORT TO DEFEAT FASCISM

To the editor:

**More opinions** 

– page 6

In 1942, E.B. White first published One Man's Meat. In one of his essays, White reviews Anne Morrow Lindbergh's celebration of fascism, The Wave of the Future. His review included these remarks, which are now, as they were then, well worth thoughtful consideration:

'The force which Hitler employs is the future presented by people who have stood all the hardship they intend to stand and are exploding through the nearest valve and it is an ancient force, and so is the use of it by opportunists in bullet-proof vests. ... I think it is a common fallacy to say that because a movement springs from deep human distress it must hold thereby the seed of a better order. The fascist ideal, however great the misery which released it ... does not hold the seed of a better order but of a worse one, and it always has a foul smell and a bad effect on the soil. It stank at the time of Christ and it stinks today, wherever you find it and in whatever form, big or little. ... The forces are always the same - on the people's side frustration, disaffection; on the leader's side control of hysteria, perversion of information, abandonment of principle. There is nothing new in it and nothing good in it, and ... the best thing to do is defeat it as promptly as possible and in all humility."

The Americans who have put Donald Trump and his crew of oligarchs in power were mostly not really acquainted with hardship but convinced themselves that they were and were told by Trump, etc., that they were. Most of us, including those supporters, will now get to experience some real hardship.

I've never been sure how one goes about defeating fascism "in all humility," and I wish I knew how to resist its arrival in any fashion.

Since we have allowed ourselves to devolve from citizens to consumers, withdrawal of financial support from the oligarchs seems the only possibly effective means left at our disposal. Attempts to organize and focus such withdrawals are easily found on the internet.

> Malcolm McCollum Colorado Springs, Colo.

# **MAILBOAT REX IV**

#### CUTTING FOOD PROGRAMS IS CRUEL

To the editor:

I was saddened by the news of April 7 that funding for the World Food Program (WFP)/United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) agency had been cut by the Trump administration. In earlier days I had worked with the WFP/UNHAS. What an unfortunate, disgusting, decision by Trump and Musk, since millions could conceivably perish. I then became flabbergasted when I heard the Easter message by President Trump. (It was shear blasphemy by an unconscionable leader.)

The next two overdue responses evolved. First, there is a nightmare waiting for this demon on the other side of the grave. Second, if the president's assistant devil wants to budget things better for the U.S., he should examine the Peter G. Peterson defense spending reform initiative. Summarily, take all these nations: China, Russia, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, India, Ukraine and lastly Japan. When you add up defense spending for all these nations the total figure (collectively) is still 20 billion dollars less than what the U.S. spends!

Now I know that DOGE will not bring up such an obvious discretionary infraction. Why? Because they, the war profiteers, the obscenely rich, are collaborators with Mr. Musk, and they want and need the available dollars that can be extracted elsewhere. I'm referring here to other accounts that are entitlements of the poor and aged.

Postscript: No wonder that in the recent "hands off" demonstrations filmed for public viewing, the one that was both facetious but accurate was the one that referred to our commander in chief Donald Trump as "Diaper Don." Considering the accompanying picture, the suggestion was that his poison is ugly at both ends: his dangerous mouth and the other place, too. The shoe fits. He has a crappy outlook on life, so he uses fear of everything to bring the rest of us down to his standards. Succinctly, he is a destabilizing factor for the entire planet.

Richard Abers Eastport

#### HONESTY IN JOURNALISM QUESTIONED

To the editor:

Esteemed friend and Professor of Journalism Ethics Samuel Winch reminded us several years ago in a thorough *Quoddy Tides* op-ed on the sublime necessity of journalism, with which I and every old school child must agree wholeheartedly. After all, freedom of the press in the United States is legally protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I've frequently shared pride that my beloved Irish band leader journalist brotherin-law, Pulitzer-winner Thomas E. (for editor) Heslin was executive editor of *The Providence Journal* and cofounder of the New England First Amendment Coalition (for starters). And I'll never forget my awed admiration when our own QT editor Edward French chided George W. Bush for his Iraq invasion plans by titling his editorial "The Most Dangerous Man," perhaps with (an overly fair?) question mark. I've been justifiably inspired by the journalists I've personally known and respected plenty more.

Nonetheless, over many years there's been abounding dismay at the state of the institution too often confounding, omitting and/or exacerbating extremely important issues. Sam [Winch] tried consolation. Something like, "Every profession has bad apples."

But how many (mis)leaders are actually held to account for egregious, even unlawful transgressions? Why are CIA people talking heads in newsrooms, as if we're supposed to believe and respect them? Sure, every profession has good folks, too, but ex-President Harry S. Truman warned in a Washington Post editorial, one month to the day after assassination of JFK, to limit "CIA to intelligence." Why did Reagan's CIA Director Bill Casey say: "We'll know our disinformation campaign is complete when everything the American public believes is false." ...

Lastly, Air Force Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatowski stated on Judge Napolitano's show: "Israel has free and unfettered access to the Pentagon for at least 20 years. It's a sign of subjugation of U.S. government to Israel."

At an Augusta 50501 rally against "Trump's fascism," the signs, as Downeast, were very creative and heartfelt. As a former lobster bait packer, I was drawn to a woman holding a facsimile of a dead fish. Her sign read, "Gut fish, not people." Having seen pictures on Instagram the night before of Palestinian children eviscerated by our creative new bombs, I instantly "identified with" and thanked her, simultaneously realizing the reference was to programs cut by DOGE! I say DOGE genocide! Why is that not the cry? Is real history being erased?

Lynn Bradbury Lubec

#### **IGNORING THE OBVIOUS**

To the editor:

In 1837, published as part of a book of children's stories, Hans Christian Andersen wrote "The Emperor's New Clothes." In summary, "The Emperor's New Clothes" story is about how an emperor's handlers and subjects over whom he gov-

erns convinced him that his new outfit, which was sans clothes, was gorgeous. That is, until a little boy in the crowd shouted, "But he doesn't have anything on," after which the emperor hid away from the public in embarrassment.

After doing a little basic math, Hans Christian Andersen's story is 188 years old. Although it's 188 years old, the story should resonate with many Mainers.

To me, when a mob of Mainers says "trans-girls are girls," ignoring obvious biological and physiological differences between humans with XX-chromosomes and XY-chromosomes, they are, in reality, repeating the essence of Hans Christian Andersen's story. Essentially, by the edict from Governor Janet Mills and Maine's attorney general, Aaron Frey, we the citizens of Maine are ordered to accept "trans" as part of our vernacular, sans any cogent explanation of its legal definition and meaning (e.g., Maine's Human Rights Act does not, in earnest, define when is "trans" trans). As such, when is "trans" trans? When the individual feels like it? When the individual has been diagnosed by a board-certified psychiatrist as suffering from gender dysphoria? After the individual begins treatment, having been applied synthetic hormones to counter their naturally occurring ones?

In her April 8, 2025, social-media post, Senator Susan Collins, a long-time erst-while women's rights advocate, agrees that [individuals whose sex assigned at birth was male] should not be competing in girls' and women's sports and athletics or given access to girls' and women's public safe spaces. In her decision, Senator Collins cites "the spirit of Title XI," which as the law of the land has in Maine's collegiate sports and athletics and in contrast with men's made great strides towards equalized funding for women's sports and athletics (e.g., women's hockey, women's basketball, women's track and field, etc.).

Ergo, similar to individual members of the mob surrounding "the naked emperor" who were fearful to go against the mob, except for an innocent little boy, Democrat Mainers also appear fearful and cowardly to speak scientific truth to political power. Regardless, Mills, Frey and other elected Maine officials are stubbornly refusing to protect the civil liberties of biological females such as providing them safe public spaces sans males, which I find morally, ethically and legally sad and tragic. To iterate, as I see it, in the governance of the state of Maine we the citizens of Maine would be better off ethically, morally, financially and economically without radical progressive Democrats. At least Maine kids could be able to focus their education and learning on literacy, math and science instead of gender poli-

> Dale Ferriere Lubec

#### THE POLITICS OF FEAR

To the editor

Aristotle wrote: "Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality

which guarantees the others." In one of the Harry Potter films, Neville earned 10 points for Gryffindor for standing up to his friends, which requires more courage than many people have. Peter Beinart demonstrated great courage with his book, Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza: A Reckoning. The regular attendee of an Orthodox synagogue, many of his long-time friends are now shunning him for criticizing Israel; just as 15th-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza was permanently deleted from his Jewish community (because he never "repented") for questioning their concept of God and who actually wrote the Torah.

Most of us don't need much courage to stand up to Trump's smash and grab politics of fear; we can write letters, call legislators or join Day of Action marches, none of which is likely to get us assaulted, jailed, suspended, fired or libeled, as many Gaza-ceasefire protesters have been. Despite Trump's threats, high-profile heroes like Chris Van Hollen and Mike Pence, Harvard University, Judge Boasberg and patriotic truth-telling media have stepped up and must keep stepping up - including more Kronstadt-brave Republicans, please - if our democracy is to survive Donald Trump. We must all pitch in to keep Trump's chaotic flood of narcissistic, antisocial impulses from drowning us all.

Foreign-born students are being deported - "first they came for Mahmoud" - for exercising their free-speech rights, which Trump et.al. spun as antisemitism and decided is a foreign policy issue! It turns out they're operationalizing the Heritage Foundation's racist Project Esther (first cousin to their racist, sexist Project 2025) which, according to Wikipedia, was cooked up to "suppress what it classifies as antisemitism" and demonize "pro-Palestinian groups as part of a 'Hamas Support Network." (Note: Antisemitic speech is protected by the First Amendment, as are anti-Muslim speech and Trump's ugly hate speech and childish insults.)

In Aristotle's day, anyone deemed too much of a danger to the state could be expelled from Athens for 10 years. While social-justice protesters hardly qualify for "ostracism" – they should get medals! – Trump most certainly does.

To facilitate sending him and his anticivic-virtue cronies on their way, you might google "Snopes.com/Heritage Foundation 501c3" about petitioning the IRS to revoke the Heritage Foundation's tax-exempt status. Nonprofits are supposed to strengthen the country, not tear it apart. Courage!

Melodie Greene Calais

## TAXATION WITH REPRESENTATION

To the editor:

A-OK? We got here again! Are you for us or against us!? Answer: taxation with representation – small crimes and misdemeanors.

Gregory Alicandri Perry



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# Downeast Reveries

#### A community's cultch

#### by Margie Whalen

I love the way words and phrases from the past sometimes spring to mind, unbidden. My mother's rich store of Maine expressions is often the source for these sudden memories. "Spleeny" comes to mind immediately, as it is such an apt descriptor for my tendency to be somewhat fretful in midwinter. "Rammin' the roads" is another, though I do much less of that in the wintry months. But the word "cultch" occurred to me recently, and I would swear I've not heard or thought of it since Mama's passing over 25 years ago.

Cultch has interesting roots. Formally, it refers to ground-up, broken oyster shells that can be used in oyster farming. For Mainers like my mom, it simply means junk or clutter or trash. I thought of it out of nowhere this week as I sorted through a pile of detritus (another word Mom loved) that had been saved in the black metal box that holds a sometimes-inexplicable pile of Whalen family "treasures" – or as Mom would put it – cultch.

The cultch in question here consists of three items. First, there's a black-andwhite photo that is small enough to require a magnifying glass to sort out what's in the picture. It features several ancientlooking trucks piled high with cargo; 14 people, all men except for one woman, stand in front of the trucks, squinting into the sun. Most are clad in well-worn work clothes and are wearing flat caps, though my young-looking grandfather, bless him, is in a suit with a straw boater hat. It is, at first, a puzzling picture. But the caption on the back, written in Grandpa's execrable handwriting, notes, "Fort Kent, Maine from Eastport, Maine (250 miles) in September 1921 in five Eastport trucks bearing all community Chautauqua equipment." He adds, proudly and immodestly, "under management of Oscar L. Whalen.'

The second item in this pile of family "cultch" is a yellowed newspaper article from 1977 that Grandpa must have cut out of the Bangor Daily News decades after that journey to Fort Kent. The clipping offers a clear sense of what the Chautauqua Movement was all about. It was an early 20th century expansion of the Chautauqua Institution, which had been established in 1874 in Chautauqua, N.Y., and which still exists as a thriving summer arts colony. The movement featured traveling shows, both educational and entertaining, which offered lectures, music, dramatic monologues, comics, magic, juggling – an impressive and broad range

of entertainment for people of all ages. The shows were wildly popular; according to the article, "Chautauqua was looked forward to for weeks. Stores posted cards with pictures of entertainers, and season tickets which read 'Come to Chautauqua' were sold for \$2.50. Before the circuit would agree to visit a town, they required a guarantee that a specific number of tickets would be sold. The influential businessmen and ministers of the town acted as guarantors and took the responsibility of paying for any unsold tickets."

This must have been one of the many civic projects that Grandpa tackled with gusto during his lifetime. He was an Eastporter through and through, proud of his city and energetic about his efforts to boost what he and his sisters called their "little frontier town." With his explanatory caption, it becomes clear that the cargo piled high on the trucks in the photo is the material needed for the large tent that housed the Chautauqua sessions – large rolls of canvas tenting and teetering piles of long wooden tent poles. As the article explains, "The large brown canvas tent was raised by a group of men, and chairs borrowed from the local town hall were installed." In completing this 250-mile trek, the Eastport crew was making possible a big event in Fort Kent in the fall of 1921. I have no idea how that Eastport-powered Chautauqua in Fort Kent turned out.

The other item in my pile of cultch is a bright vellow adult ticket for the Community Chautauqua Season of 1921 - just three years before the traveling part of the movement ground to a halt. The ticket is unpunched but would have been good for five afternoon performances and five evening performances. It seems to have been meant for the early July shows in Waterbury, Vt., not the Fort Kent show, but it must have been important to my grandfather as a memento of that early (he was just 25 years old) foray into civic work. Why else would the family have held onto it for over 100 years? Perhaps it is not cultch after all.

I like imagining how much those traveling shows must have meant to people in rural parts of the country. All of it – the vocal music, the bands, the lectures, the dramatic monologues from *Hamlet* or *A Tale of Two Cities*— must have been a real pleasure. I think Grandpa would have liked the ways in which the Eastport Arts Center offers a similarly broad array of lectures and performances on Sundays each winter, tapping into our considerable local talent, long after the traveling Chautauquas are no more.

# What's Cookin'

# CINCO DE MAYO POBLANO RELLENOS

by Sue Moore

As we are approaching Cinco de Mayo soon, let's talk about food. To many it's a love language, a way to communicate, a way to share time and space through sharing sustenance not just for the stomach but for the soul. Cooking food for the ones I love is my love language. I always say whenever someone likes my food it's only because I put extra love in it and that's what they are really tasting. Love can be a flavor, a smell, a texture. It is the time someone invests in nurturing another with their own hands and their time. There is nothing quite like sharing food prepared by my own hands and heart, and I hope you will also be called to share with others.

This dish can be considered somewhat mild due to poblano peppers having a low Scoville heat-unit scale rating, which is the measurement of the spiciness of chili peppers based on capsaicin content. If you prefer a fiery experience, use jalapenos or Aleppo peppers to amp up the heat, and if you like your Mexican food wicked caliente or inferno hot, try using Carolina reaper or pepper X if you dare, as they are at the tippety top of that Scoville scale, but be warned, health-wise they may not be suitable for everyone. Let's stick to the lower end of the scale, and let's begin. 8 large poblano peppers halved, seeded

2 cans Rotel Nonstick spray

4 cups fiesta shredded cheese

1 chopped onion

2 lbs ground beef

1 1/2 Tbsp chili powder

2 Tbsp chopped garlic

1 1/4 tsp oregano 1 1/4 tsp cumin

1/4 tsp cayenne

1/2 tsp paprika

1/4 tsp ground chipotle seasoning Optional and to taste: salt, pepper, creole

spice, hot sauce, crushed red pepper flakes, garlic powder, cilantro leaves

Place the poblano pepper halves on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet and place under your oven's broiler until the peppers have blistered and are charred, which should take five to 10 minutes, turning the peppers halfway through. Once the peppers are cooked, remove them from the oven and cover the baking sheet with aluminum foil for 10 minutes to allow them to continue cooking as they cool.

In a large skillet add the chopped onion and Rotel and sauté over medium heat until the onions are translucent. Add the ground beef and all other seasonings and continue to cook until the hamburger is thoroughly browned. Remove the meat mixture and set aside to cool while preheating your oven to 350° and preparing the poblano peppers for the next step.

At this point, the peppers may be placed in the bottom of a baking dish, or if preferred the charred skin on the peppers may be removed by running water over the outside of the peppers. We appreciate the enhanced flavor of the charred skin and leave it on, but some may prefer removing and discarding it. If removing the skin, pat the peppers dry before placing them in the baking dish. Lay the halves bottom side down in the nonstick sprayed baking dish and then place a layer of the browned hamburger over the peppers and then place a layer of cheese. Repeat the layers twice more and place the baking dish uncovered in the oven and bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with or over a healthy portion of yummy yellow rice easily made with one cup of well-rinsed long grain rice, two cups water, two tablespoons olive oil, one teaspoon each of ground turmeric, garlic powder, onion powder and salt as well as 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Bring water to boil on high heat, add all ingredients and stir to combine. Cover saucepan and reduce burner heat to low continuing to cook until all water has been absorbed, between 13 to 20 minutes depending on your burner strength. Remove the pan from the burner and keep rice covered 15 minutes more. Fluff rice with a fork, adding cilantro leaves to adorn if desired.

This tasty meal can be enhanced with green onion, sliced avocado and/or salsa. Feliz Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy!









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DOWN EAST HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS is welcoming six new hospice volunteers. The group recently completed a 25-hour training at Down East Community Hospital. For information about upcoming trainings, contact <downeasthospice@yahoo.com> or call 207-454-7521 ext. 9126. Shown are (back row, left to right) Geri Germaine of Lubec, Linda Sierra-Averitt of Jonesport, Jeanne Pegrum of Eastport, Arlene Wren, long-time hospice volunteer and Reiki master, Barbara Barnett, executive director of DEHV, Lucy Case of East Machias; (bottom row) Brent Baranoski of Milbridge and Kim Moores of

#### Jane's Walk to highlight historic houses

The architectural styles of Eastport's central neighborhood, which is the proposed area of a National Register Historic District, will be the focus of a Jane's Walk event on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at StudioWorks, 48 Water Street. Organized by the Tides Institute & Museum of Art (TIMA) and led by TIMA director Hugh French, the walk will explore several blocks of the residential area.

"The neighborhood contains wonderful examples of different architectural styles spanning the entire 19th century, from Federal to Greek Revival, from Italianate to Queen Anne," provides French. "Unlike Eastport's downtown that endured three massive fires during the 19th century that introduced wholesale change in architectural styles overnight, the central neighborhood largely avoided such large scale disruptions. Its different architectural styles came about much more gradually and piecemeal."

Attendees will learn about the architectural styles and hear stories about the people who owned, lived in and cared for these buildings. Stops will include the Hayden House, built in 1806 as a Federalstyle house and then extensively remodeled in 1882 to become a Second Empire style house; several Federal-style houses on Boynton, Key and Green streets; Eastport's only stone house, the Babb house, on Key Street, built in 1869; the Norwood house, built in 1824 in the classic Greek Revival style, and the Capen house, built in 1894 in the Queen Anne style. Also included will be the 1821 Livermore and Bucknam houses on Key Street and the Congregational church on Middle Street, built in 1828.

Jane's Walk is a global festival of walking conversations inspired by community activist Jane Jacobs.

#### Seed exchange library to be launched

Peavey Memorial Library and Shead High School are collaborating to create a seed exchange library. To launch this endeavor, the Peavey library will host a

seed-saving presentation with professional horticulturist Paula Kovecses of TWIG LLC on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library. This program will explore effective methods for selecting, growing and collecting seeds.

A seed library collects and distributes seeds to the community for free and relies on donations of seeds to keep it going. Local gardeners are asked to consider dropping off extra flower and heirloom vegetable seeds to the donation drop box at Peavey library to help get started.Soon the seed library will be up and running. For more information, call 853-4021.

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#### **EASTPORT**

#### **EASTPORT CLEANUP DAY**

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#### **RECYCLING ACTIVITIES**

The Eastport recycling center will be coming soon. Please email <eastport recycles@gmail.com> for more information and to sign up to volunteer at the recycling center.

#### **SPRING CRAFT FAIR**

A Spring Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shead High School. It will feature crafts, baked goods, candles, soaps, jewelry, art, food and more. To reserve a table, email <a href="mailto:nbrown@shead.org">nbrown@shead.org</a> or call 853-6254.

#### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

A community baked bean dinner will be held at the Shead High School gym on Tuesday, May 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. The community is welcome to this free night of dinner and fun.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

On Thursday, May 15, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration will be held at the Eastport Elementary School. Please call 853-6252 to schedule an appointment.

#### **NURSING HOME AUXILIARY**

The auxiliary is preparing for its annual fund-raising events, beginning with a second chance raffle at the Shead High gym on Sunday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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On the wish list for the residents are two umbrellas and eight stackable chairs for the outside tables, solar lights and a bird feeder with camera.

The auxiliary is grateful to the WaCo Diner for volunteering to provide each resident with a meal for their birthday.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

The Eastport Senior Center is one happening place. Besides regular classes like exercise on Tuesday and Thursday, Mahjong is on Mondays at 1 p.m. and lunch is served on Wednesdays at 12 noon for \$7. Take-out is available; call the center 207-853-2364.

Laughter yoga is on Sunday at 1 p.m., and trivia night is the fourth Thursday of each month. On the first Wednesday of each month, Bob Willson from Eastern Area Agency on Aging will answer any questions about Medicare.

Starting on May 16, Joan Lowden will begin cardo drumming for seniors at 10 a m

#### **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

All are welcome to attend church services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee and community gathering at 10:30 a.m. A silent peace vigil is held every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants may stay as long as they like.

The church thrift shop at 9 Brighton Avenue is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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PICKING UP TRASH on the beach by Cony Park are Kearah Barnes and some of her Shead High School classmates during a cleanup organized by Sam Pottle of the Community School Program on April 18. The students picked up 16 bags of trash before enjoying a cookout in the park. (Lura Jackson photo)

# NOTICE TO PASSAMAQUODDY WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS

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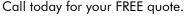
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#### AOS budget trimmed and ready for vote

#### by Lura Jackson

The AOS 77 joint school board, which provides central office administration for nine towns in Washington County, adopted its third budget for 2025–2026 on Tuesday, April 15, after the first two budget proposals were turned down by residents of the towns. The \$844,818 proposed budget, which is \$10,083 lower than the budget voted down by residents on March 27, is up 12.3% over last year, while the increase to the local assessment is 5.6%. The third public vote on the budget will be held on Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at the Pembroke Elementary School.

The budget has seen some pushback from area residents, with the initial draft, which called for a 13.8% total increase and a 7.1% increase to the local assessment, being voted down 77-29 on February 26. The second budget proposal, which was only \$1,126 less than the first one, ended up not proceeding after the special education budget was voted down 63–55. Among the concerns voiced during the first budget vote were expenses related to the office's relocation from the Eastport Elementary School to the Pembroke Triangle building and the amount of the raises given to staff.

Several reductions were made for the third budget proposal, including cutting

\$5,000 for the proposed storage addition at the new AOS office in Pembroke, \$1,698 from the business manager's proposed raise and benefits and \$1,346 by decreasing retirement contributions from 5% to 4.5%. In addition, a rounding error was corrected, netting \$1,256. Apart from the reductions to the budget, an additional \$1,900 was added for the increase of health insurance premiums from 8% to 9%.

For the third budget proposal of \$844,818, \$794,818 would be raised from the local assessment, \$40,000 would come from grant management and the remainder would be from the previous year's balance forward. The local assessment is raised from the towns of Alexander, Baring, Charlotte, Crawford, Dennysville, Eastport, Lubec, Pembroke and Perry.

As part of its administration, the AOS central office takes 2.25% of education-related grants that come into each town. It's slightly different from how some central offices are operated, where grant funds go directly to specific positions, says AOS 77 Superintendent MaryEllen Day.

"I've made it a goal to make this office transparent," she says, adding that the public is welcome to call and speak with her with any questions at 853-2567 or email the central office at <info@sunrisecountyschools.com>.

#### Mitchell appointed principal at Shead

#### by Lura Jackson

Shead High School will continue under the guidance of Melissa Mitchell following a 2-1 vote by the Eastport School Committee on April 10, with committee members Meg McGarvey and Christopher Lawrence absent.

Mitchell was previously serving as interim principal for Shead after the previous arrangement for a joint principal overseeing both the elementary and high schools ended prematurely. Natasha Fredette provided the dissenting vote, with her reasons disclosed only during executive session.

The high school roof is once again leaking over the gym, band room and home economics room, said Mitchell, noting that it includes the area previously repaired last fall. "We need an actual professional to come in and tell us what is wrong with the roof," said Superintendent MaryEllen Day.

During her superintendent's report, Day said she has appointed Ron Sullivan as high school baseball coach and Fawn Socobasin as athletic coordinator, with Erin Mahar having recently finished as athletic director.

The school year is 70% completed and the budget is 64.7% spent, prompting Day to call for a soft freeze for the remainder of the school year.

The first day of school for the coming year will be September 2 with two full

weeks off at Christmastime and June 11 being the last day for students. There was some discussion during the meeting about making up time to move up the release date, but no actions were taken.

#### School updates

Shead students have been benefiting from the school's new van, Mitchell said during her principal's report, noting, "It has changed the opportunities we've been able to participate in." Students have been on several field trips, including to the Farnsworth Art Museum and to the Labor of Love food pantry, where students helped pack monthly boxes.

The Tiger Tails Prom Dress Closet, hosted by the Community School program, has been providing students with dresses and suits for prom, with donations from New to You and the community. The program has been a success, with some students finding perfect fits.

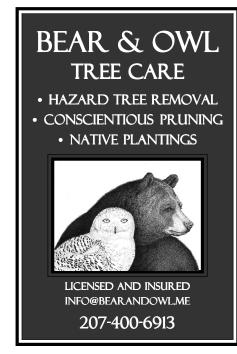
There are currently 101 students enrolled at Shead with 29 graduating this year.

At Eastport Elementary School, students have been visited recently by presenters, including mental health professional and youth motivational speaker Jeff Veley, who presented to grades K-4, 5-8 and high school groups from Eastport, Perry and Pembroke on March 18 and was "entertaining for all ages" as he shared his struggle to overcome challenges and make friends, said Principal Bobbie Clark during her report. Also presenting recently was Alison Caldwell-Beers from the Tides Institute & Museum of Art with a talk on cryptids and graphic design. "The students enjoyed learning about cryptids and making the advertising handbills," Clark said.

Students in the eighth grade shop class have been doing odd jobs around the school and have been going on field trips to S.L. Wadsworth & Son to acquire supplies. "This is a great help to the school and an excellent learning opportunity for the students," Clark said, adding, "It was surprising that some had never been [to Wadsworth's] before."

The eighth grade class trip will be June 7 through 8. The class, including 14 students and six chaperones, will go to Old Orchard Beach to enjoy Palace Playland and a trampoline park.

There are 84 students enrolled in the elementary school.



#### Worcester fined for labor law violations

#### by Edward French

A wreath-making company that is planning to start an operation in Eastport next fall has been fined for labor law violations at its migrant camp shelters in Topsfield. Worcester Resources Inc. of Harrington, which purchased the former Guilford mill building in Quoddy Village last fall, paid \$15,968 under a settlement agreement with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The initial penalty assessment had been for \$22,812 for three violations classified as serious at its Topsfield wreath-making operation. The penalties were issued last December.

Worcester Resources was cited by OSHA for housing migrant workers in a temporary labor camp without storage facilities for personal effects, bunk beds spaced closer than two feet and shop-fabricated bunk beds less than a foot off the floor. Also, the camp shelters did not provide sleeping quarters with at least 50 square feet of floor space for each occupant, and the living quarters were not provided with windows totaling at least one-tenth of the floor area, as Worcester housed the migrant workers in a space below the factory without windows.

At the Eastport mill building, the company is planning to house 40 to 45 migrant workers from Mexico for six to eight weeks during the wreath-making season,

from the middle of October to the first weeks of December. Worcester Resources may eventually use the 65,000-square-foot industrial building for a wreath-making operation that could employ up to 100 workers. The company, owned by the Worcester family, is known for the Wreaths Across America project to annually place wreaths on the graves at military cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery, and the proposed Flagpole of Freedom project in Columbia Falls that was abandoned last year.

Rob Worcester, a co-owner of the family-owned Worcester Resources, previously stated that the company has purchased several hundred acres in Pembroke, Dennysville and Charlotte for tip production for its wreaths, and the migrant workers would be tipping on those lands. The company is looking to possibly purchasing more acreage in that area in the future.

At the former mill building, Worcester is planning to add showers, lavatories, cooking and refrigeration equipment for housing the workers. If the company decides to use the building for wreath production, the facility would produce several hundred thousand wreaths each season in an expansion of the company's production capacity. Worcester Resources decided to purchase the building in Eastport because of its proximity to where the tips are harvested.

# Port

PRESENTING the weather emergency preparedness efforts of the Shead Washington County Youth Leadership program was Craig Cushing during the Eastport Energy Committee's Earth Day event at the Welcome Center on April 22. Approximately nine students are involved in the program, which recently produced a guide for weather disasters. The guide was distributed during the event. (Lura Jackson photo)

#### Earth Day event highlights renewables

#### by Lura Jackson

Earth Day's call toward renewable and sustainable energy sources was met with enthusiasm by the Eastport Energy Committee and approximately 45 attendees at an event on April 22 at the Welcome Center. Highlights from the energy committee's work were shared, along with presentations that included a breakdown of the state's energy landscape and methods of reducing heating costs.

Maine ranks first in the nation for heating oil usage per capita, said Sy Coffey of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), with more than 50% of households relying on heating oil as a primary source. Overreliance on heating oil makes the state vulnerable to the global market. To help offset that reliance – and reduce overall costs – the state has an "achievable" goal of switching residents to electric heat and reaching 100% clean energy for its electrical grids by 2040, Coffey said.

Efforts are under way to make the switch, with 143,857 heat pumps installed with the help of Efficiency Maine between 2019-2024, Coffey said. Apart from that, communities are investing in battery storage units to store energy generated from renewable sources. Eastport is among the communities pursuing a microgrid with a battery backup that would store energy gained from solar and wind generation, with tidal power eyed for the future.

Wood pellet heating is becoming a pop-

ular option, with part of the day's activities dedicated to field trips to the Studio-Works building downtown, where Hugh French gave a presentation on the wood pellet boiler, and to the Peacock residence, where a custom-built delivery system was demonstrated.

Weatherization can be another method of reducing oil heat usage, with window inserts in particular being particularly effective. One member of the audience said that having the window inserts reduced their oil usage by 400 gallons over the past winter.

Preparing one's home for climate disasters is also important, stressed Shead High School student Craig Cushing of the Washington County Youth Leadership team. Cushing and eight classmates have been conducting community interviews and highlighting areas of concern as part of their focus on weather emergency preparedness. They picked the topic from four options "because it would have the biggest impact on the community," Cushing said.

"[The students] came to the senior center and were very good to us," said senior center board President Dale Devonshire.
"They asked us a bunch of questions and provided us with helpful information, including about emergency shelters we weren't aware of."

For more information about the resources available to lower heating costs, visit <www.efficiencymaine.com>.

#### Port authority prepares for cruise season

#### by Edward French

The upcoming cruise ship season, which has been scaled back some from earlier projections, was the focus of the April 22 meeting of the Eastport Port Authority board. With Norwegian Cruise Line having dropped four visits that had been planned, there are now 16 cruise ships booked from mid-June to November. The total number of passengers has also decreased, from an estimated 55,000 to just under 30,000. However, the coming year is still a significant increase from previous years, in part because of restrictions placed on the number of passengers who can come ashore each day in Bar Harbor.

Chris Gardner, executive director of the port authority, says, "Eastport remains a focal point for cruise industry on the coast of Maine. Much of that has been driven by what's happened at Bar Harbor, but Eastport has shown extremely well to the industry. I attribute that to the community. It's one of the most welcoming and friendly cruise ports in the region."

Earlier this month, Gardner and Morgan Verge represented the port authority in Miami at the Seatrade Cruise Global conference, the largest conference in the world for the cruise industry with over 12,000 attending.

Both Gardner and Verge also will be attending the Cruise Canada New England Symposium in Halifax on June 9 through 11. He comments, "Working in partnership with our friends in Saint John and Campobello, we are going to do our best to show what an alternative the Bay of Fundy can be to other long-time stops in the region."

The Cruise Canada New England (CCNE) region extends from New York City to Montreal, and Gardner has suggested that the symposium be held in Eastport in 2028, when it is scheduled to be held in Maine. He has proposed that the event, which draws between 300 and 500 people interested in the cruise industry in the region, be held aboard a cruise ship at the breakwater. "Effectively we bring the symposium and its amenities to the pier and truly showcase Eastport as an entrance to the coast of Maine." He says both CCNE leadership and cruise lines are interested in the idea.

To help facilitate with the clearance of

port authority is looking at investing between \$45,000 and \$60,000 in facial recognition equipment and software. With many cruise lines already having the equipment aboard their vessels, Gardner is not sure whether the port authority will make the investment or whether the cruise lines will do so. He adds that CBP is permitting the use of the facial recognition software for not only closed loop but also open loop cruises in which they start and end at different ports.

In other business, the *Azamara Jour-*

cruise ship passengers in Eastport by U.S.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the

In other business, the *Azamara Journey*, the cruise ship that hit the breakwater last October, will be covering the estimated \$16,000 cost of repairs to the pier.

Also, the new float being built by Morrison Manufacturing Services for the inner basin of the breakwater will end up costing about 15% more than the \$20,819 quote because the existing float will need work done on it to be reinstalled at the pier.

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THE LUBEC WOMAN'S CLUB delivered Easter treats to seniors in the Lubec apartments on April 19. The rain did not dampen spirits, and Sarah Wilcox, Zoe Williams, Nancy Begley, Geri Ilg , Cathy Ramsdell and Deb Seavey hopped door to door to bring a little sunshine, which was welcomed by all. Gratitude is extended to Claire's Bakery for the bags, the Regional Medical Center at Lubec for the toothbrushes and to Ruth Ahrens for the cheery tags.

#### Lubec Woman's Club tours Fitness Port

Members of the Lubec Woman's Club (LWC) toured the Fitness Port at their meeting on April 7. Members were impressed by the equipment and programs available. Jerry Grubel answered questions as the group was guided through the facility. The Fitness Port is currently looking for volunteers to work at the reception desk, and volunteers will receive free membership. Julia Brady, LWC president, presented Grubel with a thank you gift from the group.

> The next issue of The Quoddy Tides will be published Friday, May 9.

The meeting was well attended, and a new member was welcomed. Along with the regular business and committee reports there were several initiatives presented by members.

In April, members packed Easter treats and delivered them to seniors. Members will be selling tickets on a donated quilt at Lyon's IGA on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26.

The next meeting will be held at the Christian Temple Church on Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Christine Sawtelle. All members are encouraged to attend, as the election of officers will be held.

To ask a question or become involved, please call Julia Brady at 207-733-4751.

#### **LUBEC**

#### **MARATHON MEETINGS**

The Bay of Fundy International Marathon Planning Committee will hold an information sharing meeting for the community on Tuesday, April 28, from 5 to 6 p.m. (ET) at the Lubec Memorial Library. All are welcome. The committee will hold its regular planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Campobello school.

#### **LUBEC WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Lubec Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at the Christian Temple Church on Main Street. Christine Sawtelle, music teacher at the Lubec Con-

solidated School, will give a talk. All interested community members are welcome.

by Susan Reilly

Tel. 733-2840

#### **LUBEC LIONS CLUB**

The Lubec Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at LCOC at 44 South Street. For more information about the Lions Club, please contact Vaughn Hill at <v24oz49@gmail.com>.

#### FEDERAL HARBOR MEETING

There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, at the town access site at Straight Bay Road. All interested parties are urged to attend.

#### Lubec library to host jewelry workshop

A jewelry repair workshop will be conducted by Leaf Kraft at the Lubec Memorial Library on Saturday, May 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants are invited to stop in anytime for a free consultation and assistance. Attendees may bring any tools they have and should bring cash for replacement pieces if needed.

#### New trail topic of talk

On Saturday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m. at the

library, join Roosevelt Campobello International Park's Stephen Smart for an illustrated talk on the development and significance of a new park trail. The Witupehkewakoni – Awt/Friendship Trail will provide access to hundreds of acres of park land offering spectacular views and three miles of hiking, walking and biking. The trail's opening is set for Saturday, June 28.

#### Scholarships offered for county students

The Maine Community Foundation is accepting applications for four scholarships for Washington County students.

The Jane and Peter Weil Scholarship provides support to graduating high school seniors with a preference for firstgeneration college students.

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The application deadline for these scholarship funds is May 15. For more information or to submit an application, visit <www.mainecf.org/scholarships>.



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#### Board gives support for water company

by J.D. Rule

The Lubec Select Board met in an unannounced session on April 15 to discuss an ongoing situation involving the Lubec Water Company's request for a letter of support for a grant application. The water company, in an effort to replace the 120year-old pipes supporting North Lubec Road, is seeking a federal grant through the offices of U.S. Senators Angus King and Susan Collins. The select board has requested but not received financial information supporting that application.

Since 1949 the water company has operated as an entity separate from the Town of Lubec and is governed by its own board of directors; these officers are elected by Lubec voters during the annual municipal election. The wastewater system is operated as a department within the town; wastewater billing is provided by the town, while the water company provides its own billing.

According to a letter dated April 11 and signed by members of the water company board, that board has elected to withhold the meter reading information needed by the town to determine wastewater usage and compute appropriate billing. The let-

ter states that this action was taken "due to the non-support from the Town of Lubec for a 'letter of support' for grants to upgrade the Lubec water system," prompting critical comments from the select board, one of whom termed the action "childish." Selectman Nancy Harrison accused the water company of not complying with the law regarding financial reporting. Other board members made similar comments about the "argumentative" stance taken by the water company board.

It was also noted that the water board has in the past been requested to supply a letter and financial information for the annual town report; the information provided by the Lubec Memorial Library was cited as an example. This information has not been provided in recent years, as far back as 2010.

Ultimately, the select board voted 5-0 to issue the requested letter, following Selectman Mark Kelly's suggestion that "we should not penalize the people of North Lubec." He pointed out that one water company individual was "on a learning curve" and suggested that ultimately "cooler heads would prevail."

project. The modifications, she said, are

an attempt to "salvage the funds." Among

the changes are the elimination of the

roadway on top of the breakwater, which

she said will result in a "maintenance-free,

board; updated cost estimates are not yet

**Excessive light complaint** 

plied, leading to the complaint.

posed Land Use Ordinance.

executive session.

The plan will be reviewed by the harbor

During the public comment segment,

the board heard a citizen's complaint

about what was termed excessive flood-

lights, with the light spilling over onto

their property from a neighboring rental

unit on Carrying Place Cove road. The

owner had been asked to eliminate or re-

duce the amount of light but had not com-

As the lights are privately owned and

It was suggested that the complainant

The meeting concluded at 6:40 with an

the electricity is not billed to the town, it

was explained that there is little the town

take the matter to the ad-hoc land use com-

mittee for possible inclusion in the pro-

all-rock" structure.

available.

can do.



THE GROWN-UPS thought the day was cold, but the children went right to work at the annual Easter egg hunt held on April 12 in Lubec. Within a few minutes they had the eggs all harvested so the party could begin. (J.D. Rule photo)

#### Land use committee plans third meeting

by J.D. Rule

The land-use ordinance ad-hoc committee held the second of three workshops on April 15 at the Lubec Town Office, attracting a small but engaged group of residents. The committee was formed by the Lubec Planning Board to solicit public input on the development of a proposed ordinance to deal with property development issues; the board hopes to collect suggestions, proposals and objections from the public. The third and final workshop will be conducted on Tuesday, April 29, at 5 p.m. The ad-hoc committee includes two members of the board plus two local residents and also Code Enforcement Officer Alex Henry.

Planning board Chair John Nielsen opened by reviewing the input from the first session, winnowed down to a manageable list topped by a proposed minimum setback. It was explained that the suggested eight-foot separation distance was based on access by emergency equipment and also maintenance opportunities: "It's far enough back you can set up a ladder." It was also noted that many preexisting buildings are much closer than the eight-foot minimum, meaning, "We can't do anything about what's already there. We just have to live with it."

Septic system hook-up also came into the discussion, with restrictions proposed on the use of trailers as residences. These would be acceptable if connected to a

proper septic system within a short time. Many of the items under discussion are already included in the shoreland zoning ordinance; the land use ordinance would include the entire town.

Nielsen also observed that many – if not all - local communities have a land use ordinance in place and that Lubec is the exception. Several have preambles that state the purpose of the ordinance is to protect individual property rights and prevent unwanted encroachment by neighboring owners.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance will require two public hearings before it is placed on the warrant for the town business meeting in August, at which time registered voters will have their say.

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#### Lubec Select Board sets new sewer rates

by J.D. Rule

Upcoming municipal elections were announced during the April 23 meeting of the Lubec Select Board. Open positions include one three-year term for selectman; one three-year position and a one-year position for the school board; one three-year position for water district trustee; and one three-year position on the budget commit-

Nomination papers will be available at the town office on April 25 and must be returned by 4 p.m. on June 6.

Also on the calendar is a public hearing on ATV usage on town roads, to be held May 7 at 6 p.m. at the town office.

The board voted 4-0 to set sewer rates for the next year, starting in June. Selectman Dan Daley was not present. Board Chair Carol Dennison noted that the current rate in Lubec is "less than half of what everybody else is paying," proposing that those served by the wastewater system pay \$159.28 per quarter, for up to 1,200 cubic feet. "This will balance the budget," she said, noting that this amount covers operational costs but not service on the bond.

#### Safe Harbor project modified

Dennison also presented an updated proposal for the long-delayed Safe Harbor



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#### Tuesday Afternoon Pottery

May/Jun Starting May 6<sup>th</sup> - 3-5 pm. Beginners to Intermediate. These community classes are targeted toward creating both aesthetic and functional work, and although we learn in a focused manner, we also have fun.

#### Wednesday Night Pottery

May/June Starting May 7<sup>th</sup> - 6-8 pm. Intermediate to Professional. These Wednesday classes are intended for people who have some basic clay experience, and who can work somewhat independently on projects.

#### Thursday Afternoon Pottery

May/June Starting May 1st - 3-5 pm. Intermediate to Professional Class. These Wednesday classes are intended for people who have some basic clay experience, and who can work somewhat independently on projects.





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OVER 75 PEOPLE rallied in Machias on Saturday, April 19, urging members of Congress to stop many of the Trump administration's actions.

#### Protesters participate in rally in Machias

On Patriot's Day, Saturday, April 19, over 75 people showed up at the veterans memorial triangle at College Hill in Machias to peacefully hold signs urging Congress to take action. Signs encouraged all members of Congress to free Kilmar Abrego Garcia, protect Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, libraries, veterans, federal workers, science research and many other groups and institutions.

Attendees strongly encouraged U.S. Senator Susan Collins to join Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who is starting to take a leadership role. Those at the rally stated that Collins and Murkowski could change the course of history the same way another famous Mainer, Margaret Chase Smith, did in years past.

Another reason people came out was to show anyone who was feeling afraid and angry and alone that they are not alone. Across the nation there are people who feel the same way and are exercising their right to demonstrate peacefully.

Organizers say they will continue to rally on the triangle every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. as long as it is needed. They urge others to join them. For more information contact <IndivisibleWashing tonCounty@gmail.com>.

#### CUTLER AUDIT (from page 1)

Office Depot, Hannaford, Walmart and Sam's Club. There were also 30 restaurant transactions and 12 hotel transactions. A list itemizing these transactions is available at the town office.

The report was completed on October 8, 2024, and was turned over to the Washington County Sheriff's Department for review. The district attorney has decided not to prosecute a case because the statute of limitations has expired on the majority of the irregularities found within and outside the scope of the forensic audit. This decision was given to the select board on

On April 9 the select board met with town attorney Amanda Meader to discuss the report from the sheriff's department. Although a civil suit was a viable option, the board felt the cost and time involved in civil litigation was not in the best interest of the town, and they voted unanimously not to proceed with a civil litigation. The cost of securing a litigator to pursue a civil suit starts at \$50,000, and due to courts being backed up the process could potentially take more than seven years to complete, with no assurance that any money would be recouped.

A copy of the report is available at the

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tential future irregularities. The select board had been informed by

Ron Smith of RHR Smith LLC, the town's auditing firm, that the audits for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were completed and he would release them once the forensic audit was finished. He now maintains that the audits aren't finished and he still is not releasing them. These audits have been paid for by the Town of Cutler.

There are a number of checks and bal-Both the town clerk and the deputy town clerk can access all accounts and perform all duties needed to run the office day to day. A number of those checks and balances were recommended in the past but were never implemented.

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town office. In a letter to the townspeople, the select board states that they recognize the forensic audit has been a concern to many residents and they hope that the conclusion of the audit will allow everyone to put this matter to rest and move forward knowing positive changes have been implemented to prevent instances of any po-

ances that have been added to office procedures to prevent this situation from happening again. A new chart of accounts to better track expenses has been established with assistance from The CPA Solution. The payroll is handled by an outside contractor, Bangor Payroll, which adds a second level of accountability to make sure all state and federal filings are completed in a timely fashion. All bank statements are reconciled by an outside accountant. The town is using Quickbooks online and <Bill.com>, a process that allows all warrant payments to be checked twice by a quorum of select board members, and all expenditures are pre-approved by the select board. The cash register is reconciled daily, and all monies received are deposited at least weekly.

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#### Man sentenced for Whitneyville murder

#### by Edward French

One of three men charged in the murder of a Whitneyville man, Wayne Foss, in 2017 has been sentenced to 16 years in prison. Basilio Liranzo, 29, of New York City had pleaded guilty to felony murder and arson, with a robbery charge dismissed. He was sentenced in Washington County Superior Court in Machias on

Also charged with felony murder, arson and robbery in the case are Leanza Boney of New York City and Justin Matthews, formerly of Pembroke. They have not yet been sentenced.

On October 28, 2017, the body of Wayne Foss, then 48, had been found in his burned-out home, and the death was ruled a homicide. Despite an extensive investigation by the Maine State Police, the case remained unsolved, until a Washington County grand jury in September 2023 issued indictments for Liranzo, Boney and Matthews. Matthews was then arrested in Saco and Boney at his Staten Island apartment. Liranzo was incarcerated at the time in the Maine State Prison on unrelated charges.

#### Crowley resigns as county commissioner

#### by Edward French

John Crowley Sr. of Addison is resigning for health reasons from his position as Washington County commissioner representing District III, effective April 30. He has served for over 25 years as a commissioner and previously served as the county sheriff.

In his letter of resignation, he states, "I have served as a commissioner since 1999, and it has been a learning experience. I have enjoyed serving the people of the State of Maine and particularly those of District III.'

Of Crowley's service, County Manager Renee Gray comments, "He is one of the most respected individuals in Washington County. Anyone you speak to just always has such respect for John as a commissioner and in his role as county sheriff. He is very selfless in giving of his time for Washington County, and his knowledge of local history has been remarkable."

Chris Gardner of Edmunds, who worked for many years with Crowley on the county commission, comments, "John Crowley served the people of Washington

County in different capacities since the 1970s. His devotion to this county is commendable, and we cannot thank him enough for his years of service." Before serving as county sheriff in the 1990s, Crowley had been a deputy with the sheriff's department.

Crowley's four-year term as a county commissioner ends in December 2026. His position will be filled until then by a person appointed by the governor. Under state law, when filling a vacancy in the term of a commissioner who was nominated by primary election, the commissioner appointed by the governor must be enrolled in the same political party as the commissioner whose term is vacant. Also, the governor must choose from recommendations submitted by the county committee of the political party from which the appointment is to be made.

The Washington County Republican Committee has submitted three people for the governor to consider: Courtney Hammond of Columbia Falls, William "Bimbo" Look of Jonesport and Britany Davis

# **CUTLER**

#### **SELECT BOARD**

The select board is currently working on next year's budget, in hopes of scheduling the annual town meeting before the end of summer.

The next select board meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, at the town office.

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

The planning board meets twice a

#### **Outdoor workshop** offered to teachers

The Washington County Consortium (WCC), with Maine Outdoor School (MOS), is hosting an outdoor education workshop for Washington County teachers on Thursday, May 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University of Maine at Machias led by MOS co-founder, naturalist educator and Registered Maine Guide Hazel Stark. Teachers will learn about the benefits of outdoor learning, experience activities they can use with their students and workshop with each other. Attendees will connect with other teachers and be ready to facilitate meaningful, standardsaligned, outdoor learning with students.

This program is free, but advanced registration is required. Space is limited. To learn more and register, visit <maineoutdoor school.org/events>.



#### \_ by Renee Patterson

month at the town office. The first meeting of the month, at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 5, will be to go over any pending building permits, with new permits needing to be filed at the town office seven days before the meeting.

The second meeting, at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 19, is a workshop for ordinance development.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The comprehensive plan committee meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

#### **DAR Good Citizens** to be recognized

The Hannah Weston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), will hold an awards reception for four area high school students who have been chosen as their school's Good Citizen this year. The reception for them and their families will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p.m. at the Union Meeting House in Whiting. Each of the students will receive recognition and a monetary award.

In other DAR news, the Hannah Weston chapter regent, Theresa Farnsworth, has been awarded a grant of \$500 from the DAR junior membership through their Helen Pouch Memorial Fund to be used in a classroom to benefit the students direct-

Farnsworth plans to purchase a collection of reusable materials, including a collapsible voting booth kit, visuals and posters. This will all be used to create a mock school-wide election on Election Day in November. Part of her application for the grant was to submit a detailed lesson plan and how that would be part of her unit for the students regarding the election process.

The next regular chapter meeting will be in May.

#### **MACHIAS ARTS CENTER (from page 1)**

work. By 2019 the group had grown to 20 members, and activity was bustling until COVID stopped everything. In 2023 Tim Markley and husband Paul Lilly were looking for a group to share Lilly's mosaic art. In March 2023 Markley was named chair and began a two-year process to grow and transform the small group within the community.

"All meetings were held via Zoom, and we really wanted face-to-face meetings, so we started holding them at our home," says Markley. "One of the first things I did was to set up a website." MAC membership has grown to its current membership of more than 80. Markley also established the organization as a 501c(3) nonprofit, allowing Stemac to obtain a \$10,000 grant for the arts center.

Spring and winter art shows, First Friday Art Walks and an annual Flash Fiction writing competition, among other events, soon followed. "We wanted to do more, but we soon realized that there was little to no place to hold events, classes, discussions," says Markley. "One of our long-term goals was to establish an arts center to be able to host events and classes and to bring live theatre back to the area." In July of 2024, MAC launched its first live theater performance. Machias Arts Council Theatre is currently in rehearsals for their fourth performance, having received rave reviews from the community.

As for the new 1,500 square feet of space, ideas are coming fast and furious. "My personal vision of the space is as a community haven where folks from teens to senior years feel welcomed and accepted - a place where everyone can come and be enhanced or come to offer of themselves," says Stemac.

In addition to providing space for artists to work, the center will host a series of art classes in a wide variety of mediums. A gallery of art will also be featured, offering member's artwork to the public. A small art supply store in a portion of the

#### 'Late for Lunch River Race' slated

The Pleasant River Fish & Game Conservation Association (PRF&GCA), in conjunction with the Downeast Salmon Federation's Smelt Fry, will be holding the fifth annual "Late for Lunch River Race" on Saturday, April 26, rain or shine. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. the day of the race at the PRF&GCA campus, 1597 Tibbettstown Road, Columbia. There will be a safety briefing at 10:15 a.m., and the race will begin at 10:30 a.m. The race course is from the PRF&GCA campus to the take-out at Route 1 in Columbia Falls.

Winners will be announced during the lunch hour at the smelt fry, with prizes awarded. All paddlers must wear a PFD, and all minors must be accompanied by an adult. Assistance shuttling boats back to the starting point will be available. There is no fee to enter, but donations are welcomed. All proceeds benefit the PRF&GCA Community Service Fund. Please direct any questions by e-mail to Larry Balchen at <events@prfgca.org>.

#### Planting guide offered to public

The Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District has free information about many kinds of spring planting, including starting seeds, planting from containers, dividing perennials, transplanting, building raised beds and maintaining abundant crops.

To obtain the information, call 207-255-4659 and leave a short message with the resident's mailing address. Residents may also send an email to <nate.pennell@ myfairpoint.net>. These copies will be mailed directly to residents.

building is planned to help support the cost of the space.

"This space also gives us the ability to offer art and creative writing workshops, presentations of interest to the community, event space for small community events, local music and more," says Stemac. "Our MAC members have so many great ideas to reach out, serve and enhance our area arts scene."

Stemac believes art impacts a community in several ways. "Art brings people together, sparks creativity and makes a place feel more alive and connected," she says. "It shows people that their stories matter, and sometimes that little spark of inspiration is exactly what a neighborhood needs to feel seen and start thriving."

Local businesses are affected as well. "Art draws people into the area – whether they're coming for a show, a class or just to hang out - and those people are more likely to grab a coffee, check out a shop, stay for dinner or spend the night," says Stemac. "The more people that show up for the art, the more the whole community benefits.'

'We've come a long way in two years," says Markley. "It's exciting to see so much change, all for the better. As we grow and become more known, the community is starting to take notice.'

Stemac agrees. "We welcome anyone to join the Machias Arts Council, whether dabbler, hobby, professional or just lovers of the arts – singers, musicians, dancers and thespians, too," she says. "We have a flexible membership plan that fits any budget.'

Information on membership, events and activities can be found at <a href="https://">https:// machiasartscouncil.org>.

#### Senior college sets talk on opioid crisis

by Thiela Schnaufer

Sunrise Senior College is happy to again welcome Gordon Smith, director of opioid response for the state of Maine, to provide an update on drug abuse and overdoses, particularly as the issues relate to Washington County. He has been responsible for coordinating and directing Maine's response to this crisis, including prescriber education, prevention and treatment of substance use disorder and harm reduction strategies. Smith will describe how the plan has made a difference in opioid use and talk about the effect of the action plan.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It is open to the public. The presentation is a hybrid class, held in person in the University of Maine at Machias' Science Building room and via Zoom. To register go to the website at <a href="https://machias.edu/">https://machias.edu/</a> ssc/class/maines-opioid-crises/>.

#### **County fair T-shirt** design contest open

The T-shirt design contest sponsored by the Pembroke Trotting Association is now open to Maine residents of all ages. Artists are not eligible to win two years in a row. The original artwork should reflect some aspect of a traditional agricultural fair and must be done in black ink on an  $8-1/2 \times 11$  sheet of paper. The winner will receive \$100, and the design will be used for T-shirts and posters for the Washington County Fair.

Submissions must be received by May 23 and can be dropped off at the Pembroke Post Office or mailed to: Washington County Fair, P.O. Box 21, Pembroke, ME 04666. For further information, contest rules and submission form visit <facebook.com/WashingtonCountyFair-</pre> Maine>, <www.washingtoncounty fairmaine.com> or email <washington countyfairmaine@gmail.com>.



THE RESTORED 1837 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of East Machias will now welcome cultural events, music and art thanks to the efforts of the East Machias Cultural Arts Center (EMCAC). (Photo courtesy of Lucy Zwigard)

#### **HISTORIC CHURCH (from page 1)**

funds to rescue the structure from collapse. Structural stabilization of the steeple and front facade was completed in

Through a shared use agreement, church trustees partnered with FFCCEM to steward, repair and reestablish the building as a cultural arts center.

FFCCEM board President Erica Famous says, "Renovations continue to provide safe and accessible community use of the building for regular musical engagements and instruction, children's programs, art shows, community forums and lectures. The EMCAC is committed to providing a welcoming space for cultural enrichment and improving community resilience through the preservation of this historic landmark.'

Built in 1837, the church sits in the heart of East Machias with one of the oldest educational institutions in Maine: Washington Academy. "The EMCAC evolved as the future use of this historic church expanded to include a broader range of events," says Famous. "All genres of cultural and performing arts will be welcomed in the future space and most offered by donation, with no one turned away for lack of funding."

While the group moves into utilizing the church, they also continue with phase two of the restoration process, focused on improving accessibility and functionality of the space, restoration of the sanctuary and remaining facades.

"We have had a couple of events which are different from religious services held previously in the church," says Famous. "We expect that people may have reservations or potential resentments 'using' a church in this manner. This was necessary as the congregation had dwindled of congregants and maintaining the building has become a priority. All money gained from performances will be going back into the building and future programming."

The first event of 2025 was held on April 22 with the Turtle Dance Co-op presenting Ain't Gonna Rain No More, an Earth Day play for all ages featuring the Sea Junk Revue Puppets made by Lubecbased artist Chuck Kniffen. The 20-minute

play featured folk music and has been performed at retirement homes, schools and other gatherings.

"Additional summer events are still in the planning process, and we are always looking for creative people to join us and our mission to provide affordable access to entertainment," says FFCCEM board Secretary Kim McClure. "Our first goal is to keep the lights on while providing interesting and entertaining events to the community." The public is invited to send ideas for events or express their interest in performing or volunteering to the East Machias Cultural Arts Center to <www.eastmachiasculturalartscenter.org>.

What does the church and the new activity bring and mean to a community? State Rep. Will Tuell, an East Machias selectman, believes it adds historic luster to a community. "The First Congregational Church is an iconic symbol of East Machias, one which community volunteers rallied to save and restore. It was a place of worship for generations of residents and has deep memories for many long-time residents. I am pleased that it is being revitalized and reactivated, that there is a new energy around it."

"An organization like EMCAC benefits the community by allowing people to enjoy events without 'breaking their bank,"" says McClure. "People can plan to attend and pay as their resources will allow. They can look forward to things and not regret that the cost of attending could possibly not allow them to pay a household bill. Additionally, it just provides a dimension of fun, as it's all entertainment based. It also provides a place for people who have musical, speaking or other engagement talents to express and create."

"The restoration of a grand historic building and the telling of a region's honorable history provide a mirror in which a community can see itself reflected in a pride of place," says Famous. "The community is the basis of the EMCAC, without which an organization like this cannot exist."



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STUDENTS in the Cobscook Experiential Program recently visited Washington, D.C., including the Washington Monument.

#### Cobscook students visit Washington, D.C.

Students in the Cobscook Experiential Program, an interdisciplinary high school program offered at the Cobscook Institute through Calais High School, recently returned from their annual nine-day trip to Washington, D.C. Students explored U.S. history, with a particular focus on understanding the origins and impacts of slavery, the range of efforts to abolish slavery and historic and ongoing efforts to ensure civil rights and access to civic participation.

Students viewed the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights at the National Archives and explored the institution of slavery and the contributions of African Americans at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. They traveled to Harper's Ferry in West Virginia, Antietam National Battlefield and Ford's Theater. They also learned about the efforts of abolitionists and women's suffrage activists from National Park Service interpretive rangers at Frederick Douglass National Historic Site and Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument.

Students enjoyed attending the musical Sister Act at Ford's Theater, exploring Eastern Market, shopping at a Latino market and strengthening navigation skills during a scavenger hunt.

"Trips like this are super valuable," says senior Katy Ferguson. "Washington, D.C., is a diverse place with people from all over the country and world. We stood on the site where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his 'I Have A Dream' speech, and we saw people protesting and exercising their First Amendment rights. It's a powerful way to learn."

Cobscook Experiential Program is open to students seeking an interdisciplinary route to earning high school credits. Students enroll through Calais High School and meet graduation requirements by attending school at Cobscook Institute. Cobscook is now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year.

For more information and to sign up for the May 7 Explore Cobscook Day, visit <www.cobscookinstitute.org> or call 207-733-2233.

#### Institute to host volunteer open house

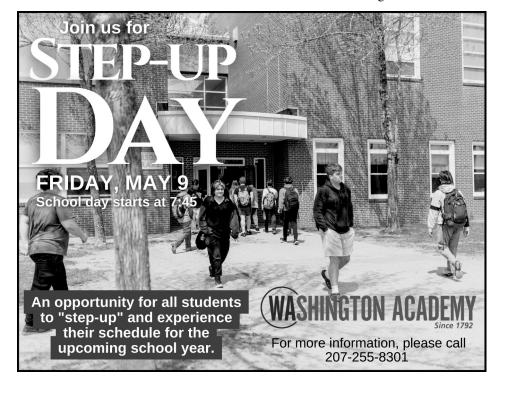
Cobscook Institute in Trescott will be hosting a volunteer open house event for the community on Sunday, April 27, from 12 to 2 p.m. This event will give community members an opportunity to learn more about local organizations and ways that they can volunteer and get involved. The aim is to bring people together and get to know their neighbors.

This volunteer open house welcomes

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different nonprofit organizations from the Washington County area to showcase their volunteer opportunities and encourage individuals to get involved. It is an informal setting with live music by the Lubec Area Musicians Philanthropic Society (LAMPS) where people can drop in during the hours of the event and freely check out the organizations' tables.

Cobscook Institute will also be providing information about its own volunteer opportunities at this event. Some opportunities include community dinner support, alder trimming, staffing reception, gardening and more. Details can be found at <cobscookinstitute.org>.



#### Institute to host creative listening session

Cobscook Institute and Healthy Acadia are pleased to announce that registration is now open for Creative Listening, a hands-on workshop led by Dr. Sue Carroll Duffy on Monday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cobscook Institute in Trescott.

The workshop will introduce participants to "the Wonder Box," a tool developed by Dr. Duffy. Using objects in a tray of sand, the Wonder Box invites expression beyond words - deepening understanding through story, gesture and connection. The method enhances communication in families, classrooms and other environments. Each participant or family will receive their own Wonder Box to use during and after the workshop. Attendees will also be invited to join monthly Zoom sessions with Dr. Duffy. The workshop counts toward certification as a Moving Storyteller.

Before the workshop, participants are invited to join Cobscook Institute's community dinner, game night and fiber circle, held on the first Monday of each month. Dinner begins at 5 p.m.

The workshop is free, but space is limited. Early registration is encouraged. To learn more and sign up, visit <a href="https://">https:// cobscookinstitute.org/events?e=5-5-2025creative-listeni

ng-workshop>. For more information, contact Sara McConnell at (207) 255-3741 or by email at <sara@healthyacadia.org>.



MEMBERS OF THE COBSCOOK CURRENTS 4-H Club, Theo M., Ira D. and Soren D., were successful during the Speak Up, Maine 4-H! public speaking event. (Photo courtesy of University of Maine Cooperative Extension)

#### Youth take part in public speaking event

Three members of the Cobscook Currents 4-H Club represented Washington County at the Speak Up, Maine 4-H! public speaking event held on April 5 at the University of Maine in Orono.

Senior member Soren D. received a blue ribbon for his talk titled "Machias Dike and Marsh: What Should Be Done?" Junior member Ira D. received a blue ribbon for a demonstration talk, "A Cheese Board for a 4-Her." Junior member Theo M. was awarded a red ribbon for his illustrated talk, "History of the Fishing Rod."

Gabrielle Brodek, Washington County 4-H youth development professional, says, "I'm really proud of the youth for committing to the 4-H public speaking program. They spend a lot of time preparing their talks, practicing and weaving in feedback from the county showcase. It's incredible to see them share their sparks with creativity, poise and confidence."

The state showcase brought together 4-H youth from across Maine to present on a wide range of topics, while practicing public speaking skills and building confidence in front of a live audience. In order to qualify for the state event, they had to receive an average score of 78 or higher at a county event.

For more information about 4-H programs, please reach out to Gabrielle Brodek at 207-255-3345 or <gabrielle. brodek@maine.edu>.

## WHITING

#### **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Now that basketball season is over, Whiting Village School students enjoyed several new activities before starting April break. They visited the dental clinic in Machias recently, and they all had a great time at the school's egg hunt on April 16 on the school grounds.

After the week of vacation and the return to school on April 28, they will be looking forward to some biking and hiking in May.

The school will be having a calendar

by Mary Alice Look \_ Tel. 733-2826

raffle starting May 1 with winners every day. See anyone from the school to find out how to purchase tickets and support

The annual school book fair will be held from May 5 through May 9.

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Whiting Historical Society and the America 250 Committee members will meet on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at the Union Meeting House for a general update from each group with discussion about plans going forward.

#### St. Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Parish

Fall/Winter Mass Schedule October 5-6, 2024, through May 24-25, 2025

#### SATURDAY EVENING

St. Joseph Church, 51 Washington St., Eastport – 4 p.m. Pleasant Point, start date and location to be announced later.

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Immaculate Conception Church, 31 Calais Ave., Calais – 8:30 a.m. St. James Church, 60 Summit St., Baileyville – 10:30 a.m.

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#### **DENNYSVILLE**

**ATV CLUB** 

The club reminds people that the trails are closed until the official announcement of opening. Travel on water-logged trails causes damage.

The next meeting of the club at the club-house on Milwaukee Road will be on Thursday, May 15, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

The next public breakfast at the club-house will be on Saturday, May 17, from 7 to 9 a.m. Adults pay \$10 and children eat for free.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church was alive with music on Easter Sunday, April 20. Chancel choir numbers were augmented by the church's festival choir. Accompanists were Kris Paprocki on violin and Ann Carter on organ. The altar was adorned with a multi-

#### Dennysville board OKs school budget

by Lura Jackson

The Dennysville School Committee approved the 2025-2026 school budget a meeting on Monday, April 14. The budget shows an overall decrease of 14.4%, or \$96,039, with a 17.9% decrease to the local share. The total budget is \$572,015, with no discrepancies of note in the audit. The budget now needs to be approved by voters at a special town meeting.

Last year Dennysville voters opted to end school choice for its 41 students in order to decrease costs in the face of a rising mill rate. The town was offered a reduced tuition rate of \$10,000 per student at the Pembroke Elementary School, and residents voted 42-31 to accept the offer.

Along with the budget, the committee voted to approve a standing transportation agreement with Pembroke that has been in place since Dennysville sold its school bus. The agreement is for \$0 but must be recorded for insurance purposes.

#### by Mary McFadden, Tel. 726-4676 -<mmcfadden@roadrunner.com>

tude of Easter lilies that had been donated by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones.

The annual spaghetti supper will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, April 26, at 5 p.m. Take-outs will be available, and those seated in the hall will be served first. The cost is \$12 for adults and children eat for free.

The next public breakfast will be served on Saturday, May 3, from 7 to 9 a.m. in the parish hall. The cost is \$10 for adults and children eat for free.

Bible Island, a Christian education program for children, is held in the lower level of the parish hall each Sunday at 10 a.m. All children are welcome. For more information, contact Cindy Joyce at <cjoyce671@hotmail.com> or at 952-9107.

The church's chancel choir rehearses each Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the choir room in the lower level of the parish hall. New singers are welcome, and this choir presents at least one selection each Sunday during worship service at 11 a.m. For more information, contact choirmaster Colin Windhorst at 726-3905 or at <colin.windhorst@gmail.com>.

The church's annual Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, July 19, at the parish hall. Donations for the tag sale, book sale and Chinese raffle can be made anytime. Please contact Roberta at 726-4674, Janice at 726-9585 or Scott at 853-4175 for more information. New items on silent auction will be going up soon.

#### LINCOLN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

On Tuesday, April 15, three students from Pembroke school attended Storytime, as the older students were on a field trip. Students enjoyed the book *It's Mine* by Leo Lionni and made personalized colored paper linking chains to decorate the library. Storytime was not held on April 22 due to school vacation. Edmunds school students will be enjoying the same book and craft on Tuesday, April 29.

First Friday Tea will be held at the library on Friday, May 2, at 3 p.m. and will include hot mulled cider.



AREA ORGANISTS attended a training workshop for the new Allen organ at the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Susan Andraeas, Laurel Storm, Rev. Colin Windhorst, Rev. Ronald Windhorst, Nora Gormley, Ed Gormley, instructor of Allen Organ of Maine; (front row) Cindy Joyce, Ann Carter and Mary McFadden.

#### Life of General Lincoln topic of program

To celebrate the momentous 250th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution, the Dennys River Historical Society is presenting a program on the life of General Benjamin Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial Public Library in Dennysville on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. Lincoln assisted George Washington throughout the war and later helped found the communities of Perry, Pembroke and Dennysville. A native of Hingham, Mass., he embodied the spirit of the patriot farmer, who would rather have stayed at home on his "dirty acres," but who nevertheless answered the call following the battles of Lexington and Concord to help expel the British army from

Boston. Lincoln was the only general officer to be present at all three major surrenders at Saratoga, Charleston and Yorktown, and he later became the nation's first secretary of war.

The presentation will dwell on what lay behind his military career and why he was willing to set aside affairs of his family and fellow townsmen to serve his country. Returning to civilian pursuits, Lincoln began plans to purchase several townships in what was then called "Passamaquoddie," eventually settling his son Theodore on the Dennys River to manage these concerns. For details about the program, please call the historical society at 726-3905. The public is welcome.



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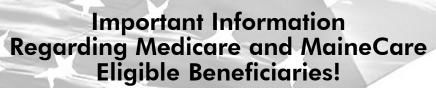
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ENJOYING A VISIT with the Easter bunny are Ryleigh and Carter Oliver of Robbinston during the Easter Eggstravaganza community event on Saturday, April 19, at Maritime Munchkins in Charlotte. The day included an egg hunt with prizes for golden eggs, a craft corner and face painting.

#### Daycare center opens, hosts egg hunt

#### by Lura Jackson

A new daycare facility located in the former Charlotte Elementary School has officially opened. Maritime Munchkins began providing care for children in mid-April, reaching capacity enrollment during its first week. The daycare, which also hosted a popular Easter event, already has plans for expanding its capacity.

"It's been a trip," says owner Heather Doughty of the opening, which was offset by numerous delays caused in part by licensing requirements for everything from the water service to emergency phone lines. Staff illness was another significant impact. "But this week has been great. I'm so thankful to the parents, who have been super understanding and supportive."

The center is now licensed for 12 children but has plans to expand to at least 29 in May, Doughty says. There is currently a waiting list.

The facility has been getting a lot of attention, in part because of an Easter event on Saturday, April 19. The event

proved to be popular beyond expectation, Doughty says, with 250 children coming within the first hour and the 6,000 eggs being turned in within the first few minutes of the egg hunt beginning. On top of the huge turnout, the Easter bunny did not arrive on time, and only one volunteer was able to come. "We took turns in the bunny suit," Doughty says with a chuckle.

The facility's existing playground will remain open to the public, in accordance with the town's request, Doughty says. To meet her licensing requirements, which mandate that the children under her care are not permitted to play on the playground with children not under her care, she will be building a second playground. It will be built in the area where a community garden was formerly planned, with the garden now delayed until a suitable location can be found.

In September, Maritime Munchkins will begin offering classes to students in grades K-8. For more information, call 271-8011.

#### PLEASANT POINT\_\_\_\_

#### WABANAKI SPRING MARKET

The Wabanaki Cultural Center in Calais is hosting a Wabanaki Spring Market on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be crafters, food and baked goods.

#### MEET THE AUTHOR

On Thursday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m. a Meet the Author event featuring Melody Paul will be held at the Woluhke building. She is an Indigenous author from Eskasoni First Nation, known for her powerful books *Savaged to Wellness* and *Walking the Recovery Road: The Steps Taken*. Through her writing and frontline work she shares her journey and advocates for healing, resilience and cultural connection.

Paul will be sharing her story in person,

followed by a book-signing and a Wellbriety Recovery Circle.

#### ST. ANNE'S TRIP

Those who are interested in going to Sainte Anne de Beaupré in Quebec are asked to please leave their name and number at the front desk of the tribal office or call 853-2600.

#### TILLING

The Public Works Department will begin tilling on May 1, 2025.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Wolipomawsu Program is looking for dedicated community members willing to cool meals and baked goods for special events. To be put on the list please call 853-5036.

#### **ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC**

A five-needle point walk-in clinic is available every tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Woluhke building. This is acupuncture, so during the treatment participants sit relaxed for 60 minutes. For more information call 207-853-0644 ext. 330.



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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** 

At the April 9 school board meeting, the board voted to sell the Charlotte school bus to Perry. The third draft budget for 2025–2026 was presented and discussed, with the board voting to accept it.

Superintendent MaryEllen Day announced the last AOS budget vote failed and the date of the next vote is Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at the Pembroke Elementary School. She shared the March revenue and expense report.

Regular school board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the town hall at 6:30 p.m. If there are no items on the agenda, the meeting will be cancelled.

#### **BAPTIST CHURCH**

Nineteen people enjoyed attending Easter breakfast at the church.

All children are welcome at Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church for songs, a Bible story, crafts and snacks. Morning worship service is held at 11 a.m. Ernest James opens the service, and Barbara Nuttall and Peggy Sawyer provide the piano and organ music. Everybody is welcome to attend Bible study each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church led by Sonia Seeley. *Messiah in the Feasts of Israel* by Sam Nadler is used for the study.

#### FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Members will be having hazmat operations refresher training with Scott Luciano as instructor at the April 22 meeting at the station. Members are planning a work session at the station on Sunday, May 4. Three members of the department are enrolled in the Firefighter I and II classes being held in Calais.

Members hold monthly business meetings the first Tuesday of each month and training on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

#### CVF&R AUXILIARY

A meeting is planned for Monday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall to discuss plans for fundraising. Officers will be voted on at the meeting. If anyone has ideas, please come to the meeting or call one of the members with ideas to present at the meeting.

#### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Selectmen's meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the town hall at 7 p.m. The next meet-

by Eileen Clark \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. 454-8825

ing will be on April 28.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Eight members attended the April 16 meeting. Larry Colarusso donated several items to be added to the library/museum. There was a discussion about Memorial Day, and Art Carter related names of volunteers for the ceremony. Final plans will be made for the ceremony at the next monthly meeting. Storyteller Lyle Furlong shared two stories, and Art Carter related army stories that he experienced.

Eileen Clark and Sandra Sawyer, editors of "The Loon II" newsletter, would appreciate memories and photos to be used in publications. Dues are now due and should be sent or given to Treasurer Eileen Clark. Dues are \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a joint membership and cover the year from January through December. It is hoped that all members will renew their dues, and new members are always welcome to join. All newsletters are included in the membership. Treasurer Clark has received several membership dues with notes expressing their enjoyment of each newsletter that is received.

Business meetings are held at the genealogy library at the town hall at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 21, and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **AROUND AND ABOUT**

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Amy and Eric Day and family on the passing of her mother on March 30 in Calais and the Kinney and Johnson families on the passing of Nancy Kinney Johnson on April 16. Johnson was the daughter of Alice and Marshall Kinney, and they lived in Charlotte when she was a child.

Welcome home is extended to Cynthia and Art Carter, who visited family and friends in Florida, Georgia and Maine for the last few months.

Get-well wishes go out to Jane Enman, who had hip surgery on April 14 and is recovering at home while having therapy.

The Jessica and Jamey Gower family enjoyed an April vacation week in Flori-

Eileen Clark and her sister, Juanita Pressley of Lubec, enjoyed a vacation in Southwest Harbor for a week. They had a wonderful time exploring the area and found many places to enjoy a meal.



NINETEEN PEOPLE enjoyed Easter breakfast at the Charlotte Baptist Church on April 21. (Eileen Clark photo)



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#### **PEMBROKE**

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Pembroke Eagles girls basketball players had a 14-0 season and are this year's Eastern Washington County Athletic League champions. The community is proud of the girls and their hard work.

Students enjoyed a "Spring Fling" week as they headed into vacation and warmer weather. The week was full of laughter and fun while enjoying themed days such as Hawaiian/beach day and favorite superhero/Disney characters. The school held events such as students versus staff in relays and games. The week ended on Friday with a 40-foot inflatable obstacle course for the students and staff to enjoy.

#### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP**

Girl Scout Troop 2259 will be collecting bottles for their annual bottle drive on Saturday, May 10. Instead of going door to door they will pick up donations at the donor's address. Please message Tonia Griffin on Facebook or text/email (207) 214-5127 to be added to the list. Bottles may also be dropped off anytime at 166 Little Falls Road in Pembroke. Donations may be left in front of the barn on the hill. Troop 2259 appreciates all the support.

#### AMERICAN LEGION

On April 12 American Legion Cobscook Post 59 held its first baked bean supper of the year. The supper reached full capacity, and participants enjoyed homemade dishes and desserts. The legion is grateful to all who attended, cooked, baked, helped with the supper or worked on cleanup.

The weekly Wednesday morning coffee and donuts are open to all from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday night Bingo continues weekly. The doors open at 5 p.m. with an early bird game at 6 p.m.

#### AMPHIBIAN WALK

Naturalist Fred Gralenski will host a walk to check out spring amphibians. Walkers should meet at the end of the

#### by Genevieve Lemire <glemire10@gmail.com>

driveway to 857 Leighton Point Road at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Participants are asked to please bring flashlights. Children should wear waterproof footwear.

#### 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

July 4th T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase at the Pembroke Town Office during regular business

#### **PEMBROKE LIBRARY**

The Used Book Shop located on the second floor is now open during all library hours. New trial summer hours will begin on May 3, when the library's Saturday hours will be expanded to 9 a.m. to 3

The next meeting of the book club, Biscuits & Books, will be on Monday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Members will discuss The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson.

Beginners or experienced knitters are invited to join Knit Wits on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Ivie Avery at (207) 853-4532.

Ironworks Quilters meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. from April through October.

Samantha Williams is offering Live Tai Chi and Mindful Flow Yoga class at the library on Thursdays. Other classes are offered online via Zoom on Tuesdays. For more information or to register, contact Williams at 214-6516 or submit the contact form at <boldcoastyoga.com>.

Li'l Bookworms Story Time is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers/parents.

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday began with the well-attended sunrise service held at the Eastport breakwater hosted by Pembroke, North Perry and Blakey United Methodist churches. Later at the regular 10:15 a.m. worship service, the congregation welcomed the guest speaker of the day, the Reverend Deacon Madeline Murphy.

## Perry eighth graders planning class trip

#### by Paul Simpson

At the April 2 meeting of the Perry School Committee, members of the eighth grade graduating class spoke to the school board in hopes of securing their eighth grade trip to Six Flags New England. The board voted to approve the trip for eighth graders. Appearing at the meeting on behalf of the eighth grade class were: Layni Harkins, Brandin Morrison, Lilliana

#### **PERRY**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

A joyous celebration of Easter was held at the Perry Congregational meetinghouse on April 20 with a rich variety of familiar hymns and music, including "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" with solo violin played by Kris Paprocki, William Billings' "Easter Anthem" and a participatory rendition by choir and congregation of Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus. Regular services will continue on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Tomah and Tanisha Bulmer. On June 10, graduation will be held for the eighth grade class.

Members of the public offered constructive criticism on budgetary matters such as unused reserves. Members of the school board shared their strategy of looking at the long-term health of the budget and making sure unforeseen expenses are accounted for.

The Perry School Department budget for the 2025-2026 school year is now in its third draft and the annual audit has been completed. Work will now begin on the fourth draft.

Alexia Conkrite was approved at the meeting as the new K5 teacher.

The school board decided that an individual request for full tuition to a boarding school would need to be capped at \$14,800 annually, per their vote on the matter and historical precedent.

The 2025-2026 school year calendar has been approved with the first day of the school year being September 2.

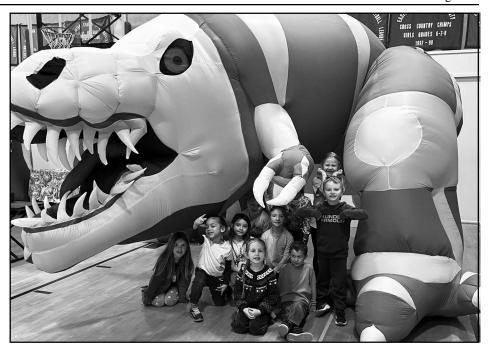
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DINOMAN visited the Perry Elementary School on April 8 with a presentation about dinosaurs. (Photo courtesy of Perry Elementary School)



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IN THE WELDING SCULPTURE competition at the SkillsUSA State Championships, Ethann Coleman (center) of the St. Croix Regional Technical Center, received a gold medal, while his classmate Kelton Stegman (left) earned a silver medal.

#### SCRTC students shine at SkillsUSA contest

St. Croix Regional Technical Center (SCRTC) made history at the SkillsUSA State Championships in Bangor on March 13-14, sending their largest-ever delegation of 29 student competitors to the competition. The event showcased the talents of students from across the state, with over 1,100 participants demonstrating their skills in various categories.

Several SCRTC students earned medals in their respective competitions. In the welding sculpture competition, Ethann

#### Calais library plans astronomy session

The Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, Downeast Maine Amateur Astronomers and the Calais Free Library will jointly host a daytime astronomy program on Saturday, May 17, at the Calais Free Library. Participants can drop in anytime from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Attendees will see how a smart scope works and have a chance to safely see the nearest star to Earth, the sun. All attendees can get their Night Explorer Junior Ranger book and badge and get a headstart with on-site activities, see how the sun compares to objects outside of the solar system and use some sun print paper.

Coleman secured a gold medal, while his classmate Kelton Stegman earned silver, guided by instructor Ryan Johnson. The achievements continued with Shawn Lyons winning bronze in automotive maintenance and light repair under the guidance of instructor Austin Ginn, and Alexis Seavey earning bronze in the job application process, mentored by Lauren Remington.

The enthusiasm and dedication of all students and instructors exemplified the spirit of SkillsUSA, with all 29 competitors demonstrating skill and professionalism throughout the championships. Students at SCRTC are from Calais, Woodland and Shead high schools.

#### Blood drive set to be held at WCCC

A Red Cross blood drive will be held on Friday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in St. Croix Hall at Washington County Community College (WCCC) in Calais. To donate blood, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit <RedCrossBlood.org>, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment

#### TIF program reviewed by Calais council

by Wayne Tripp

Prior to its April 10 meeting, the Calais City Council met with Jonathan Pottle, the city attorney, to discuss the tax increment financing (TIF) program. Pottle, from Eaton Peabody, provided the council with a review of the TIF program, including purpose, legal requirements and funding uses. He explained that the funds utilized for authorized purposes within the TIF district are not additional taxes or from external sources but rather reflect the additional property taxes collected based on increased property values in the TIF district compared to the property values at the time the district was established. The funds aren't considered in state subsidies and aren't subject to county taxes.

During the meeting City Manager Michael Ellis thanked interim City Manager Jim Porter and the city's department heads for their work and efforts while he was out on leave. Ellis also reported that Sargent Construction plans to start staging their equipment on April 14 for the North Street project and that the Maine Department of Transportation has revised its paving schedule and now plans to pave Hinkley Hill and most of North St. this summer. The property committee plans to meet on April 24 at 5 p.m. to discuss a potential commercial fish farming ordi-

Mike Boies from the Immaculate Conception Church in Calais and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish explained the significance of the Ruby Jubilee in recognition of 40 years of service by Father Roland Berngeh. Numerous church dignitaries and priests from both the U.S. and Cameroon are expected, along with performers from Cameroon and the parish. The council voted unanimously to approve the special event permit, including area road closures, for Friday, May 30.

City Manager Ellis requested council approval to apply for funding through the Grow Smart Maine planning grant. The grant of up to \$45,000 is to be used to contract with an economic development technical assistance provider to assist in plan development. The city will have to provide a minimum 15% match, or \$6,750, in cash or in-kind. The council voted unanimously to approve applying for the grant.

#### ROBBINSTON

**SEWALL MEMORIAL CHURCH** 

An early morning sunrise service was enjoyed on Easter at the Sewall Memorial Congregational Church in Robbinston, followed by a community breakfast, with dazzling sunlight streaming in through the big eastern window.

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 1, when the church building will be open between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for those who wish to come by and drop in for peaceful prayer

and meditation. A Sunday afternoon service is held each week at 4 p.m.

#### YARD SALE DONATIONS

The Robbinston Historical Society is gearing up for its annual yard sale. They are taking donations but are asking that there be no books, clothes or electronics. Contact Wayne at 207-233-3137 or Linda at 508-868-6214 for drop-off instructions. The sale will be on Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24, at the former school.

#### Chestnut tree project is seeking donors

The Meddybemps Lake Land Trust (MLLT) is excited to announce its first community project, partnering with Woodland Elementary School to plant 40 American chestnut saplings on the MLLT property. The students will also grow native trees from seedlings. The project is part of an initiative to restore the American chestnut to its native range in the eastern United States. The portion of the

MLLT property where the saplings will be planted is in an area that was heavily forested in the early 1990s. They will work under the guidance of Brittany Mauricette, a licensed forester.

Students from grades 3-6 will be involved in the planting and monitoring of the trees, while the younger grades will participate in learning activities. The students, staff and volunteers will tag the trees they plant so that they may watch them grow over the years.

The public is invited to make a donation of any amount or buy a tree for \$100, which will be permanently tagged with the donor's name or in honor or memory of someone. A sponsor will match all donations dollar for dollar up to \$2,500. Donations may be made through Donorbox by visiting the MLLT website at <a href="https://">https://</a> donorbox.org/meddybemps-lake-landtrust>. Donations may also be made by check to the MLLT American Chestnut Restoration Project, P.O. Box 298, Calais, ME 04619. Please indicate if the donation is in honor or memory of someone. To volunteer to help plant the saplings or for more information, please email <MLLT@meddybemps.org> or visit <www.MLLT.org>.



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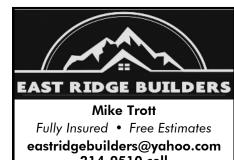
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#### Legislature takes action on two ATV bills

by Edward French

The legislature's Transportation Committee has killed two bills related to ATVs, but one has been incorporated into another piece of legislation. Senator Marianne Moore of Calais, who sponsored both the proposed legislation directing the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to extend the Down East Sunrise Trail from Pembroke into Calais and a proposal to allow ATVs to be driven on public roads. reports that the committee killed her railto-trail bill so that it can be included in LD 29, which is another rail-to-trail bill concerning the state-owned rail corridor from Brunswick to Gardiner. She expects that move will help with the plan to extend the trail to Calais since it will make "our opportunity for funding even better."

During the legislative hearing on the Calais rail-to-trail bill, Nate Moulton, director of the Office of Freight and Business Logistics at MDOT, had expressed some concerns, including that the legislation in some ways is counter to the Rail Use Advisory Council (RUAC) process, as it was not submitted by the MDOT and the commissioner of transportation is to

# Houses of Calais presentation slated

The historic architectural styles of Calais homes will be featured during the Monday, May 5, meeting of the St. Croix Historical Society as the society continues the second part of its "Houses of Calais" presentation. Calais native Jerry LaPointe will provide commentary as photos from the archive of the society are shown via projector. The public is welcome with no cost for entry; light refreshments will be served. The presentation will be held at 7 p.m. at the Holmestead, 527 Main Street, Calais. A Zoom link can be found on the event page on the St. Croix Historical Society's Facebook page or received by emailing <stcroixhs@gmail.com>.

seek legislative approval of the RUAC recommendation. The Calais Branch RUAC had recommended in October to convert the 12.3 miles of existing railroad track to an interim multi-use trail. Moulton also noted that the proposed trail ending at the Route 1 grade crossing in Calais is not a safe location for parking or trail access. And the cost of constructing a trail has been estimated to be between \$13.9 million and \$18.1 million, with federal funding for such projects being limited. Any state funding will need to be identified through MDOT's work plan process. "Given the cost and limited funding, this project could take many years to complete," he advised.

More than 30 people had offered testimony in support of the bill during the hearing on April 4. They cited the positive economic impact on the Calais area from a multi-use trail connecting to the Down East Sunrise Trail. Some concerns, though, were raised about possible impacts on the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, with a recommendation that studies be conducted and an environmental impact statement be prepared.

Senator Moore's other bill, to allow ATVs on public roads, had received strong pushback from state government officials and other residents during a March 27 hearing by the Transportation Committee. They expressed concerns about safety issues and the additional burden that would be placed on state agencies, law enforcement and municipal governments. Also, it was pointed out that the bill would force all municipalities in the state that do not want to allow ATVs on public ways to adopt an ordinance to exclude ATVs from their roadways. Moore said she was asked by several ATV clubs to introduce the measure, as they seek to expand available trail systems and gain access to gas stations, restaurants and motels in towns, including Eastport.

The Transportation Committee voted to kill the bill on April 11.



CALAIS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL (CMHS) students with their Rhubarb Festival art contest entries are (back row, left to right) Aubrey Beers-Demolet, Ethan Kinney, Ava Reardon, Alan Bassett and Rhubarb Festival Director Georgie Kendall; (front row, left to right) Helen Staples, third-place winner Madeline DelMonaco, Brock Collins and art teacher Bobbi Tardif holding winner Jaylah Lewey's artwork. Not pictured are Eden Barber and Haylee Barnett. (Photo courtesy of Georgie Kendall)

#### Rhubarb Festival picks contest winners

The fourth annual Rhubarb Festival is set to return to Kendall Farm in Perry on Saturday, June 7, from noon to 5 p.m., with food, live music, demonstrations and fun. The festival's annual art competition featured entries from local students guided by art teachers Bobbi Tardif and Sara Myrick. This year's design was based on the theme "Pies, Pies and More Pies!" The artwork was judged by a committee representing communities across Washington County, and local businesses provided gift certificates for the winners.

First place went to Jaylah Lewey, an 11th grade student at Calais Middle High School (CMHS), who received a certificate from Breakwater Breeze in Eastport and The Polar Treat in Perry. Second place went to Aralyn Myrick, an eighth grader at Eastport Elementary School, who received a certificate from Tales of the Whales in Eastport. Third place went to Madeline DelMonaco, an eighth grader at

CMHS, who received a certificate from Crumbs Café in Calais. Each winner also received custom patches from Bingville Style Shop in Eastport, certificates and festival swag including bumper stickers and armband passes. Lewey's winning art will appear on the festival poster and an apron designed by 207 Maine Gifts of Eastport.

This event is made possible by sponsors including the Maine Office of Tourism, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, AHD Design, Georgie Kendall, realtor with Realty of Maine, and Kendall Farm Cottages and Event Barn.

Volunteers, vendors and aspiring rhubarb chefs are encouraged to get involved. For more information, to volunteer or to register as a vendor, please email <georgiekendall@gmail.com> or visit <kendallfarmcottages.com/rhubarbfestival>



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STUDENTS in Eastport schools are shown with their Rhubarb Festival artwork. Left to right are Georgie Kendall, Rhubarb Festival director; Reagan Gardner, Shead High School; second-place winner, Aralyn Myrick, Eastport Elementary School; and Sara Myrick, art teacher, Eastport schools. (Photo courtesy of Georgie Kendall)





#### FRIDAY - APRIL 25

BLOOD DRIVE, American Red Cross, Washington County Community College, St. Croix Hall, Calais, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WOODCOCK WALK, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Baring, 7 p.m. AMPHIBIAN WALK, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Baring, 8 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY – APRIL 26**

CANOE RACE, The Late for Lunch River Race, Pleasant River Fish and Game Conservation Association clubhouse, 1597 Tibbettstown Road, Columbia, registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

TOWN HALL MEETING, former Maine Senate President Troy Jackson, East Machias Municipal Building, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ANNUAL SMELT FRY, Wreaths Across America gymnasium, Columbia Falls, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FILM SCREENING, From Stump to Ship, 1930s logging film, Lubec Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church parish hall, 5 p.m.

AMPHIBIAN WALK to check out spring amphibians, meet at end of driveway at 857 Leighton Point Road, Pembroke, 8 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY – APRIL 27**

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE, Cobscook Institute, Trescott, 12 to 2 p.m.

PRESENTATION on "The History of the Passamaquoddy Wax Cylinder Recordings" with Dwayne Tomah, Baileyville Community Connections, 2 to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON PRO-GRAMS, mapmaker Jane Crosen on her new Coastwise edition of *Colby's 1881 Atlas of Washington County*, Eastport Arts Center, 3 p.m.

FILM SCREENING, St. Andrews Film Society, *We Live in Time*, W.C. O'Neill Arena theatre, 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY - APRIL 28

CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION.

AOS 77 BUDGET VOTE, third public vote, Pembroke Elementary School, 6 p.m.

#### TUESDAY – APRIL 29

PROGRAM on the life of General Benjamin Lincoln, Lincoln Memorial

Public Library, Dennysville, 6:30 p.m.

#### MAY 2 THROUGH 4

PRESENTATION, Stage East presents *The Brothers Grimm Spectacula-thon*, Eastport Arts Center, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m.

#### FRIDAY - MAY 2

FIRST FRIDAY TEA, Lincoln Memorial Public Library, Dennysville, 3 p.m.

#### SATURDAY - MAY 3

PUBLIC BREAKFAST, Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church parish hall, 7 to 9 a.m.

EASTPORT CLEANUP, meet at city hall, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

JANE'S WALK, Eastport's central neighborhood, meet at StudioWorks, 48 Water Street, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SEED-SAVING PRESENTATION with Paula Kovecses of TWIG LLC for the future seed exchange library to be launched, Peavey Memorial Library, Eastport, 1 to 3 p.m.

ILLUSTRATED TALK on of new park trail, with Stephen Smart of Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Lubec Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY - MAY 4**

SPRING CRAFT FAIR, Shead High School, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **MONDAY – MAY 5**

CINCO DE MAYO.

PRESENTATION, "Houses of Calais," St. Croix Historical Society, the Holmestead, 527 Main Street, Calais, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY – MAY 6

COMMUNITY DINNER, Shead High School gymnasium, 5 to 8 p.m.

#### MAY 9 THROUGH 11

PRESENTATION, Stage East presents *The Brothers Grimm Spectacula-thon*, Eastport Arts Center, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m.

#### FRIDAY – MAY 9

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING of film *Israelism*, Cobscook Institute, Trescott, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 11

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#### Stage East to present fairy tale comedy

Stage East is hard at work on their latest theatrical offering, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, a wild and silly comedy by Don Zolidis.

Performances will be given on Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4, and Friday, May 9, through Sunday, May 11. On Fridays and Saturdays performances start at 7 p.m. and on Sundays matinees start at 3 p.m.

The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine all 209

Grimm stories, ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella and Hansel and Gretel to more bizarre, obscure stories like Lean Lisa and Faithful Johannes. The freeform comedy offers audience participation and madcap fun.

Tickets are available via the EAC site and are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students ages 17 and under. "Support EAC" tickets for \$25 help the arts center sustain its slate of programming for all. Tickets will also be available at the door, starting 30 minutes prior to each performance.

#### **Quoddy Voices to present spring concerts**

Quoddy Voices, the Eastport-based international community chorus, will present spring concerts on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m. Titled "May We? Mais Oui!," the program features music for chorus and four-hand piano. The director is Gene Nichols, and accompanists are Lee Downing and Jane Lanctot.

Featured works are the "Liebeslieder Waltzes" by Johannes Brahms, and "The Birth of Liberty" by John Akins, which celebrates the battle of the *Margaretta*,

the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War. Also included is a piece by Quoddy Voices' founding director John Newell. Rounding out the program are selections including doo-wop, classic rock, disco and Mozart.

Tickets for the Quoddy Voices concerts are \$15; attendees 17 and under will be admitted free of charge; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets may be purchased via the EAC site, or at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to each performance.



MANY TURNED OUT for a reception on April 12 to see the annual student art exhibition at the Eastport Arts Center, including many student artists, art teachers and family members. The exhibition will remain on view through May 11 in the Washington Street Gallery, which is open during EAC events or by chance or appointment. School groups wishing to view the show may email view the show may email



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# Library Notes

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Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood The Ghosts of Rome by Joseph O'Connor The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry Matriarch by Tina Knowles The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian Slowspoke: a Unicyclist's Guide to

America by Mark Schimmoeller
Angels by the River by James Gustave
Speth

Josephine Baker's Last Dance by Sherry Jones

My Name Is Red by Orhan Pamuk
Paris Undercover by Matthew Goodman
Strangers in Time by David Baldacci
Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks
World's Fair Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini
Dream State by Eric Puchner
The Summer Guests by Tess Gerritsen
Over Kill by J.A. Jance
Shadow of the Solstice by Anne Hillerman

# County atlas topic of final Sunday talk

The Eastport Arts Center's annual winter Sunday series finale is a presentation by editor, mapmaker and author Jane Crosen on her newly arranged Coastwise edition of Colby's 1881 Atlas of Washington County on April 27 at 3 p.m. Keeping Colby's maps in print in a more userfriendly format, Crosen's edition groups them geographically, accompanied by period photos of Washington County's towns during the age of sail. Crosen has also added an index correlating historic place names with their current ones. The new edition also includes a sidebar on the Passamaquoddy heritage found in many place names.

# Cobscook Institute to screen Israelism

A free documentary screening of the film *Israelism* will take place on Friday, May 9, at 5 p.m. at the Cobscook Institute in Trescott. The film's website states, "When two young American Jews raised to unconditionally love Israel witness the brutal way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take sharp left turns. They join a movement of young American Jews battling the old guard to redefine Judaism's relationship with Israel, revealing a deepening generational divide over modern Jewish identity."

Snacks and print resources will be available. Registration is required through Kinema. Visit <kinema.com> and search for *Israelism*. The screening will be hosted by Molana Oei of Lubec. For questions about reservations and screening, please call 1-207-904-9313.

# Film group set to screen The Outrun

The St. Andrews Film Society will present a screening of the drama *The Outrun* at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 11, at the W.C. O'Neill Arena theatre. May 12 through May 18 is Mental Health Awareness Week, and this film is offered in partnership with the local Mental Wellness Committee. This powerful and moving film featuring Saoirse Ronan is about a young woman struggling with alcoholism and was filmed in Orkney, off the northern coast of Scotland. There will be a discussion to follow for those interested. All are welcome. The suggested donation is \$5 or \$4 for members.



A MALE NORTHERN HARRIER surveys the fields and rocks of Lubec. This bird of prey is a migratory species with a winter range stretching from the southern United States down to northern South America. (John K. Delaney photo)



# **QUODDY ART CURRENTS**

# The art of stone walls by Michael Morse

Among the topographical features of rural Maine and all over New England are stone walls. These walls, running through fields, along roads and even through the woods, have always caught my imagination. My wife shares my fascination with stone walls and years ago gave me the book titled *Good Fences – A Pictorial His*tory of New England's Stone Walls by William Hubbell. In his introduction he answers the question: "What is it about stone walls that can pique such curiosity? They are monuments to tenacity and the New England work ethic. They are folk art of great majesty. They bring order and purpose to the New England landscape."

Most of these walls were not built by specialists in the trade. They were probably built by the landowners committed to a task. They were not "artists," but they did create art and at the same time left a sense of history about the place and the people.

Two houses that I have owned in the past have had stone walls on the property. These walls appeared to be far older than the houses. Several of the walls seemed to be boundary markers and their purpose obvious. But there were others that seemed to head off through the woods as if they had some place to go. In one case our property was once part of a large farm, and my guess is that the woodland was either second or third generation growth in what was a large field. Following the wall through the woods seemed like chasing history. I often wondered how in the world the large stones in the wall were ever moved by hand and horse. This is part of a stone wall's mystique.

In practical terms, stone walls fall into two different categories based how they were built. Masonry stone walls are more of an architectural feature that includes cut or shaped stone held together with mortar. They can be used in a structure or

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www.easternmaineimages.com 207-853-0727 in landscaping and require the expertise of stone masons. Although some masonry stone walls are ancient, they are not nearly as old as dry-stacked walls.

Dry-stacked walls are just as their name suggests, walls that are built with whatever stones were at hand and most often constructed by the landowner. These are the stone walls most often seen along the countryside. These walls were built with an incredible amount of time, and in many cases these walls were generational, with grandfathers, fathers and sons building and maintaining this ancient method of creating boundaries.

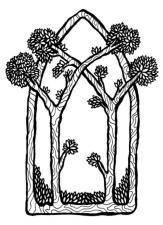
Within the category of dry-stacked walls, the two most common to this area are single-stacked walls, or farmer's walls, and double-stacked walls. Building a single-stacked wall was easiest and most common. The builder would make a line using the largest rocks first and then progressively add smaller rocks, growing the

wall in height. This made even more sense when you consider the rocks had to lifted up to be set in place.

A double-stacked wall, sometimes called a double-faced wall, is considerably wider and made up of two parallel rows of large, stacked stones with a filling of a variety of materials in between the stacks. Many single-stacked walls over time could become double stacked as deep winter frost drove up more rocks in the fields. Years later the filling between two stacks could often yield treasures of the past like old iron plows, damaged wagon wheels and old machine parts. I have sometimes found some of these rusty treasures and even the occasional antique bottle in stone walls.

Stone walls have beauty all their own and often a sense of a mysterious past. Take the time to appreciate their order and purpose the next time you come across one.

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Rhett's last words 13. Nelson Mandela's org. 14. Mysterious flying object 15. Check recipient 16. Evidence

collectors in a TV show 17. Brief moment, abbr.

18. Moby Dick was set in this island 21. French port on Mediterranean 23. Nautical

response, 2 words 24. Pull apart

roughly, 2 words 28. AARP member, abbr.

29. Expression of surprise 30. Knocked out cold

34. Hired killer (sl.)

37. Thoroughly confuses

39. Rocky, for example - 2 words

42. The Heart Lonely Hunter – two words

43. Inherited characteristic

47. Solitary 48. "C'\_\_ la vie!" 49. "Who's there?" reply

50. Metric wts., abbr.

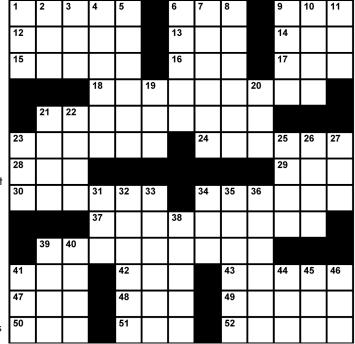
51. Reuben bread 52. TV channel that shows

the House proceedings

**DOWN** 

1. Navigation aid

# Tides Crossword



2. Act passed to protect rights 27. Two thousand pounds of people with disabilities

3. Small island

4. Supreme Egyptian god - 2 words

5. Not quite comfortable

6. Desert flora 7. Verbal jab

41. Feel under the weather 8. Frozen water spike

9. Get mad quietly

10. "What \_\_\_\_?" 2 words 11. Charged particle

19. Born as, for married

woman

20. Mauna

(Hawaiian volcano)

21. Talking bird from Asia

22. Ethereal

23. Make inquiry

25. Ancient empire's

capital

26. Cries of discovery

31. Choose freely

32. More slippery, like

a fish

33. Suited for formal occasions

34. UN org concerned with labor interests, abbr.

35. Boston team member

36. Applies forcefully

38. Talk idly 39. Light metallic sound

40. Martinique et

Guadeloupe, for example

41. Fine, informally,

2 words

44. Cleopatra's snake

45. The Monkees' Believer" - 2 words

46. Popular Downing St. address number

Answers on page 8

#### Storyteller project receives major grant

The Downeast Storytellers project of the Eastport Arts Center has been celebrated as a noteworthy program by the Maine Humanities Council, which recently awarded the initiative a major grant. The project, presented through a partnership with The Quoddy Tides and the Sipayik Museum, was one of 12 projects selected from across the state for the award. To be held at the EAC from June through October, the series will include both professional and amateur storytellers as well as workshops.

"I'm so excited that the council has acknowledged this project with a major award," says Paula Horvath, the coordinator of Downeast Storytellers. "We have such an entertaining slate of events scheduled for this year."

The series has scheduled a pair of StorySlams on June 21 and October 18 in which amateur storytellers will be invited to vie for \$600 in cash prizes. The slams will be hosted by local storyteller Brian Giles, who will also present a workshop.

Native storyteller Leland Faulkner, an internationally known storyteller and award-winning film maker, will be featured on July 19. He uses storytelling, mime and magic to create memorable tales. Faulkner will also lead a workshop.

Jackson Gillman will appear on August

23. Gillman incorporates song, stories, comedy, dance, mime and sign language into his performances. A member of the distinguished Circle of Excellence of the National Storytelling Network, Gillman has appeared on stages internationally and won numerous awards.

Sullivan-based storyteller Hawk Henries will appear September 20. Henries is a member of the Chaubunagungamaug band of Nipmuck, a people indigenous to what is now southern New England. A maker of traditional flutes, he combines music and storytelling in his performances.

"I love that all these performances include not just the telling of personal tales. but also other performance techniques such as mime and music," Horvath says. "All three of these tellers are amazing art-

To help inspire more local people to contribute their own stories, Downeast Storytellers is planning several workshops. Planners are also considering launching a regular storytelling get-to-

Dwayne Tomah, director of the Sipayik Museum, says the entire project is important. "They're important because stories bond us. We have a lot more in common than we have differences, and stories give us a way to know one another."

#### Arts center offers monoprints workshop

The Eastport Arts Center will offer a "Gelli Print Play Day," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, with Jen Maffett. This "everything but the kitchen sink" session will use everyday objects to create monoprints. All materials are included; ages 12 and up are welcome; students eight and up may attend with an adult helper.

Eastport Gallery artist Jen Maffett works in a variety of mediums. Making monoprints with found objects is particularly satisfying and always has unexpected but often rewarding results.

Fees are \$20/person or for a team of adult and child. The session has been sup-

ported by the Belvedere Traditional Handcrafts Downeast Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. Space is limited and registration, by email to <workshops@ eastportartscenter.org> or via the EAC site, is requested.

Other upcoming opportunities include Zentangle: A Mindful Drawing Practice with Ann Cannizzaro, Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and a three-part piano workshop with Danny Holt on Saturdays, May 3, 10 and 17, from 2 to 4

Details and registration may be accessed at <eastportartscenter.org/workshops-

# Local food pantries list hours

The food pantries that are open on the same day every week are only listed on that first date.

#### **MONDAY - APRIL 28**

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY, 853-2600, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, former transition house, Pleasant Point, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MACHIAS AREA FOOD PANTRY, 259-6044, Mondays, 43 Kennebec

Road, Machias, 1 to 6 p.m. CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Mondays, 513 Main Street, 3 to 5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY – APRIL 29

GRAND MANAN FOOD BANK, 662-3323, Tuesdays, Pentecostal Assembly, 1 to 3 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY, 853-2600, Wednesdays, Pleasant Point, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MACHIAS AREA FOOD PANTRY, 259-6044, Wednesdays, 43 Kennebec Road, Machias, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. DEER ISLAND SAFETY NET

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#### THURSDAY - MAY 1

WOODLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, first and fourth Thursdays, 55 Broadway, 9 to 11 a.m.

CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Thursdays, 513 Main Street, 10 a.m. to noon. CAMPOBELLO FOOD BANK, Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY - MAY 2

CAMPOBELLO FOOD BANK, Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

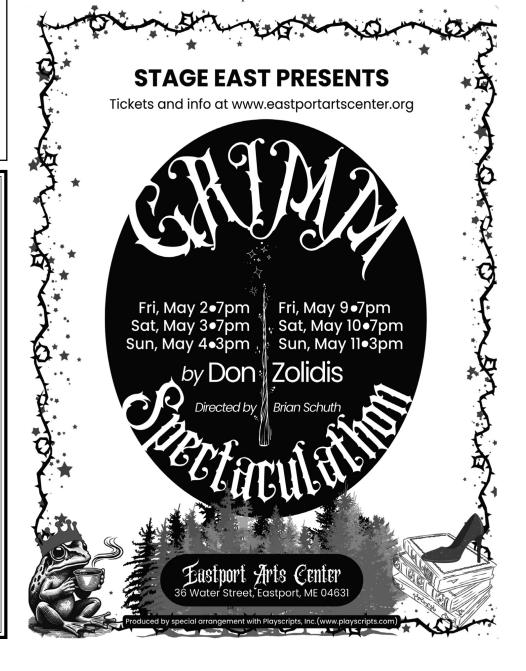
CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Fridays, 513 Main Street, 1 to 3 p.m.

GRAND MANAN FOOD BANK, Fridays, Pentecostal Assembly, 1 to 3

GARRAPY FOOD PANTRY, Fridays, Eastport, regular food distribution, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY - MAY 10

LUBEC COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, second Saturdays, 44 South Street, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.



#### Ashby wins Boston Marathon age group

#### by Edward French

Former Eastporter Robert Ashby was the winner of his age group in this year's Boston Marathon on April 21. Ashby, who now lives in Brunswick, posted a time of 2:43:19, the fastest in the 55–59 age range.

"I have run faster marathons in the past



ROBERT ASHBY won his age group in the Boston Marathon on April 21.

few years, but it is all about the day," says Ashby, who last April won the same age grouping in the London Marathon with a time of 2:38:29. Then last fall he was invited to the world marathon championships at the Sydney Marathon in Sydney, Australia, where he won a world title in the 55–59 group. He notes that he had his best time for a marathon, 2:31:17, when he was in his late 20s.

The former Shead High School cross-country standout who has run over 100 marathons says he's not sure how many times he's competed in the Boston race, which is one of the most prestigious marathons in the world, but he believes it's probably a dozen or so. "I ran my first Boston back in 1990. I was a lot faster than I am now," he says. "I feel very fortunate to be healthy and able to do the amount of training that it takes to run marathons."

There were 28,774 runners in this year's Boston Marathon, with 1,676 in his age group. The men's winner was John Korir of Kenya with a time of 2:04:45, which was the fastest winning time since 2011. The women's winner was Sharon Lokedi of Kenya, who shattered the women's course record by 2 minutes, with a time of 2:17:22.



CELEBRATING THEIR VICTORY in the Eastern Washington County Athletic League Championships are Pembroke Eagles (left to right) Delanna Smith, Kendall Clement, Kaydence Bulmer, Lelia Trask, coach Kaylee Knight, Calli Grey, Danicka Painter, Hailey Brown and Darby-Ann Downes following a game against Perry on April 15. (Kimberly Knight photo)

#### Pembroke, Eastport win junior high titles

#### by Craig Cushing

The junior high basketball championship games for the Eastern Washington County Athletic League were held on Tuesday, April 17, at Shead High School, with Pembroke playing against Perry for the girls championship and Eastport and Sipayik vying for the boys title. Both games were very intense, with a large crowd from the communities at the games.

The opening girls game, Perry Mustangs versus Pembroke Eagles, was a nail-biter, with both teams getting the lead multiple times. The final score for the junior high girls championship game was 29-24, with Pembroke pulling away for the win.

For the boys game, Eastport Panthers versus Sipayik Thunderbirds, the Panthers were going into this game with confidence because of their previous wins against the Thunderbirds. Starting the game, the Panthers took the lead quickly, getting 17

points and playing great defense against the Thunderbirds, letting them only score 7 points. But once the second quarter began the Panthers slowed down and the Thunderbirds started heating up, outscoring them, getting 11 points while the Panthers got 8 points. For the first half the score was close, with a 25-18 game with the Panthers leading. Starting the third quarter, the Thunderbirds kept up the good work and beat the Panthers by 3 points with a score of 8-5. Going into the fourth quarter the score was 30-26 with a lead by the Panthers. The game had so much energy with all of the fans and players really into the contest. The Panthers started to let up, allowing the Thunderbirds to get some quick buckets with a score in the fourth quarter of 14-11. Even though the Thunderbirds beat the Panthers in the final quarter, the Panthers won the championship by 1 point, with a score of 41-40.



THE EASTPORT PANTHERS won the boys title in the Eastern Washington County Athletic League Championships on April 15. Shown are: (front row) Grayson Candelmo, Mason Pencek, Jackson York; (back row) coach Walter Cummings, Torin Barnes, Wyatt Beers, Silas Socobasin and Harrison Newcomb. Missing is Octavius Howze.



#### **Robins**

#### by Fred Gralenski

Who hasn't seen a robin this year? I'm sick of the snow and cold and everything else that comes with winter, and the robins are the best symbol of spring. The male robins are the most common type here now, and every time I see one I cheer him on and tell him what a good job he is doing.

The American robin is the largest member of the thrush family. It approaches the wood thrush in form, being less slender than the other thrushes. The adult male in breeding plumage has a black head with some white spots and a white-striped chin, and its breast is a tawny reddish color. Before the coming of the Pilgrims, the robin was a forest bird. When the Europeans came and cut much of the forests for fields to raise their cattle and other animals, the robins adapted to the wide expanses of the lawns and other open areas and have become one of the most abundant and familiar birds in America.

We have a couple of small shelves on our barn underneath the roof overhang that I put up just for birds, and the robins do use them. The birds never get too friendly but have never been scared off. I'm not sure if the same birds come back every year, but I do have opportunities to see their lifestyle. I remember one year when there were a lot of the big ants around, and the robins liked to bring them to their youngsters. They would often bring as much as four or five ants at a time. How could a robin pick up a second or third or fourth ant without dropping the previous ant or ants? These birds may have tiny brains but can outsmart me.

Robins don't automatically migrate south with the coming of cold weather. They are driven by the available food, and if enough small apples or other types of fruit are around they will stay. This year there seemed to be quite a lot of open areas shortly after any snowfall, and I continuously saw many robins all winter. I don't know what they were foraging for in the grassy fields and lawns, but all of the robins looked healthy.

And finally, from Emily Dickinson: "If I can stop one heart from breaking I shall not live in vain
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Or help one fainting robin
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#### **CABINET EYES (from page 1)**

mier responded to a query from Progressive Conservative MLA Kathy Bockus, whose Saint Croix riding includes Campobello Island. The premier did not say who extended the invitation, but Bockus said that the proposed trip "might give you some food for thought" on the need for better ferry service for Campobello Island.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Chuck Chiasson said at a committee meeting in Fredericton on April 3 that he spoke to Campobello Mayor Harvey Matthews at a Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick meeting where the minister offered to go to the island to discuss tariffs, ferries and other issues facing people on this bit of New Brunswick off the coast of

Matthews is saying little. "I'm not commenting at the moment about anything to do with ferries," he wrote in a text mes-

Chiasson, responding to questions from Progressive Conservative Opposition critic Bill Oliver on April 3, stated that he directed his staff to look for ways to get the privately-run seasonal ferry linking Campobello to Deer Island "up and running as soon as possible." East Coast Ferries runs this service, usually from mid June until some time in September, although it was extended when Canada and the United States imposed restrictions at the border due to the pandemic. The Campobello-Deer Island summer ferry does offer an alternative way for Campobello Island residents to get to the Canadian mainland without crossing the international bridge to Lubec, then driving to Calais to cross the St. Croix River to St. Stephen.

A round-trip by road means crossing the border four times, which can be an expensive proposition in this time of tariffs and counter tariffs. On April 8, federal Finance Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne announced relief from Canada's counter-tariffs for Campobello residents, allowing them to continue buying groceries, gasoline and other necessities in nearby Maine. Oliver argued in favour of "a little bit of a subsidy" for the seasonal ferry, stating that the round-trip fare adds up to \$54. Grand Manan residents get a break on ferry prices, and there are no fares on the Deer Island ferry to the mainland, he said.

East Coast Ferries has since announced that it will begin its seasonal Deer Island-Campobello ferry service on Thursday, May 1.

#### Year-round ferry eyed

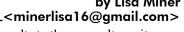
Chiasson said at the April 3 committee meeting that he had also directed staff to look into possibilities for a year-round ferry running between Campobello Island and the New Brunswick mainland. "And I can tell you that our premier has also been weighing in on this because of the constitutional right of the people of Campobello have to access to the rest of Canada," Chiasson said, adding that Holt "has raised it on numerous occasions with the federal government, their responsibility vis-á-vis assuring the people of Campobello access to the mainland."

"I will entertain those discussions again with the mayor. Staff is looking at how we can facilitate a year-round service, and the premier continues to speak with the federal government about their responsibility as it pertains to connecting those people to the mainland," the minister said.

Oliver said that a year-round ferry service would divert traffic from the bridge to Lubec which would, in turn, reduce maintenance costs on the structure built in 1962. He contended that could help offset the annual cost of a ferry service, which he placed at \$2 million a year, citing a 2019 study.

"A ferry would boost economic resilience. Residents currently face challenges like U.S. border restrictions and tariffs. The year-round ferry would provide a direct connection to mainland New Brunswick, bypassing the need for residents to travel through Maine by the bridge. By shifting the primary travel burden to a ferry, dependence on the bridge and its associated logistical and economic pressures could meaningfully decrease, likely easing the long-term financial strains of keeping it operational," he said.

A year-round ferry for Campobello Island is an issue - or maybe a non-issue in the federal election campaign in the Saint John-St. Croix riding. The four contenders who took part in the all-candidates event in St. Stephen agreed that the Canadian government should help pay for a ferry linking Campobello Island to the rest of the country.



#### DEER ISLAND **BENEFIT CONCERT**

A benefit concert for Nathan McNeill, who was critically injured in a snowmobile accident, raised close to \$6,000. He is currently a resident at the Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation in Fredericton.

#### **FERRY NEWS**

The Campobello ferry will start its regular run on Thursday, May 1, leaving Deer Island on the half hour from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily, weather permitting

The Abnaki has been out of service for a couple of weeks now, and the John E. *Rigby* is running on its schedule. No date has been set yet for a return to service.

The Fundy Trail, owned by East Coast Ferries, will be at Grand Manan to deliver

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salmon smolts to the aquaculture sites.

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

An Easter egg hunt was held at Bayview Christian Camp on Saturday, April 19, with over 70 children in attendance.

#### **LOBSTER FISHING**

Lobster fishing has started again, and the price is between \$12 and \$15 a pound.

#### **AROUND AND ABOUT**

Ocean View Takeout had a very successful opening weekend. They were closed Sunday but will resume regular weekend hours until they extend in June.

The local chamber of commerce had its first regular meeting to begin summer planning.

## Volleyball team plays last home game

#### by Shylyn Smart

Volleyball season at Campobello Island Consolidated School (CICS) is nearly over, and their last home game is on Saturday, April 26. There are three seniors on the team, Eden Searles, Bree Williams and Cali Matheson, and this will be their rose game. They play at 12 noon against Samuel de Champlain at CICS. The winner for the volleyball team's camping basket will be drawn at the rose game.

Eden Searles was awarded with the Raymond Legere Excellence Award for

outstanding performance in sports. She was selected as one of the six studentathletes in the southern conference to receive this award.

The school store has been reopened in an attempt to reduce time spent in bathrooms and to give students an alternative place to go during break.

Tickets are available until the end of April from grades 4-6 students for their calendar draw. All profits will go to funding their trip to a ranch in Sussex. A winner will be drawn every day until May 1.



KICKING OFF a community cold-plunge day at Seal Cove wharf that brought in \$11,500 for the food bank is Kyle Mawer. (Arlene Benham photo)

#### COLD PLUNGE (from page 1)

the dark, on days when the air temperature hit -14°C, or wading into the creek behind his house in Seal Cove - even colder than the salt water. He posted his daily dips on Facebook and Instagram.

About 14 days in, he decided to turn the challenge into a fundraiser for the island food bank, which he knew was "superimportant locally." "It could've been a public relations disaster" for food bank directors, Mawer laughs, "some random guy in a Speedo," but they agreed.

He started a campaign on GoFundMe with a goal of \$5,000, which he thought would be "at least a good effort" and food bank co-director Michelle Kropiniski thought "was pretty brave." It can be hard to follow through with resolutions, Mawer says, but having a fundraiser made it easier. Some may have thought he wouldn't make it, he acknowledges, but "it's just discipline; there's no talent. It's 100% mental." The cold-water shock decreases as one gets used to it. "People are going through a lot worse than that in their lives," he says. "It's just discomfort."

The campaign reached \$5,000 on day 35. He upped his goal to \$10,000 and was soon joined by friends, children and his cat Stripey, who calmly floated in the creek in a "pirate ship" plastic tub. Mawer and a fellow fisherman jumped in one day in full gear - boots, oilclothes and all. Water temperatures have ranged from 0.5°C in the creek, to just under 5°C in the harbour. Mawer adds that seawater seems almost warm on those minus-14 days. He says it brings a whole-body energy surge that lasts for hours and is a great way to de-stress and forget one's worries.

Mawer swam at St. George, Lake Utopia, St. Stephen and Killarney Lake near Fredericton. In Maine, he did two dips at Pocomoonshine Lake and one off the Eastport wharf, where he was unable to recruit any fishermen to take video, although they watched, a little skeptical about this crazy stranger.

A group of high-school students raised \$1,000 with their British Columbia exchange counterparts. Internet and media attention grew. The GoFundMe blew past \$10,000, then \$20,000.

On April 4, Mawer partnered with Benson Lobster, inviting the community to jump off the Seal Cove wharf with him on a "Tarzan swing" rigged on Benson's barge. The Bensons pledged \$100 for each jumper. Caleb Benson says, "Action Ministries is a great organization; they help so



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many people with not just food but travel [expenses]." Action Ministries volunteers helped organize; others brought food, coffee and audio equipment. Mawer was "shocked" at the turnout: a crowd of perhaps 200 people, with 113 jumpers ages 4 to 74. "It's almost a blur," he says, but "everybody knew they were there to raise money. It's one of the most exciting days the island has had in April," and "one of the coolest days of my life." Benson Lobster donated \$11,500.

Mayor Bonnie Morse calls it "an incredible effort. I think he's really captured everybody's attention. Any time you can convince 113 people to jump off a wharf in April, you have the spirit of the community behind you."

Mawer's plunges culminated on day 100, April 10, when a small but enthusiastic crowd – including his mother – joined him on Seal Cove beach for a final dip. Volunteers provided hot food and cake.

As of April 20, the total raised between GoFundMe and direct donations was \$44,096. Kropiniski describes the effort as "astronomical and far beyond expectations. His creativity encouraged the community to take the plunge into caring for one another." She points out that the food bank's services are not always visible, but Mawer raised awareness. It's been encouraging for volunteers and clients and has brought in more donations at a time of year when they are typically lower. Food bank demand grew 25% last year, and Mawer's campaign raised half of Action Ministries' share of annual costs.

MLA Ian Lee came for day 100 and gave Mawer a certificate of appreciation. He says, "It's great to see the community spirit."

"I may have started it, but it took the whole community to make it what it was," Mawer says. "I couldn't ask for a better result!" He points out that many donors may be people whose own wages or pensions don't keep pace with expenses and taxes and he appreciates their sacrifices.

Mawer's nickname "Drifter" comes from his adventures. This winter he turned down an opportunity for ice-road trucking in order to finish the 100 days, knowing that "when I look back in old age I can say I did something meaningful." He'll continue his cold plunges, just not so public-

Donations may still be made to Action Ministries through <action.ministries@ outlook.com>.

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#### **DEATH NOTICES**

Paul Burdett Butler, 85, of Pennfield passed away at Ridgewood Veterans Wing, Saint John, on April 11, 2025. He was born in Lubec on July 29, 1939, a son of the late Arthur and Phyllis Butler. His funeral service was held at the St. George Funeral Home on April 17. Interment will be held at the Fairhaven Community Cemetery, Calder's Head, Deer Island, at a later date

Claudette Elizabeth Marie Campbell passed away at the Grand Manan Nursing Home on April 8, 2025. She was born in 1958, the daughter of Joan and the late Claude Berry. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Church of the Ascension, North Head, Grand Manan.

Wayne Wallace Jordan Clifford, 80, of Grand Manan passed away on April 15, 2025. He was born in Toronto on May 10, 1944, son of Wallace Jordan and Helen Watson. A Celebration of Life will be held on Grand Manan and in Kingston, Ontario.

**Edna M. Ferson**, 95, passed away at the Calais Community Hospital on March 30, 2025. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Restlawn Cemetery in Perry.

Stephen Owen Green, 81, of Utopia passed away on April 13, 2025, at Bobby's Hospice, Saint John. He was born on Grand Manan on May 2, 1943, a son of the late Odley and Mary (Hibsman) Green. A graveside service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Grand Manan, at a later date

William Tracy Jr., 70, of Eastport passed away on April 24, 2025, at his home. He was born in St. Stephen on March 31, 1955, son of William and Lillian Tracy. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

The next issue of The Quoddy Tides will be published Friday, 9.

#### THOMAS FRANCIS SEXTON

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA – Former Alaska Poet Laureate Thomas (Tom) Francis Sexton, 84, passed away at home in Anchorage with his wife by his side on March 12, 2025, from heart failure. He was born on July 20, 1940, in Lowell, Mass., to Raymond J. Sexton and Harriet Ouinn Sexton.

He attended the Immaculate Concep-



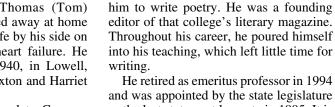
tion School and graduated from Lowell High School. In 1959 he joined the Army and was sent to Ft. Richardson. At the end of his service, he returned to Lowell and eventually made his way to

Northern Essex Community College, then Salem State College, now Salem State University, where he met his wife, Sharyn. After graduating in 1968, they married and drove north to Alaska, where Tom attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, earning a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing. After graduation he was offered a teaching position in the South-Central Regional Center, now UAA. He was one of six professors in 1970. He began the creative writing program, then launched Raven Magazine. In 1976 he took a sabbatical leave and was accepted into the University of New Mexico's Art History PhD program, studying under renowned "Father of Photography" Beaumont Newhall.

Returning to Alaska, he created a history of photography class, which he taught for several years, and wrote several articles for *Alaska Magazine* about the history of photography in Alaska. He loved taking photographs. In 1976 he received an honorable mention in the annual All-Alaska Juried Exhibition for Artists and Craftsmen, and his photo "Juneau Cold Storage" was purchased by the Alaska State Museum in Juneau.

He was a founding editor of Alaska Quarterly Review.

His real love was poetry. At Northern



He retired as emeritus professor in 1994 and was appointed by the state legislature as the last state poet laureate in 1995. It is now state writer laureate. He and Sharyn traveled to the coast of Maine for a year, and he began writing in earnest, publishing 16 books of poetry over the next 30 years. His poetry has also appeared in many journals and anthologies.

Essex he met a teacher who encouraged

In 2002, he was named distinguished alumni at Northern Essex Community College. He was honored as a distinguished alumnus at Lowell High School in 2006. In 2012, the Alaska Chamber Singers commissioned Minnesota composer Libby Larsen to compose a piece in honor of their 25th anniversary. Director David Hagen sent her different texts, and she chose five of Tom's poems to set to her composition. In 2013, UAA awarded Tom an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Poems in Place, poems by Alaskan poets on signs in Alaska's state parks, chose his poem "Independence Mine, August," placed at Independence Mines Historical Park in 2014. He was writer in residence in Denali National Park in 2014.

Summers found Tom in his greenhouse, worrying over his tomatoes. For 10 years, they spent many weekends and winter breaks in their cabin near Hurricane, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. He loved the Boston Celtics and all things Irish

Having fallen in love with the coast of Maine, Tom and Sharyn purchased a home in Eastport, where they spent every other winter until 2023. They drove across Canada, first with their airedale, Maisey, then their Irish terrier, Murphy. Winters there were very quiet. Tom loved walking the nearly empty streets, visiting the old cemetery, sampling apples from the old apple trees.

Tom was predeceased by his parents; his airedale, Maisey; and his Irish terrier, Murphy. He is survived by his wife, Sharyn; his sister, Rayeanne King; nieces, Alison King and Kim Schilpp, all of Massachusetts; and numerous cousins.

At his request there are no services. His ashes will be interred in the Fort Richardson National Cemetery. A celebration of his life will be on his birthday on July 20.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Friends of Pets or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Janssen Funeral Home.



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#### **CAROLYN MAE WRIGHT**

LUBEC – Carolyn Mae Wright, a beacon of determination, resilience and spit-fire spirit, passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at the age of 82. Born in East-port on May 20, 1942, to Seymour and Florence (Mills) Brown, Carolyn was a woman of grit who faced life's challenges head-on, including a brave battle with cancer. She lived a fulfilling life that was marked by her hard work, devotion to family and an enduring sense of duty towards her community.

For 42 inspiring years, Carolyn served



at Oceanview Nursing Home in Lubec, where she worked as a certified nursing assistant (CNA). She poured her heart and soul into her profession, training hundreds of CNAs and inspiring three of

her granddaughters to become registered nurses and one granddaughter to become a medical assistant. Her commitment to her work was as admirable as her love for her family. Carolyn's home was a sanctuary of love, order and care, mirroring her dedication to both her professional and personal life. Family was the cornerstone of Carolyn's existence, and her joy was in providing for them.

A homebody at heart, Carolyn seldom traveled far. When she did, she was often found in the passenger seat of her daughter Darlene's car, on their way to their Saturday shopping excursions. She derived immense pleasure from buying things for her loved ones, a testament to her generous spirit.

A voracious reader and an avid word game enthusiast, Carolyn found joy in the simplest of things. She was the matriarch of her clan; her word was law, and her home was the epicenter of family gatherings. Carolyn's tell-it-like-it-is nature and sassy spirit will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She was a woman of substance who was never afraid to speak her mind, and she made sure her granddaughters inherited her spunk, teaching them well.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Russell Wright Sr.; an infant sister, Cindy; an infant son, Larry Scott; and a grandson, Shane.

Surviving are her children, Russell Wright and wife Joyce of Lubec, Darlene Wright and husband Craig Fletcher of Lubec, Roger Wright of Lubec, Ricky Wright and wife Tammy of Lubec and Randy Wright and wife Becky of East Machias; grandchildren, Justin Wright, Roger Lee Wright, Jordan (Heather) Wright, Alisha (Joe) Tafelski, Jeremy (Kristy) Wright, Caitlin Brown, Krista (Jeffrey) Wright, Kirsti (Stephen) Simmons and Stephanie (John) Reed; 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gary (Sue) Brown of Winchendon, Mass.

A private burial will take place in the Olson Cemetery, Lubec. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carolyn's memory may be made to Down East Community Hospital, 11 Hospital Drive, Machias, ME 04654, for their hospice room.

Arrangements are being managed by Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Please share your memories, condolences and photos on Carolyn's memorial page at <www.MaysFuneral Home.com>.

Your stories and pictures will keep Carolyn's spirit alive and serve as a testament to her incredible life. Her legacy will be remembered with love and honor through your shared experiences.



## **Ohituaries**

#### NANCY (KINNEY) JOHNSON

PERRY – Nancy (Kinney) Johnson, 67, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by family on April 16, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on January 30, 1958, in



Waite, one of 15 children to Marshall and Alice (Renaud) Kinney. She spent her early years in Charlotte, later moving with her parents and siblings to the family farm in Perry.

She attended local schools,

graduating from Shead Memorial High School in 1976 and marrying her husband Seth "Skip" Johnson shortly after. Together they raised three children and owned a business processing and selling seafood, first out of their home, then to local restaurants and markets throughout New England.

In later life she worked in home healthcare where she took great pride and commitment in the care of her patients, winning the Joyce Gagnon Memorial Award for excellence in long-term care in 2014.

She always enjoyed a good bet or wager, bingo, horse races, casino, any opportunity to defy the odds. She also spent many cherished hours and days in her vegetable gardens.

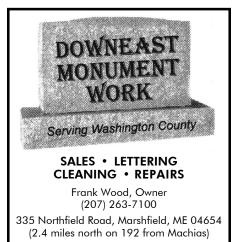
Above all else, family took priority. She spent her life taking care of her husband, children, grandchildren and finally greatgrandchildren. "Just get out of the way and I'll do it!"

She was predeceased by her parents, Marshall and Alice Kinney; an infant daughter, Bonnie Gail Johnson; one brother, James Kinney; and one sister, Betty (Kinney) Pottle.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Seth "Skip" Johnson of Perry; her children, Tracy (Randy) Brown of Dennysville, Stacy Johnson of Dennysville and Aaron (Julie) Johnson of Rockport. "Mammy," as she was affectionately known, is survived by eight grandchildren, Sierra Johnson (Tyler), Tasha Jarrett, Tyler Noyes (Tayla), Dustin Leighton (Alexis), Greg Jarrett, Kaci Leighton, Seth Johnson (Chloe), Lillian Johnson; and seven greatgrandchildren, Parker Jarrett, Bentley Brown, Hunter Brown, Charlotte Johnson, Charleigh Holzworth, Cameron Morrison and Lincoln Morrison. She is also survived by nine brothers and three sisters, many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins, whom she loved dearly.

The family would like to thank the hospice care providers and all who visited in her final weeks.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church, 9 Liberty Lane, Pembroke, on Saturday, May 3, at 2 p.m. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



#### JULIE ANN WASS BROMLEY

ELLSWORTH – Julie Ann Wass Bromley died peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family on April 12, 2025. Julie was born on April 27, 1936, to Emma White Wass and Lester Leighton Wass at Hurley Hospital in Ellsworth.

She grew up in Eastport and attended



high school at Gould Academy in Bethel. She developed a love for college sports while attending Michigan State University and later with her beloved Dr. William (Bill) C. Bromley attend-

ed the University of Michigan, where she graduated with a teaching degree. On December 27, 1955, Julie and Bill married in Eastport.

Julie taught school in Ellsworth, Surry, Lamoine and Cave Hill in Eastbrook, where she was the teaching principal. She never gave up on her students, nurturing in each and every one of them a love for reading and learning which they carried with them long after they left her classroom. She loved her students, and they loved her back.

She filled her life with athletic endeavors including cheerleading, fly-fishing, swimming, water-skiing, snow skiing, bowling, tennis and golf, ultimately scoring a hole-in-one at Belgrade Golf Course. Julie's daily walks kept her active well into her 80s. When she wasn't pursuing her own athletic adventure, she could be found supporting her children and grandchildren on the soccer field, basketball court, baseball field and musical/theatrical stage. She and Bill enjoyed attending the University of Maine hockey and women's basketball games.

Her love of gardening brought life and beauty into her home, filling every corner with vibrant colors and the delicate fragrance of freshly picked flowers.

Julie's unconditional love, gentle hand, unwavering dedication and compassion left a lasting imprint on everyone she met, offering endless comfort, strength and kindness.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bill Bromley; four children, Jane and spouse Brian Langley, Tom Bromley and spouse Janet, Steve Bromley and spouse Peg and Mary Ellen and spouse Scott Toothaker; cousins, nieces and nephews. Together with Bill, she has 15 grand-children and 15 great-grandchildren. Julie was predeceased by her brother, Gerald; sister-in-law, Carol; and brother-in-law, Bill.

The family thanks the wonderful staff at Birch Bay Safe Harbor for their loving care and the residents for their friendship.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. Condolences may be expressed at <www.jordanfernald.com>.

# CARDS OF THANKS AND OBITUARIES

Cards of Thanks and In Memoriams are charged at the rate of \$5.00 for 20 words or fewer, and 10 cents for each additional word. The charge for committal notices is \$7.50.

The Quoddy Tides charges a flat rate of \$35 for obituaries, plus \$5 for a photo. The newspaper reserves the right to edit obituaries for style and accuracy. If you would like to have an obituary in the newspaper, please inform the funeral home handling the arrangements. If a request is not made for placing an obituary, an abbreviated death notice will be published.

#### RENEE CHEVERIE

NORWALK, CONN. – On April 13, 2025, Renee Cheverie, 96, passed away peacefully in Norwalk, Conn., following a brief illness. Renee was born in Boston on November 4, 1928, to John and Annette Lamond, but from the age of 4 she was raised by her paternal aunt and uncle, Ada and Harvey Sylvia, on their farm along the Dennys River in Dennysville. Despite her young age, Renee acclimated beautifully to her new surroundings and went on to enjoy her early childhood years with Ada and Harvey and their three children, Deet, Nancy and Harvey Jr. or "Brother."

By middle school, Renee's passion for

#### JACK RIZZARI

SAUGUS, MASS. – Jack Rizzari, a beloved son, brother and friend, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2025, at the age of 77. His quirky sense of humor and love of friends and family will always be remembered.

Jack was born on July 12, 1947. He was



the cherished son of the late Salvatore and Carol (MacKenney) Rizzari. He grew up with great memories of spending his summers at the family home on Deer Island, which included time with his fa-

vorite Aunt Dinny and Uncle Buster. In later years, he enjoyed spending time in Eastport and leaves behind many friends there.

Jack graduated Lynnfield High School in 1965 and joined the Naval Reserves in 1966. He was stationed in South Weymouth, Mass., and was honorably discharged in 1968. Jack enjoyed working in the school systems, retiring from the Horace Mann School in Melrose, Mass., in 2018.

Jack was the eldest of nine children. He loved cars and drag racing, music and our family dogs Coffee and Tenny, which he brought home to the delight of his siblings, but not our father.

Jack's legacy is one of humor, kindness and unwavering support for those around him. He leaves behind a profound impact on his family, friends and community.

Jack is survived by his sister, Ellen Slavin of Ipswich, Mass.; Joseph (Barbara) of Vermont and Ecuador; Jean Jaynes of Lynnfield, Mass.; Joanne Rizzari of Danvers, Mass.; Laura Roberts of Salisbury Beach, Mass.; Robert Rizzari of Danvers, Mass.; Lisa Rizzari of Eliot; and Michael Rizzari of Beverly, Mass. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at a later date in Massachusetts and on Deer Island this summer, per his wishes. The family invites all who knew Jack to join them in remembering and honoring his life.

Jack Rizzari will be dearly missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those he touched.

Assisting Jack's family is the Morris Funeral Home of Ipswich. To send a letter of condolence to the Rizzari family please go to: <MorrisFH.com>.

#### **Card of Thanks**

The family of Rickey Jamieson would like to thank all who reached out at our time of loss. If you attended any of his services, prayed, sent cards, brought food over, donated to his two causes or just had kind thoughts, thank you.

Rickey's family

music began to emerge. She was especially fond of classic country music, and artists like Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline were a few of her favorites. During this period, Renee spent

countless hours listening to the "Grand

Ole Opry" on the radio while strumming her guitar and practicing her best yodel. She attended Dennysville High School, where she was a good student who demonstrated artistic talents.

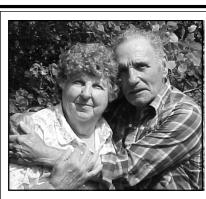


Renee was also a standout player on the girls basketball team.

Not long after graduation in 1945, Renee met Louis Cheverie while working at Louis' family's sardine factory. She and Louis married in the mid 1950s, thus beginning a union that would last nearly 60 years up until Louis' death in 2015. The prospect of a secure future brought the couple to Danbury, Conn., where Louis began a career with the telephone company. Renee was employed as a secretary, and together they shared many happy years living in Connecticut. Still, they never lost sight of their roots, both maintaining a deep affection for Downeast Maine. Fortunately, they loved to travel and made sure they visited their friends and family in the Eastport area frequently. Once back home, they would often join Nancy, Calvin and Nicole Sherrard (Johnson) on travel adventures to destinations like Foxwoods and similar locales.

Renee is survived by her half-sister, Ellen Lamond of Gloucester, Mass.; and first cousins, Nell Huggins of Stone Mountain and Christine Fountain of Lithia Springs, both in Georgia.

This summer, both Renee and Louis will be laid to rest in Eastport, after which a celebration of life will take place. The exact date and time of this celebration has yet to be determined.



#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of MAURICE "IKEY" DENBOW SR and LEONA MAE (LYONS) DENBOW

Together in heaven forever A Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes

filled with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Loved and forever missed!

#### **TOWN OF LUBEC Notice of Public Hearing**

**ATV Use on Town Roads** 

There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lubec Town Office to discuss ATV use on town roads.

#### **Help Wanted**

Ferry Crew/Captain

Captains and crew wanted for the Eastport-to-Lubec ferry 2025 season (June – September).

> Send resume/request application: 4master@downeastwindjammer.com

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES 2025 Shellfish License Sales

All shellfish harvester licenses go on sale on Friday, May 16, 2025. One conservation credit is required for a commercial li-

No nonresident licenses will be sold this year.

For a license application or more information please contact: Washington County UT

PO Box 297, Machias, ME 04654 (207) 255-8919 or supervisor@wcut.maine.gov

#### **CITY OF EASTPORT Police Department**

**Full-Time Police Officer** 

The City of Eastport is actively recruiting for full-time police officer. This position is fieldwork in carrying out general duty police work, which is inclusive of patrolling, along with the responsibility for the protection of life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances.

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and people-orientated. They will possess a strong community policing mindset to complement their law enforcement experience, training, and education. Preference will be given to academy-certified candidates (or waiver equivalent). Candidate is required to hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Eastport is the easternmost city in the continental United States. Eastport has plenty to offer with the heartwarming feel of a small town. The Eastport Police Department serves all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order and safety.

The successful candidate will be subject to a thorough background investigation. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Interested candidates are to submit a cover letter and resume to:

Police Chief Marc Podschlne at 22 Washington Street, Eastport, Maine 04631. Electronic applications must be submitted to: policechief@eastport-me.gov.

The City of Eastport is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



#### **JMG Summer Academy** Resident Assistant Position

(Contracted stipend position)

Washington County Community College is seeking a qualified individual for the role of Resident Assistant (RA) for our upcoming JMG Summer Academy Camps. This position is integral to ensuring the success and safety of our camp, which provides an enriching educational experience for participants. The appointment will span two weeks during the summer, June 23-27, 2025, and July 7-11, 2025. Stipend, housing and some meals are also included.

Position Overview: The Resident Assistant will play a vital role in supporting the operations and safety of the WCCC summer camp program. Responsibilities include learning and adhering to all WCCC emergency protocols, assisting the Director of Housing with camper check-in, and ensuring campers are informed about all safety procedures. The Camp Assistant will conduct nightly rounds and report any emergencies to the Director of Housing, as well as plan, organize, and lead evening activities. Throughout the camp, they will supervise participants during all events, act as a liaison between camp administration and campers, and communicate any concerns to the appropriate staff. Additional duties may be assigned as needed. Successful candidates will demonstrate a positive, energetic attitude and a passion for working with youth, along with experience in summer camp environments and event coordination. CPR and first aid certification is preferred.

The position will remain open until it is filled. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the Washington County Community College employment webpage at www.wccc.me.edu/about-wccc/news-info/employment/ to apply. Please note that this position is contingent upon sufficient enrollment in the associated camp programs.

WCCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive and non-discriminatory environment for all employees. We provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. For more information, please contact (207) 454-1000.

#### **AMERICAN CONCRETE HOMES**

## **Help Wanted In Lubec**

Marine dock workers wanted with chainsaw experience for pier rebuild over the water in Lubec, Maine. Call 207-699-7709 or email us at concrete@gwi.net for more details.

#### CITY OF EASTPORT **Bid Notice**

**Request for Fuel Bids** FY2026 Heating Oil & Propane 1-Year Contract – 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026

The City of Eastport is accepting bids for heating oil and propane for all city owned property for a period of one year which includes a period from 7/1/2025 up through 6/30/26. This not only covers the municipality as the bid must also include service to General Assistance clients for same-day delivery.

The bid forms are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk as well as on the city website, www.eastport-me.gov.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked City of Eastport "FY2026 – Fuel Bid/Heating Oil and/or Propane" and delivered to the city clerk's office at 22 Washington Street, Eastport, Maine 04631 no later than noon on Monday, May 12, 2025. For questions and the bid form, please contact us at 207-853-2300.



#### **Fish Processing Technicians**

True North Maine Inc., a division of Cooke Aquaculture Inc., has immediate openings for processing technicians at our Machiasport facility.

Positions offer full-time year-round employment, competitive hourly rates and a competitive benefit package.

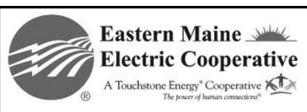
Primary duties of this role include, but are not limited to:

- Setting up and operating machines to clean, cut, process and package fresh fish products in accordance with our operating procedures for safety and quality.
- Check products and packaging for quality assurance and to ensure conformance to our company's high standards, making adjustments as needed.
- Cutting, cleaning, trimming, filleting and scaling fish
- Checking fish fillets to determine optimal number and size of fillet sections
- Cutting sections according to specifications and placing them in containers for

No experience necessary. We train on the job. Currently operating four 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday.

Please email your resume to: patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com or apply online at mycookecareer.com. Cooke Aquaculture appreciates all resumes; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Equal Opportunity Employer



Serving the Eastern Border of the United States

#### Front Desk/Receptionist

Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative Inc. has an opening for a front desk/receptionist position. The candidate should be an energetic, friendly, courteous and teamorientated person.

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Answering multiple telephone lines while maintaining a polite, welcoming tone and exemplary manners
  - Answering consumer inquires
  - Taking payments over the phone and in person
  - Opening, processing, and posting payments sent in the mail
  - Preparing bank deposits and balancing a cash drawer
- Other duties include but not limited to labeling, stuffing mailings, sorting, and filing paperwork

Preferred Skills:

- Basic Microsoft Word and Excel knowledge and skills
- Ability to prioritize multiple tasks
- Outstanding attention to detail
- Adaptability at learning new software and changing procedures

Hours of work are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EMEC offers a comprehensive benefit package.

Please send resume, application and references by May 5, 2025. Applications are available at emec.com or at the co-op's main office.

Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative Inc. Attention: Human Resources P.O. Box 425 Calais, Maine 04619 Fax: (207) 454-8376 Email: hr@emec.com Equal Opportunity Employer

# TIDES CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are \$2.00 for 10 words or fewer; \$4.00 for 11 to 20 words, and 10 cents for each additional word. Classifieds are payable in advance. Display ads are \$8.00 per column inch. Contact our ad representative for special rates.

Write to: The Quoddy Tides, P.O. Box 213, 123 Water St., Eastport, Me. 04631 Tel. (207) 853-4806 . Fax 853-4095 E-mail: qtides@midmaine.com

#### Business Leasing Opportunity

EASTPORT: Furnished waterfront bar/restaurant lease opportunity, 171 Water St., Eastport, previously The Chowder House restaurant. Call 207-214-8833 or email jgauthier84@yahoo.com. 1a

#### Dwight's Lawn Service



Reasonable rates. Will do small odd jobs.

(207) 726-3913

Dennysville and surrounding areas

#### **Asphalt Paving**



Residential and Commercial Paving Over 20 years' experience in the paving industry. Fully Insured

Great rates!
Serving Downeast Maine.
Contact Us For More Information!
207-214-7523

#### Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Please call the school to make an appointment.

Alexander Elementary School May 14, 2025 207-454-2623

Eastport Elementary School May 15, 2025 207-853-6252

Lubec Elementary School May 7, 2025 207-733-5561

Pembroke Elementary School May 14, 2025 207-726-5564

Perry Elementary School May 13, 2025 207-853-2522

**Pre-K** is for students who will be 4 years old on or before October 15. **Kindergarten** is for students who will be 5 years old on or before October 15.

Official birth certificate and immunization record are required to complete registration.

# Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE: 1957 Farmall 230 tractor. Has good paint, runs good, has quick hitch. 28 hp. \$3,200 USD or \$4,000 CAD. 506-466-3429. 2a

#### **Notices**

# Public Hearing Notice

Renewal Liquor License Laura Stanczyk d/b/a Phoenix Fine Wines – 73 Water St. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Port Authority Building Downstairs at 6 p.m.

The Eastport City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6 p.m. downstairs in the port authority building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on the renewal of a Liquor License application for Laura Stanczyk d/b/a Phoenix Fine Wines as requested.

The Eastport City Council welcomes all public comment.

# DEPARTMENT Request for Bids

Shead High School Gym and Home Economics Room Roof Repairs/Replacement

Submit separate bids for gym and home economics room roof. Please submit your request in a sealed envelope marked "Shead High School Roof Repairs" no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025.

Included with your bid must be a copy of your liability insurance certificate and workers' compensation documentation.

Interested parties should contact Melissa Mitchell at Shead High School by calling 853-6254 to schedule a time to visit the school to view the project or for more details.

The Eastport School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Bids should be delivered to:

AOS #77 Superintendent of Schools Office 423 U.S. Route 1, Unit A Pembroke, ME 04666 853-2567

# CITY OF EASTPORT Advertisement for Bid

Contractual Services Municipal Trash Collection 3-Year Bid – 7-1-2025 to 6-30-2028

The City of Eastport is accepting bids for the following services: FY2026 Municipal Trash Collection. Bid specifications are available at City Hall in the clerk's office located at 22 Washington Street, Eastport, Maine 04631 or inquiries can be made by calling 207-853-2300. All bids are to be sealed and marked "Bid – FY2026 Municipal Trash Collection" and must be submitted to the city clerk's office no later than noon on Monday, May 12, 2025. Bids received after this time will not be considered.

The city council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Opening of the bids will take place on May 14, 2025.

#### Real Estate For Rent

PERRY: 1-bedroom, in-law apartment on the water overlooking Passamaquoddy Bay, Perry. Kitchenette with refrigerator, coffee maker, toaster, 10-1 cooker. Large bathroom with shower and washer/dryer. Office area with desk and printer. Outside dining with BBQ stand and oceanside fire pit with seating. Walk down to the beach and drop your kayaks. Weekly, monthly rental available. Call 207-214-1286 for availability. tf

EASTPORT: 1- and 2-bedroom apartments in the heart of downtown Eastport overlooking the water. Heat is included. Call (207) 718-8720 or email <susan@apartmentsforpeople.com>. tf

# SCHOOL Request for Bids

Correction: Bids are due no later than 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Bids are requested for installation of a 400 amp 120/240 volt electric service for safe operation of installed heat pumps.

Bid pricing should account for all required permits and approval from the state electrical inspector and the local electric utility.

Please submit your request in a sealed envelope marked "400 Amp Electric Service." Bids are due no later than 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Included with your bid must be a copy of your liability insurance certificate and workers' compensation documentation.

Interested parties should contact Lubec Elementary School at 733-5561 to schedule a time to visit the school to view the project or for more details.

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

Superintendent of Schools Office 423 U.S. Route 1, Unit A Pembroke, ME 04666 853-2567

#### Real Estate For Sale

LAND FOR SALE: 4 pristine acres overlooking Dennys River. Septic design has been done, nice lawn area, grape vines, several grafted apple trees of excellent cooking and storage varieties, garden plot approximately 40'x50', quiet neighborhood. Within half mile of grade school. Several people exercise walk on the road due to low vehicular traffic and beauty of the river flowing by. Many days harbor seals can be seen fishing the river for alewives, etc. Great house lot or what have you. Price \$55,000. Call Kevin at 207-214-6057. 1a

#### Wanted to Buy

HAVE A BUNCH of old junk lying around? I buy old stuff – clothes, electronics, records, knick-knacks, furniture, etc. Contact Gunther at 207-418-0932. tf

# Town OF WHITING Town Meeting

A special town meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at the Whiting Community Center to meet and then to vote on three warrant articles related to the Mill Pond Dam Fishway and Stabilization Project. Copies of the warrant articles are available at the town office.

# TOWN OF WHITING Clam Licenses

Resident clam licenses will go on sale May 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. for June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. A commercial license is \$500.

A non-resident lottery will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Whiting Town Office. Applicants must be present at the drawing. A non-resident clam license is \$750, and they are sold on a 10% basis.

# TOWN OF COOPER Notice of Request Proposals for Snowplowing 2025–2026

The Town of Cooper will receive sealed proposals for snowplowing services until 6 p.m. on June 30, 2025, at the Cooper Town Office, 425 Cooper Highway, Cooper, Maine, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents and specifications and the request for proposals are on file in the Town of Cooper Office, 425 Cooper Highway, Cooper, Maine. They may also be obtained through David Wilson, Cooper Select Board, by calling 207-454-8833.

# COUNTY OF WASHINGTON LUPC Commissioner

The Washington County Commissioners are seeking an appointee to serve on the Maine Land Use Planning Commission in accordance with the requirements of 12 M.R.S.A. § 683-A. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission (the LUPC or commission) serves as the planning and zoning authority for the unorganized and deorganized areas of the state, including townships and plantations. These areas either have no local government or have chosen not to administer land use controls at the local level. More information about the LUPC can be found at www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/about/index.shtml.

Appointees must be willing to undergo a legislative background check and review by the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and confirmation by the Maine Senate.

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to: Renée Gray, County Manager, PO Box 297, Machias, ME 04654 or by email sent to <manager@washingtoncountymaine.gov>.

The deadline for submission is May 15, 2025, by 4 p.m.

The County of Washington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Libby Bryant, Associate Broker 207-461-9170 LUVINO1957@gmail.com



Agents in Eastport, Machias, Meddybemps, Winter Harbor & Blue Hill area



Samra Kuseybi, Broker 207-214-7401 samratcgre@yahoo.com



82 Water St., Eastport: Don't miss out on this great opportunity to own your own business with a breathtaking view of bay. 1st floor cafe is ready to go - full commercial kitchen & sitting area with water views. Being sold complete with all inventory. Previously home to Breakwater Bagels, this turn-key spot is ready for your business ideas. The second floor, accessible via separate entrance, is newly renovated fully furnished apartment with gorgeous view of bay. Both floors are wired with brand-new full-building generator. Call for appointment. MLS #1607421. \$430,000. Libby & Samro



21 Coyote Lane, Meddybemps: A Meddybemps lake front gem with grandfathered rights to stay on the lake with the existing footprint. Well and septic in place. Property is 2 lots totaling 0.29 acre with 65 feet of waterfront age on island-studded Meddybemps Lake. Fish for small-mouth bass and perch. Camp is not habitable but is gutted and ready for you to build your year-round home, camp or investment property. If you are an investor or contractor looking for your next project, consider this gargeous fish-off-the-deck property. only. MLS #1617653. \$179,900. Libby & Samra



Map 11, Lot 31, East River Road, Pembroke: Water front property with over 1,200 feet of frontage on the Pennamaquan River. Listing at 14+ acres but previous listing stated 18 acres. GIS mapping which results in 1,200'x630' (roughly). Access to power on the road with plenty of road frontage. Mature forest with some flat areas, elevated areas & low land. Lots of deer & bird varieties. Build your year-round home or perhaps a summer getaway. Close to the Downeast Sunrise Trail, a multi-season gem. Only 2 miles from Rt. 1 & about 15 minutes to Eastport. MLS #1616776. \$83,500. Samra



borhood with beautiful seasonal views of St. Croix River and Canada. There are 5 sources of heat, 3 heat pumps, wood furnace, forced hot-air and a gas fireplace. On-demand generator and hot water heater. Calais has lots to offer being close to Canada, the ocean, many lakes, uge. MLS #1584215. \$176.000. Libby



55 US Rt. 1, Whiting: It's not often we find an 1830s farmhouse with water views on 32.5 acres. A perfect spot for a farmstead or in-home business. Connected barn needs some work. Solid home with recent updates to electrical & roof. Private well & septic. 3 bedrooms on 2nd floor, with space to add 1/2 or full bath. Separate entrance to several rooms that would make a wonderful in-law apt or a rental. There is another camp in the woods accessible by a short trail. The furnace is not hooked up to fuel tank & uncertain if it is functioning. MLS #1601814, \$249,000, Samra



Lot 9, (Part), Route 190, Eastport: West facing with views of Carrying Place Cove & spectacular sunsets, this surveyed 1-acre parcel has been soil tested & driveway in with power available to lot - just need to run from your new home to the pole. Building location is cleared stumps & trees removed. Nestled among the birches, this is the perfect location for your next project. Option of public water supplied or drill your own well. Protective covenants restrict construction or placement of certain structures. Broker owned. Call for more details. **MLS** #1577783. \$94,000. Samra



4 Hawkes Avenue, Eastport: This is your Eastport in is simple to button up & easier to heat. Might be your first investment property as well. One floor living in 500 square feet. One bedroom, open living & kitchen, full bath & a mud room entrance. There is a small deck off back that opens into a nice back yard. House sits on 0.11 acres & has public water & sewer. Super easy walk to downtown for events or lunch & dinner out.

MLS #1600158. \$149,000. Samra



191 Water St., Eastport: Move-in ready and turnkey single-floor living room on Water St. in Eastport. Large lot of 0.43 acres allows for plenty of space in the back yard. Perhaps you would want to build a gazebo or an ADU? Enjoy water views from most of the rooms in the home. Three bedrooms, 1 bath, eat-in galley style kitchen, living room and full walk-out basement with a finished room and laundry. A short easy walk to downtown restaurants, galleries, coffee and gift shops. A large back-yard for hanging out. MLS #1617148. \$350,000. Samra



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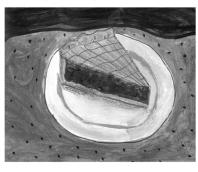
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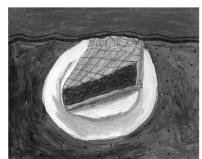


322 Ridge Road, Robbinston \$389,900, MLS#: 1618216

Year-round contemporary log cabin with sunrises over Passamaquoddy Bay on 1-acre with a two-car garage, two full baths, and two decks.

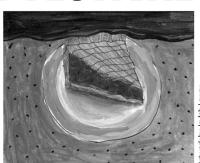
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