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SPLISH, SPLASH, taking a bath, local coastguardsmen have fun while testing their dry suits for leaks. Shown are Mitchell Miller, James Kane, Jansyn Moss, David Kolasinski and Abraham Cordero from U.S. Coast Guard Station Eastport during a training in the inner basin of the breakwater on May 5. (Edward French photo)

Arrest made in 1984 killing of Calais teen

by Edward French and Lura Jackson

The tragic death of 18-year-old Linda Maxwell of Calais, found deceased on the shore of the St. Croix River in Robbinston in 1984, has led to the arrest of a prime suspect in the murder since it occurred over 40 years ago. The development in the cold case brings with it a sense of closure for the family and friends of Maxwell, along with the greater Calais community, many of whom participated in an extensive search while she remained missing for two days. Suspect Raymond Brown, 65, who was living in Pembroke at the time and now lives in Bangor, was arrested on May 1, after he was indicted on a murder charge by a Washington County grand jury. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment on May 2 in Calais District Court.

"I was over-the-top excited to learn that Linda's family can finally put her to rest," says Heather Henry Tenan, who was an acquaintance of Maxwell and spoke with her the night she died and later became a

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Hearing on ATVs in Lubec draws crowd

by J.D. Rule

The Lubec town meeting room was so full there were people clustered outside the windows trying to listen to the public hearing about possibly opening up the town to ATV traffic. And the meeting was so chaotic that Carol Dennison, chair of the select board, frequently pounded the gavel so that speakers could be heard.

Selectman Dan Daley stated that he was a member of a local ATV group prior to being elected to the board. He explained that the meeting was intended to be "exploratory" about allowing ATV access into the town and that he understood it is a controversial matter.

Daley said that the group does not have a plan at this point, beyond locating a potential path for a route from Whiting across private property, eventually joining Maple Tree Drive, thus giving access

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Mariners oppose Coast Guard proposal for removal of buoys

by Edward French

The U.S. Coast Guard's proposal to discontinue 154 navigational buoys in Maine, with 12 in the Quoddy area, including all of the buoys in the Lubec Channel, is being opposed by some local mariners, who say they are a critical aid for piloting in waters with strong currents and plenty of fog.

Of navigating through the channels Downeast, ship's pilot Bob Peacock of Eastport says, "You don't want to depend on one thing. If you're only looking at the GPS and the chart plotter, you're not looking out the window. It's always better to be looking out the window. The buoys around here are a great asset."

"You've got to use everything you've got at your disposal," Peacock adds, with mariners needing the Global Positioning System (GPS) and other electronic aids,

radar and buoys. "If you take one out you're just screwing yourself."

On May 1, Peacock gave Matthew Baker, commander for Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, a tour of the local waters aboard the Eastport pilot boat so he could see for himself the importance of the buoys for pilots, fishermen and recreational boaters.

Baker notes that while the proposal is a national initiative, each Coast Guard district is in charge of its own efforts. "We want to make sure we're being the best stewards of the taxpayer dollars," he says, referencing the Coast Guard's costs for maintaining the navigational aids. While buoys have been along the coast for a long time, technology has improved in recent decades and it's possible "that mariners are not relying on buoys as much as

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Sipayik vice chief's employment ended by tribal council vote

by Edward French

The Passamaquoddy Tribal Council at Sipayik decided at an April 22 meeting to terminate the employment of Vice Chief Ernest Neptune because of allegations of sexual harassment. The tribal council does not have the authority to remove Neptune from his elected office of vice chief, though. Neptune has been given the opportunity to resign from his office but has declined to do so, as he strongly denies the accusations and refers to the investigation that was conducted of the charges made against him as "a witch hunt."

The allegations about the vice chief's conduct began to emerge in February, and tribal government employees and other tribal members then came forward with statements about sexual harassment by the vice chief. The tribal council hired an attorney to conduct an investigation that included interviewing 10 witnesses and reviewing text messages, recordings and other evidence.

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Whiting dam fishway to restore habitat access

by Lura Jackson

A fishway planned for the historic Whiting Mill Pond dam will restore access to important habitat for a variety of native fish species while enabling the dam to remain in place as a landmark feature in the town and retaining the pond's reservoir for firefighting purposes. The outcome is viewed as a satisfactory resolution by the parties involved, some of whom have been working on the project for nearly 10 years.

"It's moving along. We're getting the permits. We're ready," says Steve Press-

ley, chair of select board in Whiting. "The townspeople of every generation are happy with what we're doing."

The stone dam has been a feature of the area since it was built in 1830 by Charles Perry of Eastport. A fishway was added in 1860 to enable fish to pass downstream and spawn. A fire in the 1950s destroyed the attached mill, and by the 1960s the fishway was no longer operational due to a lack of upkeep.

The pond created by the dam has been particularly important to the town in times of fire emergencies, including the Bell

Mountain forest fire in April 1985 that was started by arson in Edmunds and led to the loss of 1,000 forested acres, including 400 acres of the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, after burning for four days.

In more recent years, ownership of the dam was passed to the Downeast Salmon Federation (DSF), which viewed it as an obstruction to fish passage. In 2016, a citizen's petition was filed to protect to the dam, and in 2021 DSF offered to sell the dam to the town for \$1 if they agreed to

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STANDING NEXT TO a bell buoy that is not being removed by the U.S. Coast Guard, as it was given as a marketing magnet for Eastport, are (left to right) Lt. Commander Aaron Davis, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, ship's pilot Bob Peacock, Commander Matthew Baker of Sector Northern New England, and Chris Gardner, executive director of the Eastport Port Authority. (Edward French photo)

Communities receive resilience funding

Governor Janet Mills on May 1 announced the award of \$8 million in grant funding through the state's Community Resilience Partnership to help communities protect people, businesses and infrastructure from flooding, storm surge and other climate effects.

Washington County communities receiving funding are: Beals – Beals Plan for a Resilient Future, \$47,000; Eastport – Eastport Storm Water Systems Mapping, Capital Investment and Municipal Energy Efficiency Upgrades, \$51,947; Lubec – Lubec Resilience Districting and Capital Investment Planning, \$43,000; Machias – Machias Resilience Planning and Storm Water Systems Mapping, \$67,922; Tres-

cott Township – Trescott Township Citizen Committee and Vulnerability Assessment Development, \$80,000; and Vanceboro – Vanceboro Community Center Energy Efficiency Improvements, \$75,000.

This round of funding, the largest ever through the partnership, will support projects in 166 communities throughout Maine, the most of any grant round since Governor Mills announced the partnership in 2021.

Since then, the partnership has awarded \$18.8 million in grants to Maine towns, cities, tribal governments and regional planning, economic development and community organizations.

A recommendation of Maine's climate action plan, Maine Won't Wait, the partnership was launched by Governor Mills in December 2021 with an initial goal of assisting 100 communities in its first year. Maine met that goal, and now 263 communities are participating, more than halfway toward the new goal set in the 2024 climate plan update to have 80% of Maine communities participating in the partnership by 2030.

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REMOVAL OF BUOYS (from page 1)

they used to," he says. "Although mariners rely more on electronic navigation in some places, here they are truly critical."

Among the area buoys that would be removed, from north to south, are the St. Croix River Light, the Frost Ledge bell buoy off Pleasant Point, the Bucknam Ledge and Shackford Ledge buoys off Eastport, the Hersey Ledge and Birch Point buoys in Cobscook Bay, the six in the Lubec Channel, the West Quoddy Head bell buoy, the Sail Rock whistle buoy, the Bailey's Mistake whistle and entrance buoys, the Little River entrance buoy off Cutler, the Brothers Passage bell buoy, the Mark Island bell buoy and the Nash Island whistle buoy. The 350 buoys proposed for discontinuation in the First Coast Guard District, which covers eight northeastern states, represent about 6% of the 5,640 federally-maintained aids to navigation.

With the buoys removed, "fishermen would all have to have good chart plotters and their head down" and not be looking up to see where hazards may be, Baker says. Not all mariners have those electronics, and recreational boaters not familiar with local waters may not know where all of the hazards are located, particularly if they are no longer marked by buoys.

Peacock says, "Anyone can look at a chart plotter, but when you are on the water the buoys tell you more than where a hazard is. You can gauge the current and visually understand how close the bow and the stern of a ship are to a hazard."

For freighters docking at the Estes Head pier, Peacock says the buoys off Buckman Head, Shackford Head and Treat's Island are all necessary. He notes, "We fought tooth and nail to get the buoys where they are. To take two of them out is crazy. It's nuts."

He says the pilots use the buoys as guides to see how strong the currents are running and how to approach the pier. When ships are leaving the pier, the buoy marking the shoal off Shackford's Head is essential. "You want to make sure you're clearing that shoal," he says, as the ships draw 40 feet and the depth of water over the shoal could be only 25 feet. "When you're swinging the ship around in the dark and the wind's blowing, that buoy is a critical one. The system we have is very safe and works."

Another buoy, off Frost Ledge near Pleasant Point, is used by pilots aboard ships headed to and from the Port of Bay-side. "They use it both ways to stay off the ledge. It's lit and is a radar guide."

As for the Lubec Channel, Peacock notes he has run sardine carriers and yachts through the Narrows, which can have currents up to 11 or 12 knots, some of the strongest in the state. "It's very

narrow, not deep and it's unforgiving. You will end up on a sandbar if you're not paying attention to the buoys." He estimates there could be as many as 100 boats going through the Narrows on some days during the summer. "When it's foggy it can be nasty." Even if you can't see in the fog, the buoys show up on radar. "Some are critical in the fog, so you can tell if you're where you're supposed to be." He adds that the sound of bell buoys also "really helps in the fog."

Butch Harris, who fishes out of Eastport, agrees with Peacock about the navigational buoys, stating, "I think it's important in this area to have them," referencing the region's strong currents and fog. Even for fishermen who are familiar with the waters, the buoys are helpful, particularly in places like the Lubec Channel. "They're something to go by on radar when it's foggy." Noting that a GPS signal can be lost, he says the buoys that you can see are a significant aid. "You can get pushed to the side real easy with the current and not know it," he says of the Lubec Channel, especially if it's foggy or at night.

Just using GPS and a chart plotter is not a good idea, Peacock says. Mariners have concerns about the GPS system remaining stable and staying on. "It's not that secure," he says.

Ralph Dennison, the Lubec harbormaster, agrees, noting that modern electronics "can go out at any time. Seeing the buoys makes you pay attention to where you are." Of the navigational aids, he says, "I don't see any reason they shouldn't keep them maintained." While local fishermen who know the waters may not need the buoys to head through the channel, they may have only three or four feet of clearance over the bottom. "But if you don't go through there all the time, the buoys are very helpful." He receives calls from crews on sailboats about whether they should attempt going through the Lubec Narrows. Depending on their experience, he may recommend they proceed, but either on the flood or close to high tide. "I tell them to stay in the channel and stay between the buoys. I don't recommend doing it in the fog."

Coast Guard Commander Baker says it will be a multi-year process before a decision is made about discontinuing the buoys, and it could be that some buoys but not all are removed.

The Coast Guard is requesting that all comments on the proposal be sent by June 13. Those sending comments are asked to include the size and type of their vessel, whether it's recreational or commercial and how they use the aid to navigate. E-mails, referring to Project No. 01-25-015, should sent to <D01-SMB-DPWPublic Comments@uscg.mil>.

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CONDUCTING A STOKES LITTER TRAINING at the Eastport breakwater on May 5 are crew members from U.S. Coast Guard Station Eastport. David Kolasinski is in the stokes litter, assisted by Ethan Bray. On the float (not in order) are Mitchell Miller, James Kane, Jansyn Moss, Abraham Cordero, Nathaniel Maysonet and Cirano Canaglia. (Edward French photo)

Port of Eastport

Eastport & Lubec

VESSELS ENTERING

April 23 – May 6, 2025

Name of vessel	Last Port of Call	Number of Trips
Atlantic Bay	Blacks Harbour	2
Ocean Provider I	Blacks Harbour	7

Shipping activities: Eastport & Bayside

Bayside

On April 25 the *360 Supplier* arrived at the Port of Bayside and loaded 1,900 metric tonnes of fish feed before sailing on April 28 for Newfoundland.

On April 28 the *Yellowstone* arrived and loaded 27,545 metric tonnes of aggregate rock. She sailed on April 30 for a wind farm off the U.S. East Coast.

On May 1 the *Delta Pearl* arrived and loaded 33,926.4 metric tonnes of aggregate rock, sailing on May 2 for Savannah, Ga.

Eastport

There have been no ships at the Port of Eastport since April 21.

Alewife festival to offer food, activities

All are welcome to the fourth annual Pennamaquan Alewife Festival on Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12 Little Falls Road in Pembroke. This family-friendly event features smoked alewives prepared by the Downeast Salmon Federation’s smoker and a free lunch provided by Smithereen Farm at noon.

Engage in learning activities with Aaron Parker of Edgewood Nursery in Falmouth providing a slideshow talk and DSF’s Sara Williams holding biologist talks, testing and netting throughout the day. Other activities include a group bike ride with Mike Stewart of Mike’s Bikes in Eastport, fish painting with Jessica George, children’s activities with Sophie Foster, exploring the Alewife Trail interpretative path and live music with Keltic Schmeltic and Golden Oak in the afternoon.

Weather Report

Taken in Eastport (E) and by Ed Mekelburg of Robbinston (R).
Water temperatures in Fahrenheit.

Date	Temperature				Precipitation		Snow		Water Temp.		Peak Gust	
	Max		Min		E	R	E	R	E	R	E	R
April 22	44	44	39	39	0.08	0.14	0	0	40	21	20	
23	57	59	40	38	0.07	0	0	0	40	20	22	
24	51	62	40	33	0	0	0	0	40	18	16	
25	55	63	42	39	0.01	0.01	0	0	40	15	12	
26	50	51	42	42	0	1.79	0	0	40	37	24	
27	49	48	41	42	2.03	0.25	0	0	40	16	24	
28	67	72	42	37	0.13	0.04	0	0	40	26	27	
29	54	63	42	37	0	0.01	0	0	40	26	18	
30	64	65	44	41	0.02	0.03	0	0	41	25	39	
May 1	53	63	36	32	0	0	0	0	41	22	27	
2	45	51	41	37	0	0.09	0	0	41	25	24	
3	46	58	40	42	0.18	0.21	0	0	41	10	10	
4	50	57	43	48	0.31	0.6	0	0	41	10	9	
5	53	64	41	40	0.28	0	0	0	41	15	13	

Sunrise & Sunset EASTPORT, MAINE

Lat. 44 55' N. Long. 67 01'W.
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for Atlantic time, please add one hour.

Date	Rise	Set
May 10	5:06	7:44
11	5:04	7:45
12	5:03	7:46
13	5:02	7:47
14	5:01	7:49
15	5:00	7:50
16	4:59	7:51
17	4:57	7:52
18	4:56	7:53
19	4:55	7:54
20	4:54	7:55
21	4:53	7:56
22	4:52	7:57
23	4:52	7:58



Tide Table



Tide Table in Atlantic (Canadian) time. For U.S. time, please subtract one hour.
Heights, in feet, are for Saint John, N.B.

Date	H/W	ht.	L/W	ht.	Date	H/W	ht.	L/W	ht.
SAT. May 10	11:29 am	23.6	5:20 am	4.9	SUN. May 18	4:10 am	24.3	10:31 am	4.9
	11:42 pm	24.6	5:36 pm	5.6		4:43 pm	23.1	10:51 pm	6.6
SUN. May 11	--	--	5:58 am	4.6	MON. May 19	4:59 am	24.1	11:21 am	5.2
	12:07 pm	23.6	6:12 pm	5.6		5:34 pm	23.1	11:45 pm	6.6
MON. May 12	12:18 am	24.6	6:34 am	4.3	TUES. May 20	5:54 am	24.1	--	--
	12:43 pm	23.6	6:47 pm	5.6		6:30 pm	23.3	12:16 pm	5.2
TUES. May 13	12:52 am	24.9	7:10 am	4.3	WED. May 21	6:53 am	24.1	12:43 am	6.2
	1:18 pm	23.6	7:22 pm	5.6		7:26 pm	24.1	1:13 pm	4.9
WED. May 14	1:27 am	24.9	7:46 am	4.3	THUR. May 22	7:52 am	24.3	1:43 am	5.6
	1:54 pm	23.6	7:59 pm	5.9		8:23 pm	24.9	2:11 pm	4.3
THUR. May 15	2:04 am	24.9	8:23 am	4.3	FRI. May 23	8:51 am	24.9	2:42 am	4.3
	2:32 pm	23.6	8:37 pm	5.9		9:18 pm	26.2	3:07 pm	3.6
FRI. May 16	2:43 am	24.9	9:03 am	4.6	SAT. May 24	9:48 am	25.6	3:39 am	3.3
	3:12 pm	23.3	9:18 pm	6.2		10:11 pm	27.2	4:02 pm	3.3
SAT. May 17	3:25 am	24.6	9:45 am	4.9	SUN. May 25	10:43 am	25.9	4:34 am	2.1
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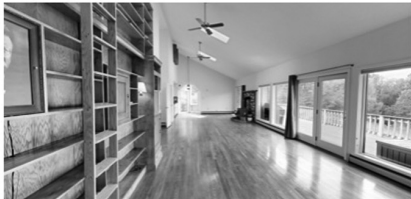
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QUODDY OPINION

Perseverance pays off

Sometimes it takes perseverance, a willingness to compromise and a decision to work together to overcome differences and reach a solution that opposing groups find acceptable in the end. That scenario has happened with the debate over the fate of the Whiting Mill Pond dam.

Initially, the town’s residents and elected officials were at loggerheads with conservation groups proposing to restore access to habitat for fish and possibly remove the dam. Both sides held strong opinions for good reasons. The dam is important to the town, not only for its cultural and aesthetic values but also for its role in the region’s fire suppression system. The mill pond was critical in providing water to fight the Bell Mountain forest fire of April 1985 that burned 1,000 acres of forestlands around Whiting. And the volume of water in the pond allows for reduced property insurance rates for those within five miles of the fire station across the road from the Mill Pond. The conservation groups, though, pointed out that allowing alewives and other fish to get past the dam during their migrations by building a fishway will open up habitat for perhaps half a million fish in the Orange River Flowage.

The two sides had squared off, and in

2016 the town adopted a water-level ordinance to allow the town to set the water level in the Mill Pond. The Downeast Salmon Federation, which owned the dam at that point, then offered to sell it to the town for \$1 if the town would maintain it and build a fishway.

Work then began to design the project to stabilize the dam and build the fish ladder and to raise the needed funds. Along with obtaining \$2.9 million in federal funding, the town is providing \$600,000 and just approved an appropriation from tax-acquired property sales, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust has put up \$200,000. The entire project is estimated to cost around \$3.6 million.

It’s been a long process, taking over 10 years, but the resolution is acceptable to the different parties. And the town may now benefit by having an alewife harvest site and possibly an outdoor classroom where students and the public can watch the fish swimming by. The outcome of this long process, then, will be a benefit not only to the fish and their habitat but also the town and its residents. It’s a lesson showing that perseverance, collaboration and compromise can indeed finally pay off.

Edward French

MAILBOAT REX IV

GET BUSY

To the editor:

For the 100% temperamental detractors of President Trump (90% temper and 10% mental), can they at least give him the recognition of clearly cautioning the public as to what his strategies and goals would be if elected? Even his vice president in earlier times warned, “As an American president he would be more dangerous than Hitler.” Also, do the math. Has it been overlooked that in the last midterms – as are all midterms – every single seat in the House of Representatives was up for grabs. That number is over 400 incumbents, and likewise one-third the seats in the Senate. We gave a powerful signal to a narcissist.

And presently, still-stunned defeated Democrats are posturing the opportunity to level a current majority pinnacle next midterm! What midterms are they thinking about? (Monarchs do not allow midterms). There is already proposed House legislation to constitutionally arrange for a third presidential term or more. Does Donald ever win far-fetched debates?

Moreover, President Trump, well past his expiration date, with fewer days ahead of him than behind him, may well “in passing” pass the scepter not to a waiting “good guy” vice president who heard Elvis declare “skillions of those inhuman devils are eating our pets.” Nope. A better choice might be a “baron” within the obvious bloodline of manifest destiny?

Is President Trump – even if he monopolizes the reputation of being weird or a political freak (and a sitting felon) – is he the first politician to lie or continually put forth a cheap generosity that promises tomorrow in exchange for today? So is the sacrificial lamb only Trump when so many others in the court of public opinion embrace bad behavior? We tolerate a lot of “for the corporation, of the corporation and by the corporation.” They are the value analytics that explain how President Trump has, without any prior government experience, sealed the dying gasps of the longest surviving democracy in history. And as a strong wrong up against a weak right, he has won the decision with the

blasphemers who pledge allegiance to a huggable flag and then put their hand on the Bible and swear an oath to God. All that is followed immediately by a genuflection before the kinship of Pinocchio.

The sad conclusion of my chat is perhaps a surprise. The only persons who can defeat the flim-flam man are those who created him. Get busy on the phone. Start networking now. There is kindness and wisdom and courtesy even within the consensus of the GOP, the Grand Old Party, the party of Lincoln. And they have (temporarily rationalized and intellectualized) consciences. Work on what is right, not the faulty republic which is already an oligarchy headed into infamy. Per “ICOOOD” – in charge of our own destiny – change happens. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.

Richard Abers
Eastport

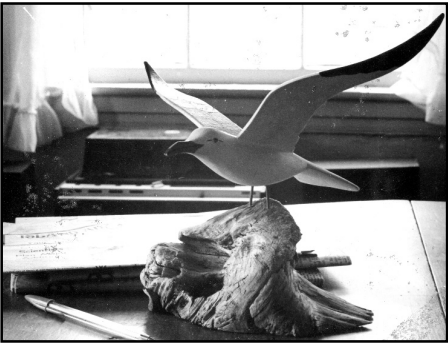
A TIMELY PARABLE

To the editor:

If we had heeded the words of Octavia Butler from her 1993 novel *Parable of the Sower* we wouldn’t be in the calamity we now face with Trump in charge. The novel takes place in 2025 and could not have been more prescient.

Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought. To be led by a coward is to be controlled by all that the coward fears. To be led by a fool is to be led by the opportunists who control the fool. To be led by a thief is to offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen. To be led by a liar is to ask to be told lies. To be led by a tyrant is to sell yourself and those you love into slavery.

Kendall Zeigler
Eastport



Across Your Editor’s Desk

MOST OVERLOOKED TOWNS

The World Atlas website features a listing of the six most overlooked towns on the Atlantic coast, and among the places included is Eastport. The website states: “Despite its remote location, Eastport offers stunning coastal scenery, a vibrant arts community and attractions like the Tides Institute & Museum of Art (TIMA) on the Passamaquoddy homelands, which belong to the Indigenous First Nations tribe in northeastern North America.” The listing also references the city’s rich maritime heritage and the Old Sow whirlpool.

MAINE’S HERITAGE ORCHARD

The spring issue of *The Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener* includes an article about the 10th anniversary of the Maine Heritage Orchard in Unity, a preservation project that seeks to protect the state’s agricultural heritage. The orchard has nearly 400 varieties of apples and pears. It was previously an abandoned gravel pit but has now “blossomed into a thriving sanctuary,” as it serves as a living gene bank for some of the state’s rarest apple and pear varieties that otherwise might have disappeared. One of the most remarkable apple discoveries was the identification of “Unknown Founder 13.” Through genetic profiling, the variety was identified as a super ancestor, one that was a direct parent or grandparent to many apples across the continent. Last year, a living tree of Unknown Founder 13 was found on a farm on Verona Island. The apple was likely grown in Maine before 1760, which “raises the possibility that the tree discovered on Verona Island is one of the oldest surviving apple trees in North America,” the article states.

A BETTER DIGITAL TOWN SQUARE

The quest to build a better digital town square is the focus of an article in the April 14 issue of *The New Yorker*. Writer Kyle Chayka notes that Bluesky was launched in 2023 as a refuge from X, formerly known as Twitter. When “tech billionaire turned Trump backer Elon Musk acquired the platform, in October of 2022, it devolved into a circus of right-wing conspiracy theories,” the article states. “Liberals began fleeing, and Bluesky in turn accumulated more than 10 million users by the fall of 2024, making it one of the fastest-growing social networks.”

Unlike Facebook or X, Bluesky has an open-source protocol, allowing anyone to build compatible software on top of it. Users can customize the algorithms and content-moderation rules and even, if they don’t like Bluesky, take their followers and posts and build or join another site running on the same protocol. “The power that typically lies with corporations is thus redistributed to the users themselves,” Chayka writes.

A 2019 essay by Mike Masnick, founder of the blog Techdirt, outlined the crisis that social-media companies faced with content moderation, as they were caught between complaints that they allowed the spread of hatred and disinformation and charges that they did not allow free speech. Masnick maintained that the solution was to implement social-media protocols, allowing individual users to design filtering tools based on their own tolerance for types of speech.

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The bright yellow daffodils that were planted two years ago in Eastport are now in bloom throughout the island city, providing a ray of sunshine on dreary days of rain and fog.

Alewives are starting their spring runs up local rivers, although the water level has been high from all of the rain.

A number of towns in the area have been holding spring cleanups of the trash that is visible along roadways before the vegetation hides the ugliness. And municipal road crews have been cleaning last winter’s sand from roads and sidewalks.

Loons are the oldest living breed of bird. They can trace their ancestry back about 70 million years.

Jimmies on ice cream were invented in the 1930s at the Just Born company in New York, and the chocolate sprinkles were named after the employee, Jimmy, who made them.

The smell of onions from Rosie’s hot dog stand in Eastport will soon be in the air.

The Cove

THE FIFTH STEP

The fifth step, in this old, old house – that’s

The one which talks loudest in the stairs; Its voice is nails squealing for release From warping wood.

Ron Cuddy
Calais

Thought for a fortnight

What seas what shores what gray rocks and what islands / What water lapping the bow / And scent of pine and the woodthrush singing through the fog / What images return / Oh my daughter.

from “Marina”
T.S. Eliot

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STAND UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

To the editor:

Recently, Doug Burgum turned over control of the functions of the Department of the Interior to one of DOGE’s muskrats, someone who has gone through zero screening by the Senate and minimal screening by any other federal personnel department. The Republican leadership is apparently fully on board with the idea of dismantling environmental regulations and returning us to the time before Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* was published. We know what happens when that kind of corporate greed makes decisions about what’s “safe” to do. I remember it clearly, and I am certain that our senators from Maine remember it as well. When will our representatives stand up to defend our country?

David Brass
Eastport

WHY WE SHOULD NOT RECOGNIZE COLUMBUS DAY

To the editor:

In response to the recent decision to revive Columbus Day from the ashes, it is essential to reaffirm why the United States began to reconsider its celebration of Christopher Columbus in keeping with a more accurate and conscientious understanding of history. Historical evidence shows that Columbus never set foot on the land that is now the United States and that his expeditions initiated widespread harm to Indigenous peoples. Recognizing these facts reflects a commitment to truth, justice and a more inclusive national memory.

Columbus Day has long been celebrated as a symbol of “discovery” and exploration, but a closer, more honest look at Christopher Columbus’s life and actions reveals that he is undeserving of national honor in any civilized society. The continued celebration of Columbus Day perpetuates myths and obscures historical truths that demand acknowledgment.

First and foremost, Christopher Columbus did not “discover” America. Indigenous peoples had been living across the continents for tens of thousands of years, cultivating rich, diverse civilizations. Columbus never even set foot on the mainland which would become the United States. His voyages landed him in the Caribbean, where he immediately began a campaign of exploitation, extreme violence and enslavement against the native populations he encountered. The idea that Columbus “discovered” America is both factually incorrect and deeply disrespectful to the millions of Indigenous people who called the land home long before Europeans arrived.

Moreover, Columbus’ character was deeply flawed. Contemporary accounts describe him as a man plagued by alcoholism, a weakness that impaired his judgment and exacerbated his cruelty. His behavior toward the native populations was nothing short of barbaric: he enslaved thousands, forced conversions to Christianity under threat of death and oversaw acts of sexual violence and mutilation, often against children. His brutal regime led to the mass death and suffering of Indigenous communities, atrocities so horrific that even the Spanish Crown, no stranger to colonial violence, was compelled to act.

In 1500, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain stripped Columbus of his titles and wealth, arrested him and ordered him back to Spain in chains. He was charged with tyranny, brutality, and incompetence – a rare condemnation in an era when imperial conquest was often celebrated. Though he was later released, Columbus never regained his prestige. His excommunication from favor by the very monarchs who sponsored him speaks volumes about the severity of his crimes

against humanity.

Recognizing Columbus Day is not simply a mistake – it is a willful erasure of Indigenous suffering and a glorification of a figure who represents the onset of centuries of colonization, genocide and cultural destruction. Instead of honoring Columbus, we should elevate Indigenous Peoples’ Day, a celebration of resilience, survival and the rich, enduring cultures that have been systematically oppressed for over 500 years.

True historical integrity demands that we confront uncomfortable truths. Only by doing so can we begin to heal the wounds of the past and build a more just future.

Jon Southern
Perry

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

To the editor:

Somedays it is difficult to turn on the news. It gets harder to focus on the future. However, Maine will be electing a new governor in 2026. I’d like to ask you to look at Maine’s current secretary of state, Shenna Bellows, for hope to a brighter future. Bellows has recently launched her campaign for governor of Maine in 2026.

In her career in public service, Bellows was executive director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. She worked to preserve history and advance human rights through outreach and education.

When she was executive director of the ACLU of Maine from 2005 to 2013, Bellows led fights to protect reproductive rights and safeguard privacy. As a key leader of the Maine Won’t Discriminate and Mainers United for Marriage campaigns, she worked tirelessly to pass anti-discrimination protection.

In 2016, Bellows won a seat in the Maine State Senate. She won property tax relief for her constituents, kept seniors in their homes and ensured safe drinking water for children. As chair of the Labor and Housing Committee in the legislature, she passed equal pay for equal work, paid sick leave and fought for workers’ rights.

In 2021, Bellows was sworn in as Maine’s first female secretary of state, where she implemented appointments at the BMV to better serve customers, as well as online voter registration to help people more easily make their voices heard. Under her leadership, Maine led the nation in voter participation in 2022.

Most recently, Bellows denied Donald Trump a place on Maine’s presidential ballot, holding him accountable for the January 6 insurrection. Bellows followed the law, upheld the Constitution and put democracy and Mainers first.

Shenna Bellows has a backbone, and she will continue to fight for the dignity and rights of all Mainers. She understands working-class values and the importance of civility and kindness. No matter your party affiliation, I would ask you to explore <bellowsformaine.com>, watch the campaign launch video and consider Shenna Bellows as your candidate for the next governor of Maine in 2026.

Lysa Intrator
Pembroke

FOLLOWING THE BIBLE OR RELIGION?

To the editor:

Listening to the architects and supporters of Project 2025 re Christian nationalism, one cannot help but wonder where they get their “biblical” authority for forcing everyone to adhere to their recreated patriarchal society ... Typical of the MAGA cult, they alter the meaning of words to suit their purpose. “Christian: someone who believes in and follows the teachings of Jesus Christ.” Nowhere in my Bible does Christ teach Christian national-

ism. It is hard to imagine Marjorie Taylor Greene willingly submitting to the stereotypical role for women that is being promoted by the religious right supporters of Project 2025.

When one studies the Bible one finds that it is not a history book or a science book, although it does contain some of those elements, but it is basically a book instructing mankind how God wants us to interact with Him and each other. Christ summed it up with: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

The New Testament was not written in English for a Western culture. It was written in Greek by and for members of an Eastern culture, ergo, one must study it through the lens of that culture. It was almost 400 years after Christ was crucified – as an aside, it was the leaders of the religious right, the Pharisees, who were responsible for His death – before the early church agreed on which writings to include in the New Testament. It is the general consensus that the Epistles (Paul’s letters, etc.) were written between 50 and 65 AD. The Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) were written between 70 and 90 AD.

Referring to Christ, John 1:1 says: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Since our creator gave us the free will to follow Him, John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Notice that the only qualification is belief in Christ; there is no mention of any other qualification like gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation, etc. Why do some of the created think they have the right to force others to accept their narrow-minded dictatorial view of things?

Obviously space does not permit an in-depth analysis of the Bible and its teachings. Many books have been written by biblical scholars on the subject. I have learned to not just blindly take some religious leader’s word but to do my own research. I heard a statement one time that seems to sum it up: “Religion is about power and control, Jesus is about love.”

Wayne Sabine
Tilley, N.B.

ENJOY THE SHOW!

To the editor:

Has the much needed recent rain left you feeling rather dreary? If you want your spirits lifted, perhaps you should plan to attend a production of *The Brothers Grimm: Spectaculathon*, which is being performed at the Eastport Arts Center this Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m. If this hilarious play fails to make you laugh, then you are taking life too seriously.

Hope you enjoy the show as much as I did. And it will make a perfect Mother’s Day gift!

Rosalie Woodward
Lubec

ONE DAY EVERYONE WILL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST THIS

To the editor:

The book *One Day Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad has been in the news lately; it’s about the destruction of Gaza, whose people continue to starve, get sick, get bombed, maimed and killed, as Israel herds them into ever smaller spaces, after unilaterally breaking a successful ceasefire, with Trump’s evil blessing. But “as Israel’s onslaught in Gaza continues, it gets less and less public attention” (MSNBC, April 13). Or maybe it’s just the American media that’s giving it less at-

tention, because I’ve see an increasing number of worldwide pro-Palestinian-march headlines on Microsoft Start lately. Imminent genocide by forced starvation – collective punishment that’s illegal under international law – tends to focus the social-justice mind.

And “while the world watches Gaza, here’s what’s happening in the West Bank” (Associated Press, April 25): Israel’s IDF is displacing Palestinians there too – more than 40,000 and counting; ripping up roads and infrastructure, raiding and demolishing homes, bombing and drone-striking populated areas. More than 500 West Bank Palestinians per year were killed by Israeli fire in 2023 and 2024, at least 182 of them younger than 18. Then there’s the near-daily Israeli-settler attacks on small Bedouin villages – destroying their homes and stealing their livestock and other valuables (Al Jazeera, April 7). The Israeli government tacitly promotes illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, because facts-on-the-ground land grabs help prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

During the Bush-Cheney administration, which was swarming with pro-Israel neocons, General Wesley Clark told Democracy Now, “We’re going to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and finishing off Iran.” (Obviously a response to 9-11, Saudi Arabia – the nationality of nearly all of the 9-11 attackers – was left untouched.) With these countries plunged into chaos, many of the Muslims not plotting revenge are now emigrating, en masse, to the West.

However cognitively dissonant, it’s sort of hopeful to think that “one day everyone will have always been against this.” Not just Gaza, though, but the evil era when social-justice-America got taken over by the pro-Israel forces of entitled injustice and decided to decimate as much as it could of the Arab-Muslim world – parents and children and grannies and all.

Melodie Greene
Calais

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY WALLACE

To the editor:

What can be said of Johnny Wallace that doesn’t bring a smile to your face? I was proud to call him my friend. From the twinkle in his eye, to the pride of being from Lubec, to having seaweed between his toes – he was a pillar of the community and a cornerstone in the legacy of Lubec’s heritage. The four strongest men in my time were Irving and Donnie Mahar and Johnny and Bobby Wallace.

I had the privilege of working with him when they were with Bun Parker shutting down Carrying Place Cove and other small inlets with the seining nets. I would also go along to pull 50 lobster traps in deep fog with three- and four-foot swells, which he would laugh at, saying it’s the ocean fighting back to save her bounty. He also tried his hand at selling beer while keeping a finger in the ocean. When he closed his store, he had hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars owed him. People that took advantage of his generosity, as he didn’t have the heart to say no, as Linda, his wife of many years, will testify to. To all of you that didn’t go back to square up your bill, may you be repaid in kind. You should be so ashamed of yourself for having no intestinal fortitude. You can still redeem yourself by helping Linda with funeral expenses.

Well, big guy, thanks for being the role model for the work ethic Lubec is noted for. A lifetime of hard work has made you the image to look up to and gives us the advantage of being able to say, “He was my friend!”

Bob Giles
Morrilton, Fla.

Life Downeast

Finding the still water in our life

by RJ Heller

Sometimes we need to find the still water in our life, whether it comes from a trip to somewhere, a routine, a game or just a quiet reflective pause. To be still is to become.

This time and place in our lives feels angry. Confusion reigns from small towns and communities to the largest of cities here in the state and across the country. Today even the quiet waters of Downeast life are suddenly loud. Something feels “off” for the first time in a long time.

Finding those still waters in my life always involved a place where I could suspend time for a moment, take a deep breath and appreciate all that is around me. For the last 10 years Downeast has been that place. The blood pressure cuff falls loose, the frown turns upwards amidst a blue sky that eternally kisses these waters with baptismal grace. We are so lucky to live here, are we not?

I do not know what our world will look like a year from now, much less our place here Downeast. Anger has the ability to seep into just about any fold of life no matter where it is. A coastline of granite may subdue a wave, but anger’s ability to spread is daunting. It requires a collective moment to take hold, to snap everyone out of it, bring them back to that place of goodness.

It was a much simpler time here all of the time. Now pervasive political noise has entered the fray, and people’s regard for one another will diminish if we do not check that anger at the front door. We need to find some peace by returning to a place where we can turn down the “noise” when life seems confusing.

Amidst turmoil – as the past has proven – there is resilience within each of us and in our routines of daily life. Our challenge is to seek and find it again like nature does every day. Nature has its rhythm synced with whatever we seem to throw at her. Time and again she has proven formidable. We must do the same by seeking those still waters in life.

I know with certainty that outside my window the waters will come and go with the tide; the trail to Green Point I will always find; the sunrises in Starboard remain glorious; the pocked surface of mud in the cove pops with the sunlight when the water is out; and the long wait for spring Downeast will be here soon.

And I will take that deep breath, wave, hug and smile; listen to, talk to, comfort and support my fellow Downeasters as we go about our day seeking our collective routines that this place provides.

Cutler and Eastport will celebrate the

Fourth of July in grand style while honoring the past and remembering those lost along the way. Lubec will once more gather at the starting line for an international marathon handshake with our loyal neighbor Canada.

Machias will host a festival in blue while the shadow of one’s spirit looks down upon it all. Residents from surrounding communities along with families and those from away will visit during the summer to take it and everything else all in. Bad Little Falls will flow amidst the sound of music, and in the distance musket fire will be heard again and again while patriots gather one more time to muster in memory.

And in other coastal towns they, too, will follow their own routines allowing good memories to embrace the moment. Downeast, like nature and our individual routines in life, is formidable and resilient. We just need to remind ourselves of that as we seek still water.

A long time ago I remember when a bunch of us kids in the neighborhood where I grew up decided to play a game of wiffle ball one summer afternoon. Our neighborhood was the typical city neighborhood with its friendly and not so friendly houses.

That afternoon the game went way beyond the normal length of play. We were in extra-extra innings when the sun began setting. Curious parents and others from the neighborhood started to show up wondering why we missed supper. The game went on; we were all tired and the score was tied. What we did not know was that time was about to slow down, create a moment in a place familiar to all of us.

As it got dark more adults arrived, not with anger on their faces but with smiles. There was genuine excitement as they all gathered, exchanged handshakes, some hugged and all sat and watched us run the bases. Spotlights were plugged in and the game went on. We had our fans – the entire neighborhood was now there and all of us were a cumulative unit staring at a singular moment in time.

Disgruntled neighbors sat next to happy ones, past arguments were forgotten, anger slid off shoulders and faces, replaced by smiles, cheers and laughter. All who were there that evening found a patch of still water while watching the neighborhood kids play a game of wiffle ball.

I know times are uncertain and our pent-up nervous energy has us twisting in circles.

We need to seek and find that still water to both soothe the angst and once again bring all of us together, like that wiffle ball game did a very long time ago.



Backyard Gardener

The delightful, delicious ostrich fern

by Jo Tilley

Many years ago we attended the Open Garden Day organized by the Garden Club of Mount Desert. The gardens on display graced the “cottages” of Bar Harbor and Northeast Harbor and, as can be imagined, were spectacular displays of the landscaper’s art. But the one garden that is still vivid in our minds is the fern garden that stretched along a drive winding through a wood that then opened to a grand old house turned to view the bay, with the sweep of ferns continuing into the sun.

It was magical. Perhaps it was our inner dinosaur coming to the fore, recognizing a plant that was around for at least 100 million years before the dinosaurs roamed the planet. The memory has stayed with us, and every time spring in Downeast Maine arrives and ostrich ferns begin to pop up with their tightly rolled fiddleheads we revisit that thrilled response.

Not all ferns are edible, but the ostrich fern fiddlehead is, and it has become a favorite foodie delicacy in this century. However, they have been relished for centuries, if not longer, by Native Americans in Maine and eastern Canada and by people of northern France, Asia and the Russian Far East. If you’re interested in harvesting your own, learn to identify them correctly, as other ferns can be toxic or worse. And always seek permission if harvesting in the wild or on someone’s property.

Grocery stores in our neck of the woods will start to feature locally picked fiddleheads in their produce section, and for a brief period of time households in the know will blanche and freeze them for future use or cook them up for a giant feast with friends.

Like all good things, fiddleheads in the wild can be overharvested, and of course if they are picked alongside roads they can be subject to roadside pollutants that no one would want to willingly ingest. It’s best to know where the fiddleheads come from.

And once in hand, they should be rubbed free of their frass, rinsed and then blanched if freezing. If for immediate use, be sure to cook them thoroughly, as undercooked or raw fiddleheads can cause some serious intestinal discomfort. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension recommends boiling cleaned and rinsed fiddleheads loosely packed and covered with lightly salted water for 15 minutes, or steaming for 10 to 12 minutes. Microwaving, sautéing or stir-frying are not recommended.

Growing ostrich ferns in a lightly or heavily shaded portion of your garden can be one way to create an edible garden. Many years ago, we followed some advice and planted them here and there in the shadier parts of our garden. Patience is needed, and our garden is most likely not the best environment, but here and there we have ostrich ferns reaching for the skies come summer, and they surely are beautiful. We haven’t tried to harvest them, as we take such delight in their full growth, sometimes topping five feet, but one of these years we will.

David Fuller, with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, wrote a few years back for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association that the natural growing conditions of ostrich ferns should be taken into account when planting in your garden.

Fuller writes, “Ostrich ferns, an herbaceous perennial that can reach five feet in height, die back to the crown in the fall and grow predominantly along river floodplains under the dappled-shade canopy of tall hardwood trees such as silver or red maple and brown ash. Conifers provide too much shade, and ostrich ferns will not grow well, if at all, under them.”

“Preferred soils of wild ostrich ferns are well-drained sandy loams with a high organic matter content with a pH range from 5.5 to 6.5. Although ostrich ferns may be temporarily covered by spring floods along streams and rivers, they do not like prolonged wet feet. Ostrich ferns will grow in full sun but prefer part shade with protection from the wind. The north side of a house, for example, often provides a good spot to plant a patch of fiddleheads if you don’t own woodland to plant in.”

While digging up dormant plants, with permission, from the wild will work, buying ferns from the nursery will ensure that you are in fact planting ostrich ferns and not some other type of fern. After all, it can be harder than you’d think to identify a dormant fern when the foliage is gone. Fuller recommends planting the crowns a foot apart with the top of the crown at ground level. Water once a week if there is no rain to get them off to a good start. Give the plants at least three years to become established before harvesting, and then harvest no more than one-third of the plant in a year.

Ferns grow by rhizomes, and while ours have been slow to spread because the growing conditions are not ideal, they can create quite a large patch, as happened at a family member’s house in Vermont, much to their delight.



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Downeast Reveries

A Mainer remembers Mom

by Margie Whalen

The coming of Mother’s Day has me thinking of my mom, Martha Smart Whalen, who embodied for me so many of the traits I associate with the sturdy, admirable, lovely women of Maine. Oh, I know I’ve mentioned her in these columns before – the way she loved books, the delight she took in language, the way she could make impossibly delicious meals of chicken pot pie topped with flaky biscuits, followed by blueberry cake or apple pie, even in our tiny, rustic kitchen upta camp.

But I find myself wanting to offer a fuller picture of her in this season when so many of us are thinking of our mothers. What can I tell you about her? She was a woman who loved music, always. According to one of her friends, when she went to college in Farmington at age 17, she was ferociously homesick but found comfort in impromptu nightly songfests in which gatherings of girls sang together for hours. As an adult, she played the piano at her church for over 35 years, and the music she made there with her friends, her sister and her nieces was a source of great joy to her. She played for all of the choirs, too, including the children’s choir, which put a serious damper on any thoughts that my cousins and I had about acting up; all it took to keep us on the straight and narrow was one raised eyebrow from her at the piano bench. (I have, apparently, inherited that look; my son has long called it “the Whalen glare.”) Some of my clearest childhood memories are of her at the piano at home, with Dad in his easy chair, content to listen to whatever she played, which ran the gamut from sacred music to Mozart. She could sight-read like a boss. I have her piano still at my son’s house, and I play it whenever I’m there.

I’ll never be as good as she was, but it comforts me to try. She was a good teacher all of her life, beginning in a one-room school, where her responsibilities included stoking the wood-burning stove on cold mornings. When they moved to Florida when I was little, her two-year teaching degree from Farmington wasn’t sufficient, so she went back to school, driving across the city to attend night school and summer classes, ultimately getting her master’s degree, which allowed her to teach for many years and eventually serve as an assistant principal. Her teaching left a legacy in the students who remember her fondly and the younger teachers grateful for her mentoring. It’s a family legacy, too; I went on to teach for 40 years, and my nephew and niece, her grandchildren, are teachers now. Ryan

teaches band, and Chele teaches English. Mama taught us that teaching is a noble calling.

She was also a very funny woman, with a Mainer’s dry wit and love of a good story. Some of her humor rested in her ear for language; she could make us all cry with laughter by proclaiming, ungrammatically and emphatically, when something seemed illogical to her, “That don’t make no more sense than a dog.” Just as often, her stories brimmed with self-deprecating humor. She and her younger sister Callie loved to tell of their teenage years when Mama would offer Callie a ride to the drive-in, but only if Cal agreed to go to the refreshment stand. That way, my ever-practical mother could drive them there in her nightgown, with a jar of water and a bucket of bobby pins at her side. She’d put her dampened hair up in pin curls while Callie got the popcorn and they watched the movie; that way, upon their return, Mama could go straight to bed.

In later years, I, who hate to shop, loved to go shopping with her, if only for the scenes of drama she’d create in the dressing room as she “hoisted” clothes on and entertained me with a running commentary on just how bad she looked – “Lawd, ain’t I some glamorous,” she’d say – while I howled and snorted my laughter.

She was a splendid mother, never wavering in her steady love for my brother David and me, even when we tested it sorely. I talked to her on the phone nearly every Sunday of my life after I left home. I wish I could tell you more clearly just how much I loved her, how much I liked her company. My friend Geo, who never met her, overheard me talking to Mom on the phone once, years ago, and told me she’d thought to herself, “Ah! Isn’t that lovely?”

And it was. I miss her still. I know, too, that I was remarkably lucky to have had the parents I did, who gave such gifts to me and to those around them. My friend Kathe reminded me, when Mama died, of a story I’d always told her of something Mom and Dad had done throughout my adolescence: They would hold hands and skip gleefully down the polished aisles of the mall, joyful in teasing David and me, even more joyful in being in each other’s company. I hold that image close. Happy Mother’s Day.

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What's Cookin'

CHERMOULA CHICKEN

by Sue Moore

I love to travel. Actually, I love the idea of travel. I am scared to fly, terrified to ocean-cruise, and trains, buses and cars take too long. What’s a girl to do?! Well, I like to take some exotic trips via my kitchen. Learning the flavor profiles and origins of food from other cultures gives me an understanding and flavor, if you will, of the taste of faraway lands that I will probably never see in real life.

I found a way to visit several countries all at once without ever leaving Eastport via a versatile and amazing herbaceous-based marinade named chermoula. Chermoula is used in Algerian, Moroccan, Libyan and Tunisian cooking and is a bit like chimichurri and can be used on many different proteins as well as on vegetables or as a relish, sauce or dip. Tunisian variations incorporate raisins that are pureed and mixed with onions, while the Libyan variation incorporates olives and tuna. For this recipe we will be using the Moroccan version.

This recipe serves four or two very hungry diners. Let’s begin.

- 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 cup packed fresh chopped parsley
- 1 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- 2 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 Tbsp paprika

Using a blender, finely chop or purée the parsley, cilantro and garlic until smooth, then add in all other ingredients and mix thoroughly to combine. Cover and refrigerate the chermoula for an hour to chill.

Lightly salt and pepper chicken breasts on both sides and set aside. Preheat oven to 425°.

In a large skillet heat one tablespoon of olive oil and brown the chicken breasts on both sides, spooning some of the chermoula sauce over them as they cook for approximately 10 minutes, turning once halfway through. Remove the chicken from the skillet and place it on a baking sheet. Spread the chermoula on both sides of the chicken while reserving some aside. Bake the chicken in the oven for 15 min-

utes until it is cooked through and temps to a minimum of 165°. Remove the chicken from the oven and allow it to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Plate the chicken and drizzle some additional chermoula sauce over the top.

To make this recipe with a whole roasted chicken, preheat the oven to 400° and coat the chicken with chermoula, placing some of the marinade under the skin and inside the cavity. Add some garlic cloves, a peeled onion and half of a lemon inside the cavity and twine the legs together. Place the chicken in a baking dish on top of a bed of veggies such as halved baby potatoes, onions and carrots, seasoned with a drizzle of the marinade and a squeeze of lemon. Add water to the base of the chicken to prevent the vegetables from burning. Cover snugly and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the aluminum foil and continue to bake uncovered for an additional 30 minutes or until the chicken safety temps to 165°. To crisp the chicken skin, put the chicken only on a baking sheet and place under the broiler for up to 5 minutes.

Allow the chicken to rest for a minimum of 10 minutes. This method makes an entire meal, protein and sides all in one dish, and of course the flavors intensify as leftovers, if any remain. A delectable portion of lemony rice pilaf or couscous makes a wonderful accompaniment.

Remember, we said earlier the chermoula could serve as a dip? Add fresh yogurt to the chermoula and refrigerate to have as a healthy snack with pita chips, bread or your favorite cruciferous veggie.

Chermoula is traditionally a fish marinade, but it works well with various proteins such as beef, pork or shellfish. The recipe above uses the chermoula as an instant sauce, but marinating your protein for even an hour up to overnight really amps up the flavor. To alter the spice quotient, add or omit the cayenne pepper.

Leftover chermoula sauce may be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for up to five days. Send me a postcard from Morocco if you go, and I will eat chermoula and dream. Enjoy!

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THE TINY TIGER FOOD PANTRY at Eastport Elementary School recently received a donation from First National Bank.

First National Bank donates to pantries

First National Bank recently announced that it has made donations totaling \$38,250 to organizations fighting food insecurity, including 35 food pantries in the bank’s market area.

Area food pantries receiving donations are: Calais School Department’s backpack

program, Eastport Elementary School’s Tiny Tiger Food Pantry, Garrapy Food Pantry in Eastport, Irene Chadbourne Food Pantry in Calais, Shead High School’s Food Pantry in Eastport and Woodland Community Food Pantry in Baileyville.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK staff present a donation for Shead High School’s food pantry.

Walk highlights historic neighborhood

The threat of rain did not deter a healthy crowd of three dozen who turned out to the Tides Institute & Museum of Art’s (TIMA) Jane’s Walk on Saturday, May 3. Over 50 such walks were held in Maine, with the Eastport walk the only one in Washington County. The Eastport walk, led by TIMA director Hugh French, toured the Eastport central neighborhood, the oldest and most intact part of the city’s neighborhoods, currently proposed to become the city’s second National Register historic district.

“We’re hoping it will make people more aware of what’s here,” French said of the district prior at the start of the walk. Scott Hanson, a historic preservation consultant, was recently hired to assist with the district’s establishment, and the formal nomination process is now under way.

The city’s first National Register historic district was formed in 1982 and now includes 30 buildings, most of which were built after the Great Fire of 1886. The Great Fire largely did not go into the residential area, meaning the neighborhood is “pretty much preserved,” French said. “If the wind had changed direction, the whole neighborhood could have been lost.” Instead, change in the residential area was piecemeal and gradual.

The tour included several unique area homes, including the circa 1820 Shackford house, an example of an early Federal-style house that was once lifted and rotated 90 degrees, and the Whalen family home, unique in that it was inhabited by the Whalen family exclusively for over 150 years. The 1869 Italianate-style stone Babb house, meanwhile, was once totally covered in ivy.

Some houses in Eastport have been dramatically changed inside and out, French said – pointing out the 1805 Hayden house on Boynton Street for its complete remodel from a classic Federal-style hip roof house into the Second Empire style in 1882 – while others have remained the same. The 1816-1823 Federal-style Hobbs

house on Middle Street has an original interior and “the woodwork is some of the finest in Eastport.” The nearby 1824 Greek Revival-style Norwood house and 1894 Queen Anne-style Capen house are “virtually intact” inside and outside.

With Eastport having lost 80% of its residents in the past century, historic preservation has been difficult, French said, and much has already been lost. Barns are one feature that haven’t survived well, with the Hobbs house featuring the only Federal-style barn still standing. “It came very close to being lost,” French said. “The owners have done an excellent job of preserving it along with the rest of this important house.”

Eastport boasts one feature unique in the state: a home with a staircase running through its chimney. The 1817-1818 Cape Cod-style Elm Cottage, located appropriately on Elm Street, has just such a massive chimney. Across the street is a now-empty lot where the second such house was previously torn down in 2021. “Part of what we’re doing is trying to raise awareness of the importance of these features,” French said. “We’re losing a lot of the early 19th century Cape Cod-style houses. We really can’t afford to lose any more.”

The tour also included the 1828 Seaman’s Church that served as the central meeting house of the Congregational Church for nearly 200 years. The building, which faces significant structural challenges, was donated to TIMA in 2016 by the congregation in the hopes that it could be preserved and the organization is in the process of determining how to proceed. TIMA’s circa 1820 Grand Army of the Republic building, meanwhile, is under ongoing renovation, including the restoration of its historic interior Civil War-era mural.

Learn more about TIMA’s preservation efforts and the proposed Eastport central neighborhood historic district at <www.tidesinstitute.org>.



AN ENGAGED GROUP of community members listens to Hugh French (center of circle) of the Tides Institute & Museum of Art during a Jane’s Walk event on May 3. The walk toured the proposed residential National Register historic district that TIMA is in the process of establishing. (Lura Jackson photo)

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A Chinese raffle and to-go spaghetti meal will be held on Sunday, May 18, at the Eastport Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Bob Bore. The to-go meal includes spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread and dessert and will start at 12 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$12. Donations are also being accepted. Please contact James Bore at 542-5974, Crystal Bore at 904-8910 or Ruby Burke at 214-8588 to arrange pickup or drop-off locations.

RECYCLING ACTIVITIES

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

SENIOR CENTER

The Eastport Senior Center is one hap-pening place. Besides regular classes, like exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mahjong is on Mondays at 1 p.m., and lunch is 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. Trivia Night is the fourth Thursday of each month. The first Wednesday of each month Bob Willson from Eastern Area Agency on Aging will answer any questions about Medicare at 1 p.m. Start-ing on May 16, Joan Lowden will begin

cardo drumming for seniors at 10 a.m. The monthly board meeting is the sec-ond Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. The center is looking for new members willing to make a commitment. Everyone is welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE GATHERINGS

Father John Lein, rector at Christ Epis-copal Church, will host a new mid-week community event, Contemplative Gather-ings, every Wednesday beginning on May 13 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome from any religious tradition or none for a time of quiet, inspiration and connection. The first four Wednesday sessions, from May 13 through June 4, feature reading and dis-cussion of some mystical parables offered by various religious traditions as collected in *The Song of the Bird* by Jesuit priest Anthony de Mello. For more information, call Father Lein at 726-8267.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Special guest discussions will be held on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the season of Easter. The first two sessions are “Resto-ration Laos” with the Rev. Michael Am-bler on May 11 and “The Bible Across the Ages I” with Father John Lein on May 18.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 30, at 1 p.m. The membership will not meet on the first Sunday in June.

Eastport Police Department issues report

by Edward French

The Eastport Police Department re-ceived 67 calls for service during the past month, with 51 handled by the Eastport police, 11 by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and five by the Pleasant Point Police Department.

On April 5 at 8:34 a.m. a car/deer acci-dent occurred near the intersection of County Road and Toll Bridge Road. Can-di Dana, 45, of Perry was driving a 2024 Chevrolet SUV that suffered minor dam-age. The deer was killed.

On April 12 at 1:38 p.m. the police received a report of the theft of a battery from a camper at BayCity Garage. The incident is under investigation.

On April 16 at 2:43 p.m. the police received a call about a harassment com-plaint between neighbors on Prime Street.

On April 18 at 5:32 p.m. an alarm at the First National Bank went off. The alarm was unfounded. On April 18 at 5:38 p.m. an alarm went off on Key Street. It also was a false alarm.

On April 23 at 8:03 p.m. a car/deer accident occurred near 212 County Road. A 2018 Toyota utility vehicle driven by Martin Nicholas, 66, of Perry suffered

damage to the front of the vehicle. The deer was killed.

On April 29 at 8:55 a.m. an alarm on Franklin Street went off. The alarm was unfounded.

On April 29 the Eastport police assisted the Pleasant Point Police Department with a disturbance at the tribal office. No ar-rests were made.

On April 30 at 2:11 p.m. the police responded to a confrontation between two men in the parking lot at the R&M IGA. The criminal threatening complaint is un-der investigation. There were no injuries.

On April 30 at 7:13 p.m. a burglary alarm at the First National Bank went off. The alarm was unfounded.

On May 1 at 9:34 p.m. the police re-ceived a report from the Old Sow Grill about new evidence in a three-year-old case of theft from the restaurant. The theft is under investigation.

On May 3 at 11 p.m. the police re-sponded to an ongoing problem of people outside of houses on lower Boynton Street banging on the doors and walls at night. There have been several complaints over the past few weeks. The perpetrators take off on foot by the time police arrive.



CHRISTINA AND ANDREW JEFFREY stand in downtown Eastport’s newest shop, A Boatload of Books. (Edward French photo)

City’s new bookstore charms shoppers

by Lora Whelan

On a drizzly Saturday, the gem-like in-terior of downtown Eastport’s newest store, A Boatload of Books, saw shoppers browsing the wide range of new and used books, hunkering down for a more thor-ough read at tables and in cozy and com-fortable nooks, considering games and art supplies, including a rent-an-easel option for visiting artists and more. Also on hand were freshly brewed coffee from Eastport Coffee Roasters and sweet pastries made by Sharon’s Place of Calais, with savory pastries soon to come.

Owners Christina and Andrew Jeffrey moved from Colorado to the island city about three years ago. Andrew was once a competitive sailor originally from New Zealand and felt the call of the ocean. His being an engineer who can work remotely added to the options available to them. “We had vacationed in Maine,” explains Christina, “and decided it was time for a change.” Her family lives up and down the East Coast, so Maine seemed like the perfect place to start their search.

With two of their six children still at home, the Jeffreys found a home for them-selves on Moose Island where Andrew could keep an eye on his sailboat moored in the bay, and they started to pursue Christina’s dream of opening a bookstore. Books were a big part of her life as a child. “My first job was in a bookstore,”

she notes. A career in education, with some interior design work as well, fit the bill at the time, but the dream never died.

They looked at a number of downtown spots, but it wasn’t until Lisa Stephen put a “For Rent” sign in the window of her downtown retail space located next to her candy store, Sweeties Downeast, that the Jeffreys jumped. On March 1 they were leasing the space. Andrew and a friend built the many bookshelves, and Christina using her design skills to furnish the interior.

Christina is always interested in look-ing at “cool old books” to purchase and is best reached by email. Special orders are welcome. “The bookstore is really impor-tant to me,” she explains, as a place for people to read, grow, see other perspec-tives. On that note, the space will host events such as author readings and book-signings, writing groups, workshops and more. The Jeffreys believe in being active in their community, collaborating with other businesses and groups, including the Rainbow Alliance, to provide resources for community members.

The bookstore is open seven days a week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more informa-tion visit the store’s social media site, call (720) 271-2438 or visit in person at 74 Water Street.

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Shead High School announces honor roll

Shead High School Principal Melissa Mitchell has announced the honor roll for the third quarter. Highest honors: seniors – Bonnie Beal, Jenna Dean, Khloeona Morris, Jadah Newell, Lino Perez, Ella Perkins and Cypher Urland; juniors – Jonathan Andrews, Autumn Ashby, Sidizer Bassett, Nolan Brown, Craig Cushing, Dana Fredette and Isaac Sullivan; sophomores – Autumn Gagner, Mackenzie Johnson, Elizabeth Wilson and Ellis Zipperer-Sanchez; freshmen – Shayna Morang, Kutcher Owen and Jesse Small.

High honors: seniors – Wyatt Barney,

Madeline Collins, Jason Cook, Aarin Dean and Tristen Hold; juniors – Keanu Cleaves, Wyatt Demmons and Gracie-Rose Toney; sophomores – Isaiah Minard, Kelsey Sault and Christopher Watson; freshmen – River Dana, Karigan Donahue and Abigail Fredette.

Honors: seniors – Landyn Grimes, Stephen McPhail, Nevaeh Neptune and Kayla Partridge; juniors – Chase Bowen; sophomores – Shaylynn Fenderson, Reagan Gardner, Danika Howze and Axel Trott; freshmen – Kearah Barnes, Landon Kiper and Daniel Townsend.

AOS 77 budget approved on third vote

by Lura Jackson

The proposed 2025-26 budget of AOS 77, the central office that provides educational administration for nine towns in eastern Washington County, successfully passed during a round of public voting at Pembroke Elementary School on Monday, April 28. The overall budget was passed by a vote of 76–32.

The budget is for \$844,818, a 12.29% increase over last year with an increase in the local assessment of 5.64%, or \$42,463, an amount that will be divided by the nine towns.

The increase is driven in part by the move of the AOS office from Eastport Elementary School to the Pembroke Triangle, along with raises to staff salaries.

Previous budgets were voted down by the public, with a 77-29 vote on February 26 and a 63-55 vote against the special education budget article that stopped the proceedings on March 27. The third budget is \$10,083 lower than the previously proposed budget, reflecting a cutback in storage expansion and a reduction in one raise.

During the public vote on April 28, AOS school board member Ted Carter of Alexander provided some comparison with other AOS offices in the county, noting that AOS 90 has “one and a half” superintendents while AOS 96 just hired a new superintendent at \$110,000, or \$3,000

more than the salary for AOS 77’s superintendent. Carter added that the AOS 77 office handles more than \$700,000 in processed funds every two weeks, or more than \$10,000 every business day.

Moderator Skip Colson of Alexander guided the assembled 152 registered voters through the 13 articles of the budget without issue. A motion was made by Karen Raye of Perry to begin the voting with Article 6, system administration, being the largest line item in the budget, and voters approved that article.

Prior to the vote on Article 6, an audience member suggested reducing the amount by \$55,080, which would result in a flat budget from last year. Colson was prepared to allow a vote on the amendment but first required the approval of the public to do so.

The public voted 71-69 against giving Colson the authority to allow the amendment, and the vote on Article 6 proceeded at its originally proposed amount. By a vote of 82–69, residents narrowly approved the article.

Article 2, the special education budget, successfully passed by a vote of 95–46, while Article 9, for facilities maintenance, went through at 82–38. No additional discussion ensued for other articles, and with the successful passing of the total budget there was a round of soft applause from relieved supporters.

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Cleanup underway at Boat School site

by Lura Jackson

The site of the Maine Marine Technology Center (MMTC) – affectionately known as the Boat School to area residents – is currently being remediated, with the roof of its main building being replaced and asbestos removal taking place. The work, made possible in part through a \$675,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brownfields cleanup grant and a \$120,000 grant from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, represents a portion of the first of five phases leading to the planned reopening of the school.

The installation of the high-profile standing-seam metal roof is being completed by Sheridan Corporation of Fairfield, the same company that built the original facility, while the asbestos removal and demolition was subcontracted to Lakeside Concrete Cutting and Abatement Professionals of Newport. Work began on March 31 with an anticipated three-month duration.

“It’s progress,” says Joanne O’Grady, secretary and treasurer for the Friends of the Boat School (FBS), the group coordinating the site’s development. “I’m hoping it leads to more progress.” Once the new metal roof is in place, the effort will begin to address the main building’s interior.

The site has had a lively history in the community, first as a park donated by the Lyons family in 1924, then briefly as a partially-developed Navy seaplane base in 1942. In 1967 it began operating as a pearl essence manufacturing facility, continuing through to 1977 when the Maine Department of Education acquired it under the name of the Washington County Technical College Marine Trades Center. It operated as a boat school for 30 years until closing in 2011. New owner First Perry Realty subsequently donated 8.4 acres of the site, and the three industrial buildings on the campus, to the Friends of the Boat School (FBS). Since then, the nonprofit FBS has been planning its next steps, with a 2017 grant from the Maine Community Foundation enabling the hiring of consultants Susan Coopersmith, engineer Scott Homer and architect Ellen Angel of Artifex. By the next year, the goal to reopen the school was solidified.

Getting from point A to point Z, however, is a gradual process, particularly when working with older buildings. “They’re all in desperate shape,” O’Grady says of the campus’s buildings, with “years of deferred maintenance” impacting their condition. In 2020, a hazardous materials assessment report identified asbestos and universal waste in all three buildings, necessitating significant site cleanup before they can be used again. The current project will remove all hazardous materials from the site. From there, new heating, electrical and plumbing systems will be installed and the buildings will be brought up to code, as according to recommendations of a feasibility study being conducted by Artifex via a Community Development Block Grant awarded to the City of Eastport.

Simultaneously, Artifex is working with an educational consultant to prepare a programmatic proposal to outline the steps needed to offer instruction on the campus again. The goal will be to provide not only core boatbuilding skills but also transferable trade skills that can be applied to a variety of industrial careers. Ultimately, the FBS hope to restore the MMTC’s instructional capacity to where it was previously.

“That is the dream,” O’Grady says. “Whether or not it can be a reality will be determined by the feasibility study.” The study is set to be finished at the end of August. “It is our hope that these projects will serve as an incentive or inspiration to justify future investment through federal and state economic development grants, philanthropic foundations, industry sup-

port and individual donations.”

The MMTC is more than just the Boat School itself, with the campus’s three buildings each holding a different purpose. The 21,000-square-foot main building is the educational center, while the Harborhood Community Center is dedicated to hosting community and civic events, administrative offices a marine library. The third building is the Deep Cove Marine Science Station, also known as the BioLab, where wet and dry labs are housed. The original purposes of the buildings will be maintained as the site’s redevelopment continues.

The MMTC’s continuance and its revival are being propelled by vigorous supporters, each of whom see the value in bringing back boatbuilding to the island community and to those around the state – and the world – who would come to learn. While there are hurdles ahead, with a total estimated project cost of \$4.2 million, the FBS is committed to moving forward. Learn more about the project, along with how to donate expertise or funds to the effort, at <theboatschool.org>, and sign up for the Scuttlebutt newsletter by emailing <info@theboatschool.org>.



REPLACING the roof at The Boat School in Eastport are workers from Sheridan Construction of Fairfield. (Edward French photo)

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STUDENTS from Lubec Elementary School recently delivered May baskets to the residents in the yellow and gray apartments. Also, students in grades 3 and 4 gave a special performance for the Lubec Woman’s Club.

Library to offer workshops, tech support

A jewelry repair workshop, conducted by Leaf Craft, will be held at the Lubec Memorial Library on Saturday, May 10. Stop in any time between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for free consultation and assistance. Bring along tools and cash for replacement pieces if needed.

Book-making workshop

Joy St. Clair will conduct a book-mak-

ing workshop at the library on Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn to make zines, or little books. These can be used as gifts, cards, mini-journals or as artsy decorative pieces. Papers and materials will be provided. If desired, bring along cut-out words/phrases/poetry for embellishment.

Library offers tech support

Tech support will be offered at the library on Tuesday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help with the following is available: password recovery, email, account recovery, syncing or backing-up devices, setting-up new devices and internet access/safety. Register at the library or call 207-733-2491. Tech support is provided by the Sunrise County Economic Council.

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The LCOC Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 44 South Street.

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LAMPS BENEFIT

There will be a concert by the LAMPS sextet and Jane Lancot and an exhibition of the LAMPS/Machias Bay Chamber Concerts school projects from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Cobscook Institute in Trescott. Admission is free, but donations to support LAMPS’ projects and programs will be accepted.

VINYL NIGHT

LAMPS will host Vinyl Night from 5

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LCOC will hold a Stone Soup Potluck on Saturday, May 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 44 South Street.

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A public baked bean supper will be held at the West Lubec Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17, at 5 p.m. On the menu are beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, brown bread and cream cake. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

SPRING CLEANUP

The Lubec spring cleanup will be held starting Saturday, May 17, and will run through May 31. Please see postings around town for more information.

Lubec book group explores addiction

The Lubec Memorial Library is beginning its next book in its addiction book group series exploring the cultural and historical context of addiction, substance use and treatment with Barbara Kingsolver’s novel *Demon Copperhead*. The first meeting in a series of six will be held on Thursday, June 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and will focus on chapters 1–12.

Subsequent meetings will occur bi-weekly or at the discretion of the assembled group.

Contact the Lubec library in person, by email at <contact@lubeclibrary.org>, or call 733-2491 to obtain a copy of the book made available through the generous support of Maine Humanities Council.

Further inquiries can be directed to Amy Zipperer at <amy.a.zipperer@gmail.com>.

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Updated Lubec school budget retains teachers, music program

by J.D. Rule

“No one loses a job” with the fourth draft of the Lubec school budget for 2025–2026, announced AOS 77 Superintendent MaryEllen Day, opening the budget workshop preceding the May 1 meeting of the Lubec school board. She went on to explain that an ad-hoc working committee, which included two members of the board, had worked to produce a list of 14 updates to the previously distributed third budget draft, resulting in a significant reduction in the proposed budget that will be presented to Lubec’s voters in June. As her comments came during the workshop and not the actual board meeting, no action was possible until later in the meeting when the board could make motions and count votes.

The list of updates includes leaving a soon-to-be vacant position open, a reduction in building maintenance allocations and cutting hours for several non-teaching positions. A comment was received from the floor, suggesting that the music teacher position could be eliminated, leading board member Richard Huntley to declare, “I’m not voting to drop the music program.” Several workshop participants voiced their support for Huntley’s position, pointing out that the music program provides educational benefits that go beyond music.

Day warned that reducing allocations in general can lead to a decline in the fund balance forward total – an accumulation of unspent line items from previous years – making it impossible to use those funds for reducing future tax levies. The current proposed budget includes a withdrawal of \$305,000 from that fund, leaving \$153,046 available for future use, not including potential additions from upcoming operations.

At the close of the board meeting Hunt-

ley moved that the updates be accepted with one alteration: reinstating \$30,575 for a physical education teacher. Earlier in the meeting he commented that a PE period without such a teacher “was just a recess.” The motion passed on a 5–0 vote, with board member Richard Eaton voting by telephone.

The total reduction from the third draft is \$157,293. As it stands now, the proposed 2025–2026 total local revenue is \$2,625,444, an increase of 7.6% over the current 2024–2025 budget. Prior to the ad-hoc group’s updates, the proposed increase totaled 15.3%.

Other business

The board meeting opened with a presentation by members of the Lubec Elementary School eighth grade, who described plans for their upcoming class trip to Boston. The two-night trip has an ambitious schedule, including visits to the Quincy Market, New England Aquarium, Six Flags park, the Prudential building and swimming at the hotel “if we’re not too tired.” Fund-raising efforts were described, then the students asked the board for permission to allocate \$100 each for personal use. The board approved this request with a 5–0 vote.

A single bid of \$10,000 was received for adding the needed electrical capacity to operate the recently installed heat pumps; this was accepted unanimously.

AOS 77 Special Education Director Elizabeth Cushing made the suggestion that the school allow the AOS to engage the services of a speech consultant on a one-day-per-week basis, pointing out that the budget draft includes \$20,000 for that purpose. Her request to proceed was approved by a 5–0 vote.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next board meeting will be held May 29.



“WE KNOW WHAT TRASH IS,” said Ricky Rainbow Beard. “It’s just stuff we haven’t figured out how to use yet.” Based in Providence, Beard has been working as an educator for nine years, teaching children about recycling, composting and other means of reducing the world’s accumulation of discarded materials. On Friday, April 25, he wrapped up a multi-day session at the Lubec Community Outreach Center, with a public presentation that drew a standing-room-only crowd. Here, one of his students has discovered a treasure in a bag most would consider trash. (J.D. Rule photo)

Shellfish committee hears about littering

by J.D. Rule

Shellfish Warden Russell Wright, speaking during the May 5 meeting of the Lubec Shellfish Conservation Committee, spoke about conversations he had had with several Straight Bay landowners who were concerned about an accumulation of garbage on their properties. “I picked up four trash bags in one spot,” he said. In addition, Wright mentioned the appearance of what appears to be an abandoned boat in Federal Harbor and also a sewage leak that will be reported to the town’s plumbing inspector.

Committee Chair Michael Scrivani

brought up the muddy condition of the parking area at Pirate’s Creek. While on private property, parking has been permitted by “a very understandable property owner.” Scrivani asked the committee to allocate funds for a load of gravel to improve the lot; his request was approved by a 5-0 vote and will be referred to the select board to approve the expenditure.

The brief meeting concluded with a discussion about digging seed clams to be reseeded in Globe Cove, to be conducted as conservation time.

HEARING ON ATV ACCESS (from page 1)

to McFadden’s Variety, a convenience store on Route 189 that sells gas. “We have no intention of bringing this traffic into the village,” he said on several occasions. Dallas Hood, also a member of the group, stated that “in the future we might revisit coming closer to town. But that is in the future.” The route, as described by Daley, would terminate at McFadden’s, thus eliminating the noise and pollution fears expressed by many meeting participants. It would also deny easy access to most of the town’s businesses, despite the claim of enhanced business opportunity.

Hood also questioned the need for preparing a plan for public review, which would require approval by all private property owners whose land the trail would traverse. “Why should we go to all that work if the people might just vote it down?”

It was noted that current state law limits travel on public roads to a maximum of 500 feet, a rule termed “long standing” by Daley. Other limitations were mentioned, including hours of operation from 30 minutes prior to sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, and the use of town roads to be restricted to “egress to and from connecting trail heads.”

Several participants asked whether the matter would be presented for a vote at the August town business meeting, leading Daley to state, “The board could elect to move on this without a vote, but as it is so contentious it should be presented to the town for a vote.” Several participants repeated the word “should,” leading Selectman Nancy Harrison to say, “I do not support the board putting it on the ballot. I’m asking for a petition.” One participant asked Daley, “You’ve already said the

board could act on this without town support. Is that your plan?” He replied, “It should go to a vote.” Another person asked, “Which members of the board are amenable to taking this to a town vote?” That question was not answered.

According to Lubec’s town charter, a petition to place an item on the ballot must be signed by a number of registered voters equaling at least 10% of the total number voting in the most recent gubernatorial election.

After the hearing, the select board meeting opened. Michael Scrivani asked the board’s permission to spend \$620 of the shellfish committee’s funds for gravel to improve the private parking area at Pirate’s Creek. The board approved this expenditure 5-0 but asked for a letter of permission from the landowner. Separately, the board opened the single bid for annual paving and approved the \$93,000 proposal from County Concrete.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER John Crowley's retirement from county government was celebrated on April 30 with a gathering of county employees and elected officials who expressed their gratitude for Commissioner Crowley's service. Many served under his direction when he was county sheriff as well. Courtney Hammond (below, right) was sworn into office as commissioner for District III by dedimus justice Paula Johnson-Rolfe. He was appointed by Governor Mills to carry out the remainder of the Crowley's term.



Drive-thru lunch to benefit teen camp

Healthy Acadia, in collaboration with Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology Culinary Arts (CWCIT) students at Machias Memorial High School, will host a drive-thru luncheon on Friday, May 16, with proceeds to benefit the Down East Teen Leadership Camp (DE-TLC).

The camp is a five-day summer program for teens entering grades 7 to 9. This experience provides teens with skills that support resiliency and help to deter misuse of substances, including tobacco, al-

cohol and other drugs. Many campers attend in multiple years and return as staff.

Though the cost of running the camp averages over \$850 per camper, Healthy Acadia caps tuition at \$295 and offers scholarships. Scholarships and costs not covered by tuition fees must be raised through sponsorships, grant awards and fundraising events.

Sara McConnell, DETLC camp co-director, says, "We are so excited to once again collaborate with the CWCIT culinary arts students at Machias Memorial High School for a fifth year to provide a delicious homemade lunch. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on May 16, and of course, at our 25th year of Down East Teen Leadership Camp this summer!"

Benefit supper set for Moody family

The Roque Bluffs Community Center will host a fundraiser potluck supper for the family of Shaun Moody on Saturday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Shaun Moody died on March 28 in a work-related accident. He was a Roque Bluffs resident, husband of former Town Clerk Jade Moody and father of Skyla and Zakery Moody. He was the son of Owen Moody, a former town selectman, and Julie Pettigrow.

The community center wishes to support local families who have suffered trauma from severe loss. Donations may also be made by mailing a check to the Machias Savings Bank, PO Box 318, Machias 04654 c/o Shaun Moody Family Fund.

Library offers scam prevention training

Beginning on Wednesday, May 14, at 3 p.m., Porter Memorial Library in Machias will host a series of fraud and scam prevention training sessions presented by Elaine Abbott from Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC). Each training session lasts one hour. They are free and open to the public.

The May 14 session is titled The Red Flags of Frauds and Scams. Scammers want two things: money and the victim's identity. Don't make it easy for them to steal. Subsequent sessions are scheduled at the library for May 21, Digital Safety for the Real World; June 4, Scam-Proof Your Accounts; June 11, Phishing, Smishing and Vishing, OH MY!

Local man charged with sexual assault

A Wesley man is facing six counts of gross sexual assault allegedly involving a minor.

On April 23 deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested 67-year-old Duane Geel of Wesley on a felony arrest warrant issued by the Machias Unified Court after an extended sheriff's office investigation. Geel was arrested by deputies at his home in Wesley without incident. His bail on the warrant was set at \$100,000 cash, no contact with the minor victim or witnesses and no contact with children under the age of 18.

Geel remains in the Washington County Jail and made his first court appearance on April 25.

Anyone having information relevant to this investigation is encouraged to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 207-255-4422.

Palliative care to be topic of session

The Connection Initiative, the Community Caring Collaborative and the Maine Hospice Council are pleased to announce a collaborative listening session on the topic of serious illness and palliative care on Thursday, May 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Maine at Machias. Lunch will be provided.

This event aims to create a space for individuals to share their experiences, insights and concerns about navigating healthcare during illness. This session is designed to shift the focus toward hearing and offer participants a chance to voice their viewpoints. Topics will include: access to supportive and palliative care services; challenges faced by families; information needs and communication barriers.

Everyone is welcome including caregivers, healthcare providers, patients, family members and community members.

For more information, please contact Kathyn Randall, executive assistant, at <krandall@mainehospicecouncil.org> or (207) 626-0651 or go to <www.maine hospicecouncil.org/events>.

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UMM commencement to be held May 10

Students, family, faculty and staff will gather in the Reynolds Center Gymnasium at the University of Maine at Machias on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. to celebrate commencement. Emma Soctomah and Bev Miller are the valedictorian and salutatorian, and the ceremony speaker will be Dwayne Tomah.

Emma Soctomah of Indian Township is majoring in psychology and community studies. She has participated in the Kinap Mentorship Program and been a part of the Wabanaki Fellowship Program at the Abbe Museum. Soctomah currently works at the elementary school at Indian Township. After graduation she will continue working with the students on social-emotional skills. She will complete a certificate through the University of Maine Graduate School and plans to pursue a master's degree.

Bev Miller, an integrative biology major with a concentration in wildlife biology and minors in botany and zoology, is from Meriden, Conn. Miller assists in numerous clubs, including 100% Society, Student Health Initiative Education Leadership and Diversity (SHIELD), Tabletop Club and the Machias Campus Audubon Chapter. Miller was involved in research projects at Klondike Mountain and Meserve Head. She credits these opportunities to her classes with Eric Jones, associate professor of botany. This

summer she is looking forward to working with piping plovers in Massachusetts.

A language keeper and director of the Sipayik Museum, Dwayne Tomah is a teacher of the Passamaquoddy language and culture. He is the youngest fluent speaker of the tribe and has served on the tribal council. Tomah has dedicated his life to working on language and cultural preservation and shares Native legends through song and dance. He has created a Passamaquoddy language app compatible with Apple Inc. products, edited the Passamaquoddy dictionary and is currently working with the Library of Congress to translate the Passamaquoddy wax cylinders, the first recordings in the world of Native languages.



Dwayne Tomah

Area summer camp for children offered

Maine Seacoast Mission has opened registration for its EdGE summer camp for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade. EdGE summer camp provides children fun, safe and social peer experiences.

The three camp locations are as follows. D.W. Merritt Elementary School in Addison – camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday, June 23, through Friday, July 25. This camp is for students from Addison, Beals, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesport and Jonesboro.

Milbridge Elementary School – camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday, June 23, through Friday, July 25. This camp is for students from Beddington, Cherryfield, Deblois, Harrington and Milbridge.

Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School in Machias – camp runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday, June 16, through Friday, July 11. This camp is for students from Machias and surrounding towns.

Parents can sign up their child week by week, for as many weeks as they wish. At camp, children rotate through activities, including STEM, arts and crafts and physical activities. Campers go on field trips and have opportunities to visit the mission's challenge course in Cherryfield.

Camp is \$30 per student per week, and scholarships are available. EdGE Summer Camp is open to any student who was in Kindergarten through eighth grade during the 2024-2025 school year who lives in these towns. Students do not need to be enrolled in EdGE programming during the school year to attend. Free breakfast and lunch are available through the USDA summer meals program.

Parents can enroll their children online at <<https://seacoastmission.org/downeast/edge>>. For help with registration, please call (207) 546-4466.



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS seniors Xander LaComb, Jacob Pelletier and Ollie Kyllonen will be honored during the commencement ceremony on May 10.

UMaine Machias to honor three seniors

Three outstanding seniors at the University of Maine at Machias will be honored during its 114th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10.

Each year, the senior class chooses one student to receive the Ivy Orator award. This year's winner is Xander LaComb, a creative arts major with a creative writing concentration and minors in English and zoology. LaComb, a citizen of the Penobscot Nation from Norway, Maine, is the president of Student Health Initiative Education and Leadership (SHIELD) and the 100% Society and serves on the boards for the Machias Audubon Chapter and the tabletop gaming club. He is a member of the Kinap Mentorship Program's first cohort, participated in the Residence Hall Association and is a student senator, a DJ at WUMM and a touch tank technician. LaComb helped overhaul UMaine Machias's Science Bridge Program to incorporate Indigenous knowledge. He plans to work at the Maine State Aquarium.

Faculty selected Jacob Pelletier and Ollie Kyllonen to receive the annual Senior

Watch awards.

Pelletier, of Madawaska, is majoring in integrative biology with a concentration in wildlife biology. He is vice president of the fishing club and president of the garden club, which under his leadership brought the campus garden back to life. They cleared vegetation, tilled the soil, repaired the fencing, constructed raised beds and moved bags of topsoil. He plans to seek work in wildlife biology.

Kyllonen, of South Paris, is majoring in marine biology with a minor in zoology. As an intern for the UMaine EPSCoR project, he sampled and filtered water from different sources for an eDNA catalogue and researched salmon cell cultures. He has also helped maintain the aquariums in the marine biology lab and participated in various projects, such as retrieving a shark that had washed on shore for a lab dissection. He plans to pursue a graduate education in ornithology or wetland ecology after working as a seasonal field biologist for the Loon Preservation Committee in New Hampshire.

Community center hosts classes, events

The Roque Bluffs Community Center (RBCC) at 4 Schoppee Point Road in Roque Bluffs will kick off its programming season with its first arts and crafts show on Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bob McCollum, president of the center, says, "We have four arts and crafts shows where local artists and crafters can offer their wares for sale to the general public." The other arts and crafts shows will be on Saturdays, June 14, July 19 and August 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four classes will be offered, including: "Yoga with Geri," starting on Tuesday, June 10, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.; "Painting

with Ellie" watercolor class, starting on Wednesday, June 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.; "Photography with Bob," starting on Thursday, June 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and "Qi-Gong with Mark," starting on Thursday, June 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Qi-Gong participants will learn basic postures and movements to improve vitality, health and longevity according to Chinese tradition.

There also will be a number of special events sponsored by the RBCC during the summer.

To participate, please contact Bob McCollum at 207-263-8579 or email <bob81848@msn.com>.

Cancer center sets Walk for Life event

The Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center will hold its 25th anniversary Walk for Life on Saturday, May 17, in Addison from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Walk for Life will feature a one-mile, two-mile or five-mile walk and five-mile run as well as family fun, children's activities, cornhole, games, lobster raffle and barbecue lunch.

For information, call the center at 664-0339 or email <info@bethwrightcancercenter.org>.

Columbia man dies in Route 1 accident

A Columbia resident died following a car accident in Milbridge on Wednesday, May 7.

At approximately 2:23 p.m., the Maine State Police responded to a report of a single-vehicle crash on Route 1. The initial investigation indicates that 79-year-old Clyde Samuelson Jr. of Columbia was traveling east in a 2011 Ford pickup truck when the vehicle left the roadway on the north side and entered a ditch between Route 1 and the Sunrise Trail. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

First responders removed Samuelson from the vehicle and initiated life-saving measures, but those efforts were unsuccessful and he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Milbridge Fire Department assisted on scene. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Whiting Village School recognized Teacher Appreciation Week from May 5 through May 9 and held the annual book fair from May 7 through May 9 at the Union Meeting House. There was an open house at the school on Wednesday, May 7, at 5 p.m. for families and community members.

As part of this month’s activities, students enjoyed the “Within the Whale Ad-

by Mary Alice Look
Tel. 733-2826

venture” with the students from the Cutler school on May 8. Eighth graders traveled to Washington Academy for Step-Up Day on May 9.

AMERICA 250

A meeting to continue plans for the celebration of Whiting’s 200th anniversary and America 250 will be held on Sunday, May 18, at the community building at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Cobscook Institute seeking volunteers

Cobscook Institute is excited to announce numerous volunteer opportunities. Some of these opportunities include Campus Care Days, Bird Fest and reception support.

Campus Care Days are from 12 to 2 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month, beginning May 31. This opportunity includes pruning trees, sealing picnic tables or helping with other maintenance.

Bird Fest volunteer opportunities include front-desk support and kitchen support from May 23 to 26 on the Cobscook Institute campus. Reception support involves helping at the front desk with ad-

ministrative and hospitality duties. These opportunities provide ways to connect with neighbors and gain skills. Each of these opportunities offers ways to be involved in areas that grow and strengthen the community.

More information about volunteer events can be found on the website at <cobscookinstitute.org/events>.

If interested in Bird Fest or reception, please contact Cobscook Institute’s AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator Nadia May at <nadia@cobscookinstitute.org>.

Community garden project help sought

Volunteers are needed for Cobscook Institute’s community garden, which will grow an array of edibles for the community. Garden prep days are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, May 12, 19, and 26, with rain dates of Tuesdays, May 13, 20, 27. Community garden volunteer days are first and third Sundays of each month, 10 a.m. to noon, June through August. Volunteers are also needed for daily watering, weeding and any garden-related projects that community members want to spearhead. All ages are welcome.

Thanks to a grant from the Hudson Foundation, Mary Briggs of Far Out Farm in Lubec is Cobscook Institute’s garden steward this summer.

Community Programming Steward Emily Guirl is overseeing the project and coordinating garden-related programs and workshops. The first will be a “Grow Shiitakes” workshop with Dan Cashore of Robbinston on May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$15. Those interested in teaching or learning about a specific garden topic may contact Guirl at <EmilyG@cobscookinstitute.org>.

For more information about community garden volunteer days and programs, and to register for Grow Shiitakes, visit <https://cobscookinstitute.org/events>, or contact AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Coordinator Nadia May at <Nadia@cobscookinstitute.org>.

Whiting voters approve fish ladder funds

by Mary Alice Look

Whiting voters continued to support the Whiting dam and fish passage project by securing additional possible funding sources at a special town meeting on April 28. In Article 2 of a three-article warrant, voters approved appropriating \$140,000 from the tax-acquired property proceeds account and authorized the select board to “make any necessary funds available from that appropriations for contingency for the Mill Pond Fish Ladder and Dam Stabilization Project.” Any unused funds from this appropriation will be returned to that account, it was noted on the warrant.

In the third and last article on the warrant, voters agreed to accept a gift of \$200,000 from the Maine Coast Heritage

Trust for use in conjunction with the same project. Both articles were approved unanimously.

Both the lawyer for the town, Andrew Hamilton of the firm Eaton Peabody in Bangor, and the engineer for the project, Al Nash, as non-residents were authorized by voters to be allowed to speak. Hamilton attended the meeting in person while Nash joined by phone. There was some discussion regarding the bidding of the project and the change in some materials in an effort to keep the cost down as much as possible. There was also mention of the \$2.9 million that came from Congressionally Directed Funding through the efforts of U.S. Senator Susan Collins and the select board several years ago.

Group engages in citizenship discussion

by J.D. Rule

A roomful of people crowded into the Porter Memorial Library meeting room in Machias the evening of April 18 – the eve of the anniversary of the “shot heard ‘round the world” and the site of much Revolutionary War activity – to participate in a group discussion led by Dr. Kay Kimball, a former history professor at the University of Maine at Machias campus. The topic, as she described it, was “the rights and responsibilities of citizenship” and “what it means to be a citizen.”

Kimball dove into the first of four topics she proposed for discussion, emphasizing that rather than providing a lecture she was encouraging dialogue. First up was the question, “Should voting be mandatory?” This led to a question from the audience, “Should voters be required to understand the issues?” It was pointed out by another that many get their information from the internet and other possibly biased sources, leading to the observation that “there is no such thing as a right view.” It was also mentioned that the right to vote includes the right to not vote and that requiring a vote may lead to a voter’s views being scrutinized by one who seeks to purchase that vote.

The second question was: “Can a government determine what education, etc., qualifies a voter?” Kimball pointed out, “Common sense cannot be taught in the classroom,” but without specifying what exactly is “common sense.” Several pointed out that there is little agreement as to that definition, including the comment, “We don’t mean if it’s innocent.” There was also the suggestion that “many people get ‘educated’ by money.” It was also mentioned that such a requirement might lead to a potential voter being refused due to having “the wrong education.”

Also raised was the question of manda-

tory service, such as is required in a few other countries, as a qualification for citizenship. This led directly into the question of a military draft; a number of participants appeared to be of the right age to have potentially been involved in the Vietnam War. Other opportunities were offered as to what that service might be, such as various forms of community service, but the consensus was that required service was not a good idea. One participant mentioned that he had lived in the Netherlands where there was “massive resentment to the draft.” This prompted the comment, “What kind of society do we want to live in? We have to have a lot of conversations.”

A fourth question was: “Are there any rights we don’t have that should be in the Constitution?” Bodily autonomy was immediately suggested, leading to a conversation about just what that means. Abortion rights came up quickly, but others include voluntary assisted death and the right to make personal medical decisions. Additional rights could be to have clean air and water or a healthy environment – the definition of which appears to be a moving target. Also raised was whether the right to privacy should be embedded in the Constitution, particularly given the wide-spread access to personal data through the internet and government access to information through income tax filings and Social Security data? It was pointed out that recent months have shown how vulnerable this data may be.


There were no obviously partisan comments heard during the hour-long session, and it was clear that voices came from both sides of the aisle. Following the conclusion of the event, Kimball was asked if her goal had been achieved. She replied that she had hoped to get a dialogue started, and she was happy with how that worked out. “People were talking,” she said.



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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A special town meeting to vote on the proposed school budget for 2025–2026 will be held at the Dennysville Town Office on Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

LINCOLN LIBRARY

At the recent Storytime, Melinda Jaques and Ann Carter led the reading of Leo Lionni’s fable *It’s Mine* and activities with students from the Edmunds school. The library is searching for new people to help with the children’s programs. Anyone who wishes to participate or has new ideas can contact Colin Windhorst at 726-3905 or <colin.windhorst@gmail.com> or Ann Carter at (207) 214-4540 or <ahcarter@midmaine.com>. The library hopes to have separate weekly gatherings for older and younger children this summer. The days and times are yet to be determined. All suggestions will be appreciated.

On May 2 seven people enjoyed the First Friday Tea at the library with hot spiced cider. The conversation is always interesting and entertaining, including Jonathan and Melinda Jaques’ report on their new Maine coon cat, straight from a breeder in Moscow, Russia, who arrived with its very own passport.

The next tea will be held on June 6 at 3 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fourteen people enjoyed the April pro-



SERENITY CUSHING (center) of Dennysville has received a scholarship award from the Girl Scouts of Maine. She is flanked by Girl Scouts of Maine CEO Mara Robinov-Moorhead and Donna Watson, chair of the Girl Scouts of Maine board of directors. (Photo courtesy the Girl Scouts of Maine)

Dennysville scout wins scholarship

Girl Scout Serenity Cushing from Dennysville has received a Silver Level Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) Joanne Crepeau Future Leaders Scholarship award for her efforts within the organization and leadership skills.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their answers to questions during the application process. “Girl Scouts has made a major difference in my life over the last 13 years,” says Cushing.

In the fall Cushing plans to major in psychology. She also hopes to coach women’s and girls’ wrestling to advocate for female athletes to have equal opportunities as their male counterparts.

Scholarships were recognized among other awards at the GSME annual celebration on May 3 in Fairfield.

by Mary McFadden, Tel. 726-4676
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gram on the early life of General Benjamin Lincoln, the original proprietor of townships No. 1 and 2 at Passamaquoddy, now Perry, Pembroke and Dennysville.

On Tuesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Library, the Dennys River Historical Society will be discussing how to preserve local history. Anyone interested in preserving family or community stories, planning or working to make the past relevant to the future is welcome to attend.

SUE’S CAFÉ

Sue’s Café, located on Route 1 in Edmunds, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and specials are offered daily.

ATV CLUB

The Dennysville ATV/Snowmobile Club, located on Milwaukee Road, reminds people that the trails are closed until further notice. Travel on water-logged trails can cause damage.

The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Thursday, May 15, with supper at 5:30 and meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next public breakfast at the clubhouse will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 7 to 9 a.m. Adults pay \$10, and children eat for free. New members are welcome.

EDMUNDS SCHOOL

Important dates are: Wednesday, May 14, Little Caesar Pizza orders and money due; Wednesday, May 14, food pantry bags distributed; Thursday, May 15, no school, teacher’s workshop; Monday, May 19, Wildlife Encounters visit; Tuesday, May 20, PreK-K registration; May 26, no school, Memorial Day; June 13, last day of school.

Registration for PreK and Kindergarten will be held on Tuesday, May 20, starting at 8 a.m. Call the school office at 726-4478 for an appointment.

Students had salamander and wood frog eggs, which have hatched. Grades 5 and 6 students presented a skit entitled “Beyond the Grave.” Grades 7 and 8 students studied the Civil War. Upper grade students prepared for their science fair on Wednesday, May 7.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Over 50 people attended the spaghetti supper on April 26 in the parish hall. Kudos to Bill Kilby, who served as “head chef,” preparing homemade meatballs and sauce. The next public supper will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 5 p.m. and will feature baked beans, hot dogs and casseroles. The cost will be \$12 for adults, and children eat for free.

Fifty people attended the May 3 breakfast in the parish hall. The next public breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 7, from 7 to 9 a.m.

The annual Summer Festival will be held in the parish hall on July 19. Items can be donated anytime for the Chinese raffle, the book sale, the tag sale and silent auctions. Spaces for the outdoor flea market must be reserved in advance. For information contact Roberta at 726-4674 for the Chinese raffle; Janice at 726-9585 or Ruth at 726-5536 for book sale; Linda at 450-7872 for tag sale; Mary at 726-4676 or Sandra at 726-4287 for food sale; or Scott at 853-4175 for flea market.



A PONY CLINIC FOR CHILDREN was sponsored by the Down East Border Riders Saddle Club on May 3 in Lubec.

Riding club holds children’s pony clinic

The Down East Border Riders Saddle Club sponsored a Pony Clinic for Kids on Saturday, May 3, at the Lubec facility of Melinda Copel and Andrew Kosleza. Rhonda Welcome brought three ponies named Eliot, Pistol and Phoebe, and six children with several adult helpers participated.

The riders learned about each pony’s breed, how to clean and groom the pony, and how to lead the pony in the arena and

around obstacles. They also learned how to clean the barn. Copel demonstrated clicker training, during which the pony gets a treat if it responds favorably to a cue. The children tried this with Copel’s pony Butterscotch.

The ponies loved the attention, and the children and adults had an enjoyable time. The club would like to thank Copel, Welcome and all of the helpers for a successful day.



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SELECTMEN’S MEETING

At the April 14 meeting, the select board was agreed to accept a bid for buying the winter salt from New England Salt at the price of \$79 a ton. The selectmen signed papers to have the town’s audit completed. The board will be able to set a date for town meeting once the audit is received by the town. There has been no new information on the purposed one-lane bridge on the Station Road.

The regular meeting on April 28 was cancelled. Selectmen’s meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the town hall at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be May 12.

BAPTIST 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 faithfully opens the service, and Barbara Nuttall and Peggy Sawyer provide the piano and organ music.

Everybody is invited to attend Bible study each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the church led by Sonia Seeley. The group is starting a new study on “The Tabernacle.” Everyone is provided with a study guide and an illustrated handout of the Tabernacle.

Vacation Bible school will be held at the church in June.

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Members participated in the hazmat operations refresher training at the station with Scott Luciano as instructor on April 22.

Members held a work session at the station on May 4. Due to a rain storm, they were only able to do inside work. Another date will be scheduled for the outside work around the station.

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

Members held a business meeting on May 5 at the town hall. The officers are: president, Eileen Clark; vice president,

Nancy Fennell; secretary, Sandra Sawyer; and treasurer, Janet Moholland. It was noted that the auxiliary has been raising funds for CVF&RD for 50 years. The group was organized on March 5, 1975.

Those attending voted to have the annual craft fair on July 12.

The next meeting will be on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall to discuss plans for the craft fair and other fundraising ideas.

SCHOOL BOARD

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Round Pond Cemetery on May 26.

Eileen Clark and Sandra Sawyer, editors of “The Loon II” newsletter, would appreciate memories and photos that could be used in publications, especially photos of buildings or people who lived in Charlotte.

Anyone wishing to continue membership or become a new member should send dues 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. All newsletters are included in the membership.

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

Get-well wishes go out to Sylvia Day, who had eye surgery on April 29. She is at home doing very well.

Jane Enman was the first person in Charlotte to let Eileen Clark know that the hummingbirds returned on May 4. Clark got one a little later the same day. The warblers started returning the last week of April, and more are returning every day. There have been several different kinds of waterbirds returning daily, and the geese are already nesting.

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LEGION PLANS PUBLIC SUPPER

American Legion Cobscook Post 59 will be holding the next baked bean supper on Saturday, May 9, at 5 p.m. In addition to baked beans there will be casseroles, salads, rolls, desserts and beverages. Adults pay \$10, and children under 12 eat for free.

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.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2259

Troop 2259 will be holding its annual bottle drive on Saturday, May 10. Please message Tonia Griffin on Facebook or by text at (207) 214-5127 to schedule a pick-up. Bottle donations are also accepted anytime at 166 Little Falls Road in Pembroke.

Donations may be left in front of the barn on the hill. Troop 2259 appreciates all of the support.

PEMBROKE LIBRARY

The library thanks Terry Hurley for completing the new stairs from the second floor while keeping under budget.

The next meeting of the book club, Biscuits and Books, will be on Monday, May 19. Members will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Weekly offerings include: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., knitting group; Thursdays, 10

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IRONWORKS QUILTERS

Ironworks Quilters will hold a free workshop on the basics of paper-piecing at the Pembroke Library on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will learn shortcuts and a technique to begin paper-piecing by making a paper-pieced needle case. The supply list can be found on the Ironworks Quilters Facebook page under "files." To register, contact instructor Bonnie Hunter at 207-214-5591.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

July 4th T-shirts and sweatshirts are available at the Pembroke Town Office.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Good Samaritan planted flowers in the two planters by the front door. They are already looking terrific.

Church members recently voted to accept the resignation of Nancy Mozeliak as church treasurer due to her increased schedule elsewhere. Lori Lynch volunteered and was unanimously elected to take over the position. The church appreciates Mozeliak's hard work and Lynch's volunteering her services.

Church services are being held in the sanctuary. The leader of the service on May 4 was Penny Rahm



TWO GIRL SCOUTS from Pembroke, Ami Griffin and Amakehs Mendoza (center), have earned their Silver Award from the Girl Scouts of Maine. On the left is Donna Watson, chair of the Girl Scouts of Maine board of directors, and on the right is Girl Scouts of Maine CEO Mara Robinov-Moorhead. (Photo courtesy the Girl Scouts of Maine)

Scouts earn award for flag lesson plans

Two Girl Scouts from Pembroke, Ami Griffin and Amakehs Mendoza, earned their Silver Award for creating comprehensive lesson plans on flag etiquette and constructing a flag retirement box. The Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest honor a cadette can earn – is achieved when Girl Scout cadettes focus on an issue they care about in their community and take action.

After noticing that community members were unaware of the correct way to handle and dispose of flags, Griffin and Mendoza created lesson plans on flag eti-

quette. The lesson plans are designed to teach students the importance of displaying, caring for and retiring flags. The girls also constructed a flag retirement box, which was installed at the Pembroke American Legion post. This box provides a place for the community to dispose of their worn-out flags.

Their project made a significant impact in educating the community about the proper treatment of the flag. The project not only raised awareness about flag etiquette but also instilled a sense of respect for national symbols.

Washington Academy posts honor roll

Judson McBrine, head of school at Washington Academy in East Machias, has announced third-quarter honor roll for the 2024/2025 year as follows.

Grade 9: High honors – Caroline Ashley, Carly Bailey, Annika Baker, Lilyana Balyint, Bowie Berry, Cara Cole, Etta Crosman, Alexa Cushing, Siqon Dana Lopez, Kci Yap Dana, Kingston Davis, Jayelyn DellaGatta, Dustin Denbow Jr., Lylah Dinsmore, Anneliese Eyerman, Brady Hall, Aiden Huntley, Grace Johnson, Morijah Legare, Hayden Look, Cameron Lord, Piper Marsceill, Ziva Marsceill, Mica Mawhar, Amakehs Mendoza, Maximus Morang, Anh Nguyen, Everett Riddell, Sienna Riser, Dannica Smith, Tommie Smith Jr., Eliza Swann, Caydence Varian, Ivan Wang, Madisyn Wannemacher, George Welch, Liam York; honors – Samuel Amato, Madison Armstrong, Temperance Bean, Chase Cates, Aden Cowdrey, Aiyana Dana, Lennox Dana, Henry Ferguson, Carson Getchell, Quinn Harter, John Hughes, Annie-Mae McCaslin, Liam Ramsdell, Damian Riggs, Michael Robinson, Tegan Rodgers, Jaylyn Warren, John Williams.

Grade 10: High honors – Candela Alvarez Clotet, Eleanor Ampuja, Eysan Ayvaz, Lane Brown, Payton Bulmer, Nate Dana, Emma Do, Naroa Echeandia Arias, Jhonny Flores Coca, Alyssa Greenlaw, Lara Guedes Maciel Dos Santos, Nguyen Le, Son Le, Shepard McCall, Phoenix Meyer, Coburn Morris, Camren Mumme, Baylei Newman, Crystal Nguyen, Gehrig Renaud, Grady Renaud, Lucas Scoville, Acadia Thimlar, Minh Tran, Isla Wood; honors – Adin Alley, Alyssa Beam, Jack Caricofe, Jayden Corey, Pablo Cruz Parra, Nguyen Dinh, Aubrey Faulkingham, Abby Gagne, Lillia Gove, Cecilia Hopkins, Alp Kucukkebabci, Alan Lassen, Junjie Lin, Brylee McConnell, Ricard Mesas Sole, Thomas Molinski, Carlos Perez, Barbadillo Rinaldi, Summer Richter, Mackenzie Smith, James Welch.

Grade 11: High honors – Kiley Bauman, Parker Cates, Lucinda Dao, Samuel Davidson, Hadley Davis, Sam Dedmon, Logyn Dempsey, Aubrey Hankins, Lily Hennessey, Linda Jessiman, Boa Le, Aria Lombardo, Jayden Mahar, Georgia Marsceill, AJ Marx, Hanna Megno, Colby Mo-

holland, Hien Nguyen, Lan Nguyen, Marin Norton, Linus Patterson, Maja Pflaum, CJ Ramsdell, Cooper Robinson, Dylan Robinson, Meadow Rohde, Kellan Schwinn, Elliana Snider, Arden Sowerby, Jayden Wright; honors – Blake Archer, Lucca Assad Pontes Costa, Bradley Austin, Gabriel Baker, Javier Berdar Segura, Breonna Caler, Anabella Cirone, Cali Cole, Lucas Cushing, Nghi Do, Hannah Dudley, David Garcia-Sanchez, Daniel Gardner, Giovanna Goncalves, Martins Cardoso, Addisen Goodwin, Colton Harter, Hai Hoang, Dakota Jordan, Olivia Jorgensen, Minna Koppetsch, Avery Libby, Juan Lopez Garda, Arden Luuring, Cameron Matthews, Alex Mo, Ben Mubang, Victor Nascimento Ramos, Michael Neptune, Danaeh Neptune-Miliano, Palmer Pham, Selina Phan, Theodore Reimer, Hal Samatiwat, Pierce Thatcher, Nolawi Theodros, Arthur Trindade Umeda, Giovanni Trinidad, Jon Vo, Carter Wannemacher, Jose Zabala Melgar, Matyas Zrubecky.

Grade 12: High honors – Emmanuel Albee, Aiden Albertson, Hayden Alley, Arhan Ayvaz, Autumn Balyint, Myla Bartko, Alaina Berry, Ryan Boyle, Avery Cates, Ethan Cates, Miranda Cheney, Reese Crosman, Ethan Cummings, Maximus Curtis, Alayna Dana, Abigail Dorsey, Ian Eyerman, Naomi Eyerman, Olivia Feltnier, Isabella Garcia, Victoria Garza, Jade Greenlaw, Colin Hallowell, Rachel Keeton, Daniel Khuong, Johanna Kiland, Mike Le, Alex Look, Taylor MacDonald, Abigail Maker, Abigail Montemaggi, Jeremiah Myers, Lovella Neptune-Miliano, Lin Nguyen, Skai Olivares, Kha Phan, Arianna Pighi, Finlay Ramsdell, Lola Smith, Michael Taylor, Vittoria Tomasi, Kiet Tran, Keeley Trott, Bao Tu, Evelyn Vu; honors – Abigail Anderson, Noah Aruda, Brendan Bragg, Anna Brown, Lucy Bui, Lily Cao, Pablo Castell Bover, Paige Cates, Susanna Consonni, Grace Dennison, Ava Fitzhenry, Jacopo Ganni, Hasan Gulaldi, Ada Gungor, Benjamin Hennessey, Jaden Hoa, Gabriel Leighton, Shawn Lombardo, Coleman McCall, Shawn Melvin Jr., Dorothy Nguyen, Landy Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Truc Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Nhi Quach, Isabelle Roos, Erika Rossi, Kisuhs Stevens-Dinsmore, Joey Vo, Ashton Whitney.

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Students receive Good Citizen awards

Four area high school students were honored as their respective school's Good Citizen for this school year. The Hannah Weston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, honored them and their families on April 8 at the Union Meeting House in Whiting. Two of the chosen students were present to read their personal statements and essays. Quinn Cunnington from Machias Memorial High School and Isabelle Roos from Washington Academy shared their writing with the appreciative audience. They were presented with a certificate of their accomplishment and a

monetary award. Allison Fraser from Narraguagus High School and Leilani Welsh from Calais High School were not able to attend and will receive awards later. The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities to an outstanding degree.

Perry Elementary School posts honor roll

The Perry Elementary School has announced the third quarter Students of the Quarter are: K4, Kallen Cummings; K5, Charlotte Merrill; Grade 1, Carter Oliver; Grade 2, Emma LaCasse; Grade 5, Ameilia Merrill; and Grade 6, Roman Pottle. On the academic honor roll are: Grade 3: honors – Emma Newcomb, Micah Trowbridge, Jasmine Fitzsimmons, Renesmay Lee; Grade 4: honors – Joseph Russell, Gabriella Trowbridge, Hartley Tilton, Sean Pottle; Grade 5: high honors – John Newcomb; honors – Amelia Merrill, Elovie Cummings, Hunter Christman; Grade 6: high honors – Roman Pottle, Molly Calder; honors – William Gower; Grade 7: high honors – Charleigh Harris-Voisine; honors – Jaidyn Allen, Deanna

MacNichol; Grade 8: honors – Tanish Bulmer, Layni Harkins. On the behavior honor roll for the third quarter are: K4 – Caitlin Gardner, Kallen Cummings, Nera Joerges, Ryan Bowen; K5 – Adalind LaPlante, Charlotte Merrill, Esther Joerges; Grade 1 – Mary Bowen; Grade 2 – Emma LaCasse, Jocelyn Harmon; Grade 3 – Emma Newcomb, Jasmine Fitsimmons; Grade 5 – Amelia Merrill, Hunter Christman, Joshua Thomas; Grade 6 – Adalynn Brown, Kaylee McPhail; Grade 7 – Jaidyn Allen, Knox Brown, Charleigh Harris-Voisine, Deanna MacNichol, Aspen Rohde, Isabella Whittemore; Grade 8 – Tanisha Bulmer, Layni Harkins, Anna Francis-Perry and Lilliana Tomah.



PREPARING their future publications are these students who stopped by The Quoddy Tides table at the third annual career fair at Sipayik Elementary School on Friday, May 2. Approximately 400 students, grades Pre-K through 8, came to the event, which saw 41 vendors presenting activities and careers for students to consider. (Kara Mitchell photo)

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PLEASANT POINT

ELDERS MEETING

An elders meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, starting at 2 p.m. at the Passamaquoddy Elder Center meal site.

ALEWIFE RUN

The Skutik River Alewife Run will be held on Saturday, May 24, starting at 6 a.m. at Split Rock. The run will end in Forest City. Contact Brian Altvater with questions at 207-214-8920.

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS

A sign-up sheet is at the tribal office reception area for a four-day Sipayik Tra-

ditional Teachings workshop. The event will take place at the Woluke building. Teachings by Brian (Joe) Francis and Claude Aubin will include the shake tent and naming ceremony and star lodge teachings.

DESIGN CONTEST

The Passamaquoddy Days Committee is having a T-shirt design contest. Please submit entries by June 13 at 4 p.m. for this year's celebration. Drop them off to Tina Sabattus or Janelle Sapiel or by email them to <cdowning@wabanaki.com> or <janellesapiel@wabanaki.com>.

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SIPAYIK VICE CHIEF (from page 1)

A summary of the investigation states that the attorney “determined Ernie Neptune engaged in a sustained pattern of abusive and harassing conduct toward female employees and members of the community who were not employees who were receiving services from the tribe, including women receiving financial assistance.” The harassment allegedly included Neptune’s telling women that they “owed him” for their jobs or assistance they were receiving. Evidence included that he had asked women for nude or sexual photos and offered to pay for those photos, requested sexual favors and sent inappropriate or explicit memes or photos to the women. He allegedly made the requests repeatedly and expressed frustration when the women did not respond. The summary report states, “Some of the witnesses interviewed expressed fear that they would be retaliated against and indicated they knew of other women who had received similar communications from Ernie Neptune but who were too afraid to come forward because of Ernie Neptune’s position of power.”

While Neptune did not agree to be interviewed by the investigator, he did state that he would sometimes “sext” women while he was drinking and suggested that he did not realize he was making women feel uncomfortable and that all texts were consensual and reciprocated. The investigator’s report, though, casts doubt on the explanations, as some of the sexual messages were sent during working hours and he sometimes repeatedly asked women for responses despite not receiving them.

The report found that the abusive behavior violated the tribal government’s harassment policy and caused unnecessary harm to community members.

Vice chief says report biased

Neptune, though, says he believes the report is “extremely biased. The report only took parts and pieces they wanted to put into the report.” Neptune says any communications he had were consensual with adult women and were reciprocated. “It was a continual joking process throughout.”

“I felt it was a witch hunt from the beginning,” he says of the investigation. “I felt it was extremely blown out of proportion.” Speaking emphatically, he says, “It was a very, very unfair process.”

Neptune says he declined to be interviewed by the attorney, noting, “I only answer to the council and the people.” He says the attorney works for Drummond Woodsum, which the tribal government uses as its law firm. “They got what they paid for,” he says, maintaining the report was not done by “an unbiased, third-party person.” He also feels that tribal councillors “were groomed” to turn against him, and he notes that councillors met an hour before the posted time for the council meeting at which they voted to terminate his employment. That earlier meeting would have violated the tribe’s constitution, since it was not a posted meeting.

“There were no victims in this – only me,” Neptune says. “It’s ruined by reputation. It took my livelihood away. It was an internal tribal matter that went public. There’s no privacy with my personal life.”

Neptune says he has drawn up a resolution that initially was supported by some tribal councillors and that seeks to place Chief Pos Bassett on paid administrative

leave while allegations that have been made about inappropriate behavior on his part are investigated. However, two of the supportive councillors ended up removing their names from the resolution, according to Neptune. He says, though, that he is considering possible legal action over the council’s decision.

Council issues statement

A statement supported by the tribal council and read at the April 22 council meeting by Councillor Rena Newell says that the vice chief abused his position of power and engaged in sexual harassment against multiple women. “These are people who should have been safe when working for us, living in our community or seeking help from their vice chief. Some of these women are our most vulnerable people in our community, and it was his responsibility to protect them.”

The tribal council’s statement also addresses the women who came forward, stating, “We are sorry for what happened to you. We believe you. We thank you – for your strength, your honesty and your bravery.” It continues, “This kind of behavior has been tolerated for far too long in our community. We hope that today is an important step to ensuring that this type of behavior no longer plagues our workplaces, our community or our homes.”

The statement concludes, “We have to do better, and we will do better. That means protecting the vulnerable, holding the powerful accountable and creating spaces where every person is treated with dignity and respect.”

That point was echoed by Chief Pos Bassett in a letter to the Sipayik community. Noting that the community should “support the ones that have been wronged instead of treating them as they have done something wrong,” he writes that, the night after the council meeting, he was listening to the voices of children who were staying with his son during the April school vacation. “I can hear their laughter echoing in the halls, and this is what I love about my community, but when I woke I found myself for the first time not wanting my kids to stay in our community after they graduate high school. We continue to drag each other down, and this is not the way of life our people deserve. Depression, poverty and addiction are all around us, and we must change how we live and how we treat one another. Passamaquoddy values need to be brought back into our everyday lives, and we must do the right thing and support what is right.”



PEACEFUL RELATIONS held its annual walk to mark the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women on May 5. The walk began at the Pleasant Point Health Center and proceeded to the Kim Neptune memorial at Split Rock. (Sue Moore photo)

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SPRUCING UP the Calais Waterfront Park was this dedicated team of volunteers, including representatives from Calais Walmart, Mayor Marcia Rogers, Betsy Barnard and several community members, during a wet and chilly April 15. Along with removing trash, the group did minor landscaping work to prepare the park for the coming summer. (Photo courtesy of Calais Walmart)

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Construction causes North Street detours

by Wayne Tripp

At the April 24 Calais City Council meeting, City Manager Mike Ellis informed the council that the sewer and water improvement project has begun on North Street. He reminded residents and visitors that updates on construction progress and detour information will be posted regularly on the city’s website at <www.calaismaine.org>. North Street is currently one way northbound only beginning at Lincoln Street, with southbound traffic being detoured to South Street.

Ellis recognized April as National Volunteer Month, encouraging community members to find ways to volunteer and support local organizations. He praised Fire Chief Billy Lee and his department for hosting another successful Easter egg

hunt for more than 200 children at the fire station just hours after the department responded to a structure fire.

The council scheduled public hearings on a Remote Public Meeting Ordinance and adoption of a Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Industrial-Scale Aquaculture Development for the May 8 council meeting. The council also approved a revised update to the policy concerning the after-hours use of the Calais Recreation Center. The request for a sewer abatement of \$155.70 for 59 Swan Street was also approved.

The council discussed transitioning from paper-based meeting materials to iPad or tablet formats. The council was split on their interest, and at the request of Mayor Marcia Rogers the item was added to the “wish list” for future consideration.

School board told of year-end activities

by Wayne Tripp

At their April 30 meeting, the Calais School Committee heard updates on end-of-year activities provided by middle/high school Principal Dean Preston and student representative Leilani Welsh. Preston reported that the speaker series has been well received, with speakers including John Westhaver speaking in March and Adjutant General Diane Dunn of the Maine Army National Guard speaking in April. Ben Guité will be speaking to students on May 14. The eighth-grade celebration will be on June 12, with middle school step-up day on June 13.

Welsh reminded the committee that Senior Prom is May 17 at the high school and that the JMG closing ceremony is May 29. Other key dates include the high school honors assembly on May 22 and

graduation on June 1. The eighth-grade class trip will be June 6 through 9.

The board approved hiring Earl Watts as the history teacher, Olivia Waycott as elementary school general education teacher, and Willard Doliber as truck driving instructor for the St. Croix Regional Technical Center, contingent on program approval.

Blood drives slated in Machias, Calais

The American Red Cross will be holding blood drives on Wednesday, May 14, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2 Park Street, Calais; and on Thursday, May 15, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the E.L. Hennessey Training Center, 1 Colonial Way, Machias.

Simply 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 or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

Calais library sets 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 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 head-start with some activities conducted on site, see how the sun compares to objects outside of the solar system and use some sun print paper.

St. Anne’s church to host breakfast

The public is invited to a Mother’s Day breakfast at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church in Calais on Saturday, May 10, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The all-you-can-eat meal includes sausage, beans, eggs, tater tots, baked goods, fresh fruit and french toast. The suggested donation is \$10.

Calais police issue April incident report

The Calais Police Department report for April includes the following incidents.

On April 14 a 31-year-old female from Princeton was summonsed on a charge of theft.

On April 15 a 38-year-old female from Perry was arrested on a warrant charge.

Calais sets events for Memorial Day

The Calais American Legion will host the following events during Memorial Day weekend.

On Saturday, May 24, at 8 a.m., the community is invited to place flags on the graves of service personnel. Flags and refreshments will be provided.

On Monday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m., a march and a wreath ceremony will be held at the Ferry Point bridge. Participants should meet at the parking lot beside the duty-free store at 10 a.m.

Afterward, in Memorial Park, Calais High School band member Jaida Jamieson will play the flute and Leilani Welsh will read about the origins of Memorial Day. “In Flanders Fields” will be read, along with a Voice of Democracy essay submission.

Following these events, a ceremony in Calais Cemetery will be held.

Domestic violence support group set

A domestic violence support group facilitated by Lydia Neddeau will meet on the first and third Mondays of the month starting May 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center, 163 Main St., Baileyville.

This biweekly support group is open to anyone who is or has been affected by domestic violence and is intended to give people a safe place to listen, share or just get out for an hour. Anyone who has been, potentially could be or is living in a domestic violence situation is welcome. This group is designed to help participants to create social connections and networks of support.

Advanced registration is not required, and participants can attend as often as they choose.

For more information or to register, call 207-610-5152 or email <info@bethwrightcancercenter.org>.

ARREST MADE IN KILLING (from page 1)

journalist in part to make an annual appeal to the community to help solve the case. “I was working yesterday when my phone started to blow up with messages about law enforcement finally making an arrest. Forty years is a long time, but I can tell you I wanted to do celebratory cartwheels across the room last night.”

Maxwell, whom Tenan describes as beloved by her parents who had her later in life, was a “normal 18-year-old – soft-spoken and kind.”

On the evening of August 23, 1984, she never came home, leading to a massive two-day search effort. Then on August 25 a call about a drowning near the Robbinston boat landing came in. When Calais police officer Bill Cody arrived on scene, he found an unclothed deceased body, later identified as Maxwell.



Linda Maxwell

David Burns of Whiting, who was an investigator with the Maine State Police at the time of Maxwell’s death, says that Raymond Brown was a focus of the investigation from the beginning. “He was the last one who was reported to have seen her alive.” That evidence was both from witnesses and Brown’s own statement.

Burns relates that on August 23 there had been a gathering of young people for a party at Round Pond in Charlotte. When the group came back to Calais, Maxwell was in a pickup truck with Brown, and he left the group to drop her off in Milltown. “We gathered the facts and gave them to the attorney general’s office,” which made the decision that there was not enough evidence to bring charges against Brown and that the state police “should just keep investigating.”

Burns says that “the months turned into years, and the years into decades.” He retired from the state police, and other investigators picked up the case. Then in 2015 the legislature approved the formation of an Unsolved Homicide Unit. Burns was serving as a state senator at the time, and among those who testified in support of forming the unit were Maxwell’s brother and sister.

Burns says the unit “is very important in reexamining cold cases. It’s brought a lot of results.” He says that during the past few months the detectives assigned to the case have been “working really hard on it” and had contacted him. They re-interviewed witnesses and also spoke again with Brown. They also reexamined Maxwell’s body, and the investigators and the AG’s office decided there was enough evidence to bring charges. As for whether DNA evidence might have been a factor in making the decision to move forward,

Burns does not know, but he does state that at the time of the initial investigation “we weren’t doing DNA evidence.”

“I’m very pleased that they moved ahead with the arrest. I feel it’s very provable. I’m happy for the family and the people in the Calais area. I think it’s time for some closure.” Of the cold-case investigation, he adds, “Sometimes it takes a long time.”

An extensive criminal record

At the time of the Maxwell’s death, Brown was 25 years old and living nearby in Pembroke. He has an extensive criminal record, beginning from when he was 18, according to a criminal background check. In October 1977 he was found guilty of two felony burglary charges and served a year in prison. Soon after he was arrested on the burglary charges, Brown, along with two other inmates, escaped from the Washington County Jail after making a hole in the roof, according to an article in the *Bangor Daily News*. Brown and one of the other men returned to the jail the next day.

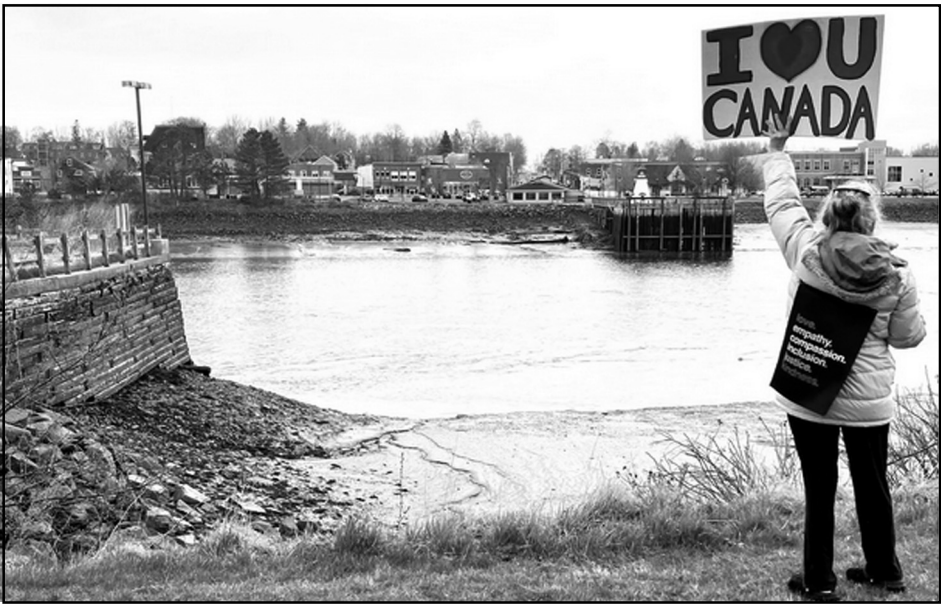
In July 1981 he was arrested on a misdemeanor criminal mischief charge and fined \$50, with restitution required. He was then arrested on misdemeanor criminal threatening and assault charges and a felony possession of a firearm by a felon charge in June 1982. He was sentenced in April 1983 to 90 days in the Washington County Jail on the misdemeanor charges and 18 months in prison on the felony charge, with all but 90 days suspended and with one year of probation.

Before he was sentenced for those offenses, though, he was charged with attempted theft in Calais in October 1982 and fined \$100. Two months later, in December, he was charged with simple assault. In June 1983 he was sentenced to serve six months in the Aroostook County Jail on the assault conviction.

According to previous *Bangor Daily News* articles, Brown was found not guilty of a rape charge that stemmed from a July 14, 1984, incident in Washington County, just over a month before Maxwell’s murder. Two months later, in September 1984, a gross sexual misconduct charge against him was dismissed after a grand jury failed to indict him. In addition, a gross serial misconduct charge was dismissed in September 1985.

There are no more charges against Brown listed after that time.

If convicted, Brown faces a sentence of 25 years to life in prison. A trial date has not yet been set.



SHOWING SUPPORT for her Canadian neighbors is this woman on the Calais waterfront during the May Day rallies held in Washington County.

Rallies held against government policies

On April 26, residents from the Machias area assembled to peacefully protest at the Veteran’s Memorial triangle at the bottom of College Hill.

Crowd sizes have varied at this weekly rally, organized by Indivisible Washington County. On April 5, the rally coincided with a national Hands Off! protest. Approximately 250 people showed up in Machias, and over three million people took to the streets across the nation. On April 12, eight people rallied in Machias. On April 19, the rally coincided with another national rally: “Day of Action. No Kings.” About 75 people protested in Machias, and more than four million people protested nationally. And on April 26, 20 people participated in Machias in the rain. Passing motorists were, for the most part, supportive.

Then between May 1 and 3 hundreds of thousands of people from all across the nation showed up to protest Trump’s agenda. There were over 1,000 rally sites across the country. Four locations in Washington County were part of this na-

tional movement. It started at noon in Cherryfield on Thursday with 30 people holding signs and chanting on the bridge. Then on Friday, with no rally planned for Calais, one lone woman turned up to show Canadians across the St. Croix River she was thinking about them. On Saturday, 30 people turned out in the pouring rain at 11 a.m. in Lubec, organized by the Washington County Maine Democrats, and stayed for the whole hour to the enthusiastic support of passing motorists. It concluded when 90 people rallied from noon to 1 p.m. in Machias, organized by Indivisible Washington County. The protests were done in partnership with the group May Day Strong.

Participants in the local rallies agree that everyone deserves a fair shake to obtain affordable housing, healthcare, personal safety and the right to make a fair living.

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FIRE MOVED SWIFTLY through a multi-family home in Baileyville on the morning of Monday, April 28. More than a dozen firefighters worked to contain the blaze. (Baileyville Fire Department photo)

Fire destroys two-family Baileyville home

by Lura Jackson

A structure fire destroyed a multi-family home located at 5 Hillside Street in Baileyville on Monday, April 26. The swift-moving blaze resulted in no significant injuries to residents or firefighters, though one upstairs resident experienced minor burns while escaping the fire. A cat belonging to the downstairs resident, Ashley Campbell, did not survive.

Firefighters were called in at 7:55 a.m. to find the second floor of the building “fully involved,” says Baileyville Fire Chief Bill Delnicki. Fighting “a lot of intense smoke and heat,” the crew attempted an initial attack but had to withdraw “to preserve the safety of our firefighters.” Efforts shifted to containing and then shrinking the blaze, with the scene cleared within a couple of hours. More than a dozen firefighters responded, with Calais, Princeton and Alexander providing mutual aid.

While the fire damage was mostly confined to the upstairs apartment – the home of Corrine Cosgrove and her two children – both residences were destroyed, Delnicki

says. The State Fire Marshal’s Office has investigated the cause of the fire, with initial findings being that the source was a space heater plugged into a power strip.

“Space heaters have been an issue,” Delnicki says. “There have been a number of fires started by electrical heaters just in the past few years. Power strips are not rated for electrical heaters.”

The American Red Cross was conveniently nearby in Calais providing a public training and was “able to start assisting the residents immediately,” Delnicki says.

Allison Wallace is taking donations for the residents at Dollar General, with hoodies – sizes women’s small, women’s large and men’s medium – being the largest need. Those who wish to assist the families can also buy gift cards and donate them at the register, Wallace says.

GoFundMe accounts have been set up and can be found at <www.gofundme.com/f/ashleys-recovery-from-fires-impact> and <www.gofundme.com/f/support-coris-family-after-house-fire> for Campbell and Cosgrove, respectively.

WCCC students named to academic team

Washington County Community College (WCCC) proudly announces that Chelsey Megquier and Jordyn Bray have been named to the prestigious All-Maine Academic Team for 2025. The All-Maine Academic Team recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.

Chelsey Megquier of Calais is pursuing an associate degree in business management. She maintains a 3.8 GPA and has been recognized on the college dean’s list and president’s list. She received the Instructor’s Choice Award and supports fellow students by partnering with TRIO Student Support Services to address textbook affordability issues. Megquier serves as a tutor in mathematics, business and Microsoft courses, where she is known for her enthusiastic, compassionate and nonjudgmental support. Her instructor Rhonda French highlighted Megquier’s proactive leadership, initiative and genuine warmth, and TRIO Advisor Pamela Feeney praised Megquier’s tutoring skills, empathetic approach and ability to connect with students. Megquier plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Husson University in accounting and eventually a master’s in business administration.

Jordyn Bray from Springfield is pursuing an associate degree in education, demonstrating outstanding academic performance with a 3.9 GPA. He works as a special education ed tech I at Mattanawcook Junior High School in Lincoln. His internship advisor, Linda Levesque, praised his thoughtful approach, curiosity, fairness, humor and inclusiveness in working with students. Additionally, Bray has earned his Behavioral Health Professional certificate and regularly engages in professional development opportunities. Education instructor Melinda Reynolds commended Bray’s dedication. Bray will pursue a bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Maine at Machias, aspiring eventually to serve as a school principal.

Tyler Stoldt, dean of enrollment management and student services and PTK advisor, praises both students, stating, “Chelsey and Jordyn truly embody the Phi Theta Kappa ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. As someone who personally benefited from Phi Theta Kappa during my own community college journey, I recognize their tremendous accomplishments and am confident they will continue to make significant impacts in their fields and communities.”

Academic Dean Darin McGaw says, “Chelsey and Jordyn are outstanding examples of the incredible student body we have here at WCCC. I applaud them both, honor them and wish them well in their continuing pursuits of education and career.”

Extension to host May 31 public event


The Washington County Extension Association is hosting an annual meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office, 116 O’Brien Avenue, on the campus of the University of Maine at Machias. The rain location is the Larson Conference Room in the Reynolds Center.

The event includes presentations of the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award and 4-H member Kai B., who will share her experiences at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. The free event includes lunch, a goat petting zoo and a screen printing activity. Attendees can pick up free seeds, tick spoons and soil tests while supplies last.

For more information and to RSVP for the meal, visit the Washington County Extension Association annual meeting webpage by Wednesday, May 21. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact Tara Wood at 207-255-3345 or <tara.a.wood@maine.edu>.

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Forecasts

MAY 9 THROUGH 11

PLAY, Stage East presents *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, Eastport Arts Center, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY – MAY 9

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

SATURDAY – MAY 10

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST, St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Calais, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

VERNAL POOLS WALK, Downeast Coastal Conservancy, Vining Lake Community Preserve, 10 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT, University of Maine at Machias, Reynolds Center Gymnasium, 10 a.m.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER, American Legion Cobscook Post 59, Pembroke, 5 p.m.

LAMPS BENEFIT CONCERT, LAMPS sextet and Jane Lanctot, Cobscook Institute, Trescott, 6 to 8 p.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 11

MOTHER’S DAY.

MONDAY – MAY 12

SENIOR GREENHOUSE TOUR, Roosevelt Campobello International Park Wells-Shober Cottage, reserve by calling 506-752-2922, 2 p.m. (AT).

TUESDAY – MAY 13

OPPORTUNITIES FAIR for students in grades 7 through 12, Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology, 11 Addison Road, Columbia, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 14

BLOOD DRIVE, American Red Cross, Knights of Columbus hall, 2 Park Street, Calais, 12 to 5 p.m.

SCAM PREVENTION TRAINING, Porter Memorial Library, Machias, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY – MAY 15

COLLABORATIVE LISTENING SESSION on the topic of serious illness and palliative care, University of Maine at Machias, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE, American Red Cross, E.L. Hennessey Training Center, 1 Colonial Way, Machias, 12 to 5 p.m.

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DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON, Machias Memorial High School, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

QUODDY VOICES SPRING CONCERT, “May We? Mais Oui!,” Eastport Arts Center, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 17

ARMED FORCES DAY.

For additional listings, see the website <www.culturepass.net/events>.

PUBLIC BREAKFAST, Dennysville ATV/Snowmobile clubhouse, 7 to 9 a.m.

NATURE WALK at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Baring, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

WALK FOR LIFE sponsored by Beth C. Wright Cancer Center, for information call 207-664-0339, Addison, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DAYTIME ASTRONOMY PROGRAM, Calais Free Library, drop in anytime from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GELLI PRINT PLAY DAY, register in advance, Eastport Arts Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STONE SOUP POTLUCK, Lubec Community Outreach Center, 44 South Street, 1 to 3 p.m.

DOWNEAST JAZZ JAM, come play or listen, Old Sow Grill, Eastport, 4 to 6 p.m.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER, Dennysville Congregational Church, 5 p.m.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER, West Lubec Methodist Church, 5 p.m.

FUNDRAISER POTLUCK SUPPER for the family of Shaun Moody, Roque Bluffs Community Center, 5 to 7 p.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 18

BENEFIT RAFFLE AND MEAL, Chinese raffle and to-go spaghetti meal, Eastport Elementary School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

QUODDY VOICES SPRING CONCERT, “May We? Mais Oui!,” Eastport Arts Center, 3 p.m.

MONDAY – MAY 19

VICTORIA DAY in Canada.

MAY 23 THROUGH 24

YARD SALE sponsored by Robbinston Historical Society, at Robbinston Recreation Center, Rt. 1, Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY – MAY 20

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING to vote on school budget, Dennysville Town Office, 6 p.m.

MAY 23 THROUGH 26

DOWNEAST SPRING BIRDING FESTIVAL, see Downeast Coastal Conservancy website for festival details.

SATURDAY – MAY 24

SKUTIK RIVER ALEWIFE RUN, Split Rock, begins at 6 a.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 25

CELTIC CONCERT with Cynthia MacLeod and Gordon Belsher, Eastport Arts Center, 3 p.m.

FILM SCREENING, St. Andrews Film Society, *Someone Lives Here*, W.C. O’Neill theatre, 7 p.m.

Quoddy Voices to present spring concerts

“Singing and/or speaking in public can be daunting,” says Gene Nichols, “but making music together is so joyous! I’m delighted that there are enough people who love group singing to devote a part of their week to benefit from this practice: hence, Quoddy Voices.”

The chorus will present concerts at the Eastport Arts Center on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m. Chorus and soloists will be featured alongside dual-keyboard accompaniment, performed by Lee Downing and Jane Lanctot; Nichols is director.

The program opens with a work by Quoddy Voices’ founding director John Newell, the finale of his song cycle “Children of the Light.” Brahms’ Liebeslieder Waltzes, the featured work, follows, with

a soprano solo shared by Jenny Gillies and Manuela Brice. Next, the group presents “To His Coy Mistress” from P.D.Q. Bach’s parody of the Brahms work, “Liebeslieder Polkas.” Circus-themed works follow, and “Down East” and “The Circus Band” will feature Nichols and Gillies on low brass instruments. In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Machiasport’s Battle of the *Margaretta*, the group will perform “The Birth Of Liberty,” composed by former University of Maine at Machias music professor John Akins.

Tickets 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.



ARIELLE RICHARDSON and Colin Shank enact the lesser-known tale, “Faithful Johannes,” in Stage East’s *The Brothers Grimm: Spectaculathon*, running May 9–11 at the Eastport Arts Center. (Manuela Brice photo)

Energetic team succeeds with comic play

by Lauren Koss

Stage East’s latest production, *The Brothers Grimm: Spectaculathon*, has united a group of 25 collaborators and sparked hope of a continuing theater revival in Eastport. “I’m proud of what we’ve been able to achieve,” says director Brian Schuth.

The material was chosen for its zany, high-energy nature, which reminded Schuth of *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!)*, a past favorite. Grimm also aims to stack the plot lines, with all 209 of the German folklorists’ collected tales in one show.

The glib script, emceed by narrators Schuth and Arielle Richardson, reveals that “the actual Grimm fairy tales are, many of them – grim. They have bizarre violent outbursts, present behaviors that we find offensive, etc. This gives us some license to be wild and crazy,” notes Schuth, “as well as to make good-natured fun out our own foibles and scruples.”

The piece called for an immersive fairy tale world, expressed through a well-realized set, detailed costuming, many props and a team of limber performers. In true “takes a village” fashion, devoted volunteers stepped up to divvy up the tasks, onstage and off.

“I said should they ever need help painting the sets,” said Kristine Gordon to a

friend in the cast, “I’d be happy to come help. Just over a week later I was putting paint to board and committing to this as much time and energy as possible.” Gordon worked with Eric Messin, Jude Kempe and Damon and Kieran Weston on set design and painting; meanwhile Cookie Repp and Nancy Tintle, who were also cast members, had their hands full with props and costumes.

Memorably portraying a heavily-accented Gretel, a deadpan droll yokel, “Chet” and a threatening Raven, Repp spent time off stage challenged with the show’s prop needs – including a custom Rapunzel wig and wearable boat. She noted, “It is easier to do the props than memorize the lines!”

Two in the cast are newcomers and did a lot of heavy lifting, while enjoying the chance to lean into the supportive embrace of fellow cast members. Zachary Davis, hilariously playing six roles, is a comedic stunner. “I expected to be treated as an inferior,” said Davis, “like most professions or roles I have taken on throughout life. It was refreshing and a relief to be so welcome and equal in Stage East.”

Marcelina Messin, one of the multi-tasking heroines of the piece, noted, “When you act, you’re allowing others to see your strengths but also your vulnerabilities. It really connects you. The cast is like one big team, and you all need to work together to create the show.”

“The play works and has been making audiences laugh,” notes Schuth, “because we have a team of actors that are willing to put out immense energy and commit to the wildness of the material.”

Performances continue on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m. at the Eastport Arts Center. Tickets are available via the EAC site, <eastportartscenter.org>, or at the door.



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Library Notes

LUBEC

New books at the Lubec Memorial Library include the following.

In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts by Gabor Mate

The Unquiet Grave by Sharyn McCrumb

Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits by Jennifer Weiner

Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin by Sarah Graves

Prenatal Yoga by Desi Bartlett

The Next Day by Melinda French Gates

The Underground Library by Jennifer Ryan

Heroines of Horticulture by Stefan White

The Greened House Effect by Jeff Wilson

Paradise Lot by Eric Toensmeier

The Urge: Our History of Addiction by Carl Erik Fisher

Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man by Bill Clegg

Dead Lions by Mick Herron

First the Dead by Tim Downs

StoryWalk offers garden book walk

This May, Porter Memorial Library’s StoryWalk will feature *Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner. In the story, readers journey through a garden across the seasons. Above ground, the garden bursts with life – leaves, vegetables and fruits. But beneath the soil lies an equally busy world, where earthworms dig, snakes hunt and skunks burrow.

StoryWalk is a literacy-boosting initiative that displays children’s illustrated books page by page along community walking routes.

This project was made possible through the vision of Shannon Cherry, Healthy Acadia Maine SNAP-Ed nutrition educator, in collaboration with Porter Memorial Library. The May book selection is sponsored by Deborah Huntley. To support the StoryWalk, contact Shannon Cherry at <shannon.cherry@healthyacadia.org> or 207-255-3741.

Local author pens historical novella

A new historical novella, written by Calais High School graduate Katie Churchill-King, is now available from publisher Koehlerbooks. *Prince of Wales Fort, 1770* is based on true events and is set in Canada and the New World.

The characters are based on real people. Shenandoah, descendant of the famous Montour family, is sold to a Chipewyan chief and accompanies the Chipewyan people to the shores of Hudson Bay to trade furs for guns, blankets and wares. Apprentice Jeremiah has arrived on the latest supply ship with dreams of advancement and riches.

Churchill-King graduated in 2004 from Reed College and went on to receive her nursing degree. She has spent the last 14 years working as a nurse in Bangor and raising her children. She is currently enrolled in the English MA program at the University of Maine.

The book is available from Koehlerbooks and on Amazon.

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FOGGY REFLECTIONS on a quiet day overlooking Half Moon Cove off Quoddy Village. (Edward French photo)

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters. Catapult, 2023, \$17.95.

by Catherine J.S. Lee

Amanda Peters’ *The Berry Pickers* is an award-winning novel set mostly in Maine, written in vibrant prose by a writer of Mi’kmaq and settler ancestry.

Joe and Ruthie are brother and sister, ages six and four, in Maine for the blueberry harvest when Ruthie disappears. Joe blames himself because he was to be keep an eye on his sister. It becomes his life-long quest to find her.

In the prologue, Joe is ill and frail and knows he is dying. His sister Mae comes in and says, “Joe, there’s someone here to see us. And I think we might have some catching up to do.” Joe’s story then flashes back to the day Ruthie vanished and unfolds from there.

The reader also meets Norma, who says, “When I was young, maybe four or five years old, I used to have these dreams. One was full of light and the other dark. It wasn’t until I was in my fifties, and Mother was losing her mind, that I realized they were one and the same.” She goes on to describe her dreams, including this from the “dark” one: “In the dream I stood, blending into the night. I heard a laugh, and I knew it was my brother’s, which is strange since I am an only child.”

Both viewpoint characters, Joe and Norma/Ruthie, tell their stories in first person, and in Peters’ skillful hands the reader is never in doubt as to which “I” is at any point the narrator, as their distinctive voices would identify them even if the reader opened the book to a random page and read a single sentence.

Joe’s story includes further tragedy, as his beloved brother Charlie is killed in an altercation that Joe witnesses at a carnival. Through each loss, the family perseveres, and the trauma persists as well. On every move from blueberry barren to orchard to home in Nova Scotia, “we still asked questions and still looked into the face of every girl we saw. ... We looked for those brown eyes and turned-down mouth, that tattered dress and that faraway stare. We looked for the face of our mother, her likeness still the stuff of stories around the campfire. But Ruthie was getting more gone each time we went down to Maine.”

Norma, growing up in an affluent home in Maine with an emotionally-distant fa-

ther and an overprotective mother, knows even beyond the dreams that something is not right, not as it appears. In addition to the dreams, she has questions that are not answered, she overhears snippets of conversation that can’t be understood, and she’s given shifting explanations to her questions. She turns to her Aunt June, her mother’s sister, but Aunt June is also evasive, though lovingly so.

A chance for some answers is thwarted at a park near Norma’s aunt’s home in Boston during a protest for the return by the government of Indigenous lands. Norma’s reaction to the protest is that she “only knew Indians from middle school textbooks and appearances on television.” When she makes eye contact with a protester, he calls to her, “Ruthie? Ruthie!” It is a moment when she might have met her brother, Ben.

Instead, her aunt pulls her away, holding on to her hand so tight “the tips of my fingers began to turn purple. Something had shifted inside Aunt June. I could feel a panicked electricity that moved from her hand to mine as she pulled me along.”

Norma wants answers, but Aunt June is unwilling to provide them. Then, when Norma is in her 50s, shortly before her mother dies, she overhears a conversation in which her mother says, “June, do you remember when we got her? She was so small and quiet.”

Aunt June deflects the question by saying it was a dream, but Norma knows. She confronts her aunt, who says, “Damn her. Leaving me to do this. ... I kinda hoped I would die before I had to tell you this.”

Norma learns that her mother saw her sitting on a rock by the blueberry barren where her family was working and enticed her into the car and kidnapped her because she could have no children of her own. The process of reconciliation with Norma/Ruthie’s birth family can then begin.

Peters has crafted a story of longing and hope, of trauma and love. It is also a narrative of how the truth can be held within us without our conscious knowledge, and how that can lead to hard questions about whether family loyalty should protect the truth or protect those for whom the truth might be shattering.

Eastport Arts Center Prize for Poetry

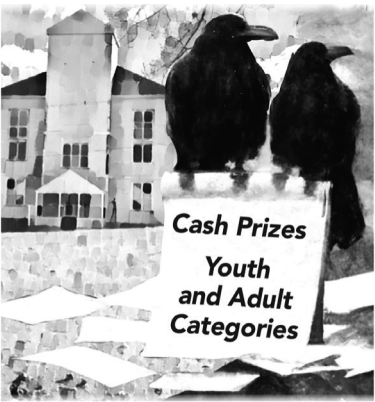
Get Published - Earn Cash

The EAC is accepting poems for its third annual Charles Moore Poetry Prize Competition! Submit your poem by May 31 and vie for \$900 in cash prizes in youth and adult categories.

All submissions will be published in an anthology at the conclusion of the contest. Winners will be announced in a celebratory book launch, reading, and gala reception at the EAC on Aug. 16.

The theme for this year’s contest is “Work,” and it can be interpreted broadly. Poets can write about their jobs, their careers, or even the places they work (fishermen, for example, can write about the ocean). It can concern past, present, or even dream jobs. Poems can also illustrate people’s thoughts and feelings toward working. For the youth category, poets 18 and younger can write about their schools, classes, future jobs, or even their parents’ work. The category is nearly as broad as you want to make it.

Contest rules and submission guidelines at eastportartscenter.org/poetry-contest



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Sudoku
by Myles Mellor
and Susan Flanagan

Tides Sudoku

The Quoddy Tides is alternating crossword and sudoku puzzles each issue. Each sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

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Answers on page 9

Local food pantries list hours

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

SATURDAY – MAY 10

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

MONDAY – MAY 12

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, <icefoodpantry@gmail.com>, Mondays, 513 Main Street, 3 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY – MAY 13

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

WEDNESDAY – MAY 14

ST. ANN’S FOOD PANTRY, 853-2600, Wednesdays, former transition house, 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 FOOD BANK, 747-2053, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY – MAY 15

CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Thursdays, 513 Main Street, 10 a.m. to noon.

CAMPOBELLO FOOD BANK, Thursdays, 7 Bunker Hill Cross Road, 6 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – MAY 16

CAMPOBELLO FOOD BANK, Fridays, 7 Bunker Hill Cross Road, 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 p.m.

GARRAPY FOOD PANTRY, 853-0812, Fridays, Labor of Love Nutrition Center, Eastport, regular food distribution, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – MAY 22

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

TIMA holds workshop for local educators

The educators of AOS 77 were given the opportunity to engage with local culture during a professional development workshop featuring the Tides Institute & Museum of Art (TIMA) on April 9. The workshop served to introduce teachers to TIMA and its educational offerings as well as to walk staff through an activity custom-tailored to each school’s location and history.


Staff from Alexander, for example, were taught about the town’s naming for Alexander Baring, also known as Lord Ashburton, and his role in the boundary disputes between what is now U.S. and Canada, studied a map of this boundary line and engaged in making abstract maps, while educators from Pembroke learned about the Pembroke Library’s bird cabinet and its associated natural history.

Eastport staff explored the stained glass of TIMA’s North Church Project Space and experimented with their own designs, while Lubec staff considered collectable china and Perry staff heard the history of crazy quilts in the region.

“We had a great time,” says Kati Grass, principal of Pembroke Elementary. “Staff had an amazing opportunity to do a hands-on activity to learn more about specific topics while also creating our own paper-plate birds that we will be displaying in our school.”

Rather than simply being a talk, the hands-on crafting was refreshing, Grass says. “To be able to sit and have fun doing this activity was a breath of fresh air. We definitely can see ourselves doing these activities with our students and also partnering with the Tides Institute to do some field trips.”

“Feedback was very positive,” says TIMA Education Outreach Specialist Alison Caldwell-Beers, who presented the workshop alongside assistant director



PIANISTS Danny Holt and Michael Coonrod engaged a roomful of young people and adults with their “mini concert” and talk presented at the Eastport Arts Center on April 24. Coonrod, who taught at Interlochen Arts Academy for 46 years, was Holt’s teacher there. The duo visited the EAC as part of a five-concert tour. (Lauren Koss photo)

Local musicians set monthly jazz jams

The monthly DownEast Jazz Jam will be held every third Saturday at the Old Sow Grill in Eastport. The next jam is set for Saturday, May 17, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The house band, with Ellis Sanchez on guitar, Joan Lowden on bass and Marc Perez on drums, will open and then guest jammers will rotate in. Vocalists, horns, strings are welcome.

Sanchez has been performing since the sixth grade, winning multiple awards, and he has been accepted to the Interlochen Performing Arts Academy in Michigan. He has been awarded scholarships and financial aid; tips from local gigs such as the jazz jam will help cover the cost of room and board. For more information visit <ellissanchezmusic.com>.

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, hosted by Molana Oei of Lubec. The screening will be in the project room of the Commons.

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. For questions about reservations and screening, please call 1-207-904-9313.

Celtic musicians to perform concert

The Eastport Arts Center will welcome back Prince Edward Island-based musicians Cynthia MacLeod and Gordon Belsher on Sunday, May 25, at 3 p.m. The pair return due to popular demand from the Eastport community.

MacLeod is an ambassador of traditional music, with a style of fiddling that embraces both her local roots and her ancestral connection to the Scottish highlands. She has spent more than two decades on stages on PEI, across Canada and around the world.

Belsher has been entertaining audiences in Canada and around the world for more than 50 years, performing at concerts, ceilidhs, conventions and pubs. As accompanist and featured vocalist with fiddlers Richard Wood and Cynthia MacLeod, Belsher has toured across Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Europe, Japan and Australia.

All seats are \$20, available via the EAC site or at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Film group to show *Someone Lives Here*

The St. Andrews Film Society will screen the Canadian documentary *Someone Lives Here* on Sunday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the W.C. O’Neill Arena theatre. Zack Russell’s acclaimed film is a timely look at homelessness that profiles the efforts of Khaleel Seivwright, a carpenter in Toronto who builds small private shelters for homeless people during the pandemic despite resistance from the city government.

All are welcome. The suggested donation is \$5 or \$4 for members.

WHITING DAM FISHWAY (from page 1)

maintain it and build a fishway. The agreement was made, and plans began progressing forward to design the project and raise the necessary funds. In 2023, the project received \$2.9 million as part of a federal omnibus bill under President Biden. The town arranged for an additional \$600,000, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) committed \$200,000 more.

Even with funds secured, the project faced some turbulence. During the initial round of bidding for the project – initially proposed as building the fishway and earth stabilization work – all of the bids came in high. The project was subsequently divided into two parts, with the project engineer working to reduce costs, and put back out to bid. Contractor W.P. Davis Excavation of Hampton, N.H., put in the low bid on both projects, enabling negotiations for handling the project as a whole under the target figure of \$3.6 million. At a town meeting on April 14, residents affirmed their support to proceed with the proposed plan, although the final contract has yet to be signed. Once signed, construction on the project is anticipated to begin in July and be finished by December.

“It’s been a big drawn out project,” Pressley summarizes. “We have good people working on both sides. It takes time to get things right.”

All-in-all, it’s a project that successfully found the middle ground, says Jacob van de Sande of MCHT. “To be honest, as a fisheries biologist, I would have preferred dam removal, but I understand the town agreed to take on the upkeep of the dam and to commit to the fishway, so we’re glad to support the town in that process.”

As part of the collaboration, MCHT has hired a landscape architect to work with the town to improve access to the fishway. The current setup for firefighting access is not ideal, but the new design will include a pumphouse and a drive-in and turnaround area for the fire trucks.

With the vertical slot fishway in place, van de Sande says, fish such as alewives, blueback herring, brook trout, American

eels and Atlantic salmon will be able to go past the dam. “The big focus is alewives,” van de Sande says, estimating there to be enough habitat for 500,000 in the soon-to-be accessible waterway.

There are plans to develop an alewife harvest site and “really make it accessible” to the public, van de Sande says, along with building an outdoor classroom complete with granite stone seating and cameras and monitors live-streaming fish passage on-site. In the future, the goal is to broadcast the camera feed to the internet so people around the world will be able to tune in and see the fish pass.

“We’re pretty excited about it,” says van de Sande. “We’d like to get the young people and the old people and everybody back out watching the fish again. It will be fun to have that in our backyard. Maybe we’ll be talking about an alewife festival in Whiting next year.”

With Whiting Mill Pond dam soon to have its fishway in place, MCHT has set its sights on the next two dams in the watershed, the Orange River Flowage dam and the Rocky Lake outlet dam, with fishway proposals now in the works. Fortunately, the dams are sequentially smaller, with the Mill Pond dam being 18 feet, the dam at Orange River seven feet and Rocky Lake three feet.

That will leave only one dam impeding passageway on the river. Located at the outlet to Roaring Lake, it is privately owned, and no agreement for a fishway accommodation has yet been established.

Nature walk set at Moosehorn refuge

Join Maine master naturalists on a walk from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Baring to look for new birds, flowers and eggs in the vernal pools. Meet in the upper parking lot next to bathrooms. Dress for ticks; binoculars will be provided. For information call 207-904-7023 or check out the Facebook pages for the refuge and Friends of Moosehorn.

Quoddy Nature Notes



Toads

by Fred Gralenski

It’s spring, and some of my favorite animals are appearing, or at least calling for their lady loves. Most people associate the robin for the symbol of spring, but the robin can be around in the Quoddy region all winter. The toads are around all winter, too, but only display their singing ability now in the spring. But toads are quite melodious, and their ability to sing is amazing for such an ugly amphibian.

Toads are more known for their bufotoxins. These are poisons that are concentrated in the bean-shaped parotoid glands located behind the eyes, where a predator is most likely to bite down. These toxins are also in the skin of the toad but in a lesser concentration. Most wild animals will avoid eating toads because of these toxins, which cause difficulty breathing and excessive salivation, but some animals tolerate these annoyances. Raccoons and skunks will eat toads carefully, and garter snakes will swallow toads.

I once rescued a toad that was screaming because it was being swallowed by a garter snake. I carefully handled both critters until they were separated and both went their merry ways, but I’m not sure either one appreciated my efforts. Apparently some smart birds like ravens and crows will peel the skin off a toad and then eat the carcass. I’ve never seen this.

Toads are obviously closely related to frogs, but their egg-laying technique is different. Frogs lay their eggs in a big glob of transparent jelly with the eggs being fertilized by an available male. The female toads lay their eggs in a double long string

while the male is hitching a ride on the female and fertilizing her eggs while she is cruising along. I wonder if he is croaking romantic tunes while this is going on?

These strings of eggs are over 10 feet long and attached to underwater plants and debris. Toads generally try to avoid ponds with bullfrog and salamander eggs. The hatching of toad eggs is influenced by temperature. The eggs usually hatch in about 10 days, and the little black tadpoles may take 50 days to become tiny toads. Female toads may reach breeding maturity in three years and males two to three years.

Toads are often on roads during the damp summer nights, so please keep alert and try to avoid anything that might be a toad. After all, it might be a stick with a nail in it.

Pollinator gardens information offered

Pollinator gardens provide nectar and pollen to a variety of bees, insects, birds, small mammals and other pollinators. Pollinator gardens also help to stop erosion, filter water, increase home value and improve crop yields. Pollination contributes billions of dollars to the global economy.

Pollinators help plants reproduce, but their populations are in decline due to pesticides, habitat loss and ignorance.

To learn more about installation of pollinator gardens, contact the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District for information at 255-4659 or email <nate.pennell@myfairpoint.net>.

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EDEN SEARLES, a senior at the Campobello Island Consolidated School, received two awards at the recent NBIAA Excellence Awards Banquet.

CICS student athlete honored at banquet

by Dorinda Davis

Campobello Island Consolidated School senior Eden Searles was one of 24 graduating student athletes who received the Raymond Legere Excellence Award for the New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association (NBIAA) “A” Girls Southern Conference for showing outstanding qualities throughout the school year while participating in NBIAA sports.

Searles was also presented with the William S. Ritchie Excellence Award as the top female in the NBIAA “A” girls classification. Searles received these awards during the ceremony at the Excellence Awards Banquet on April 24 in Fredericton.

These awards promote high standards of achievement, attitude and ethics in school athletes. The NBIAA promotes participation and sportsmanship to provide opportunities, recognition and learning experiences to students.

Searles’ family, classmates, teammates, coaches and friends are all proud of her achievements.

Seasonal island businesses opening

by Dorinda Davis

The summer season is approaching, and soon many businesses will be opening for the season on Campobello.

East Coast Ferries, running between Campobello Island and Deer Island, is now operating their full schedule, which started May 1. The ferry leaves Deer Island from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. every hour on the half hour. It leaves Campobello from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. every hour on the hour.

The Porch at Friar’s Bay will be opening on Friday, May 9. Their menu will include old favorites as well as a few new items.

Herring Cove Provincial Park and Golf Course will be opening on Friday, May 16. Herring Cove Golf Lodge will be opening on Friday, May 16.

Friar’s Bay Inn & Cottages will be open for the season from May 19 through October 15.

Pollock Cove Seaside Retreat currently has some cottages open now, with others opening up for the season later this month. Whale Watch Motel is open year round.

Roosevelt Campobello International Park will open on Saturday, May 24.

The Pier Waterfront will be opening the first part of June, with the actual date is still to be determined.

The next issue of
The Quoddy Tides will be
published Friday, May 23.

Liberals returned to power as Williamson wins

by Derwin Gowan

Conservative candidate John Williamson will return to Ottawa for his fourth term in Parliament following Canada’s 45th general election on April 28. With 26,519 votes, he handily beat Liberal challenger Karen Ludwig, who received 20,784 votes in the new riding of Saint John-St. Croix. New Democratic Party candidate Andrew Hill took 1,643 votes, Green Party candidate Gerald Irish 794 and Libertarian Party candidate Keith Tays 280, according to preliminary numbers posted online by Elections Canada.

“Well, put away the party colours and get to work for Saint John-St. Croix, New Brunswick. It’s what I’ve done after every election,” Williamson said in an interview the day after the election. He intends to focus on fisheries and is ready to support the New Brunswick government if it seeks federal support for a year-round ferry to Campobello Island.

“The Liberals have somehow united lobstermen and aquaculture in opposition to the federal government,” Williamson said. Cutting the herring quota has led to layoffs at Connors Bros. in Blacks Harbour, and coastal communities fear that proposed marine protected areas will limit where fishing vessels can go, he says.

The federal government financially supports coastal ferries in British Columbia and should do the same for a ferry linking Campobello Island to the New Brunswick mainland, Williamson contends. “I have identified that the federal government does, in fact, support intra-provincial ferry service and funds it. It is now up to the government of New Brunswick to go to Ottawa with a plan. They will have my full support to strike a deal with the federal government,” he says, adding, “That’s a general rule of the federal government. When a program is offered to one province, it is open to other provinces as well.”

Williamson won a convincing 53% of the 50,092 valid ballots cast, up from 50% in the former New Brunswick Southwest riding in 2021. Ludwig, who beat Williamson in 2015 but lost to him in 2019, took a very respectable 41.5% in this 2025 rematch.

A total of 50,448 of the 67,567 eligible

voters in Saint John-St. Croix exercised their franchise. The turnout of 74.7% beat the national turnout of 68.7% and was well up from the 64% turnout in New Brunswick Southwest in 2021, according to preliminary numbers posted by Elections Canada.

Across the country, voters returned the Liberals to power under Prime Minister Mark Carney, with 169 of the 343 seats in House of Commons, three shy of a majority. This means that Williamson, a Conservative, will again sit on the Opposition side of the House.

The Conservatives led by Pierre Poilievre won 144 seats compared to 119 in 2021 and 41.3% of the popular vote compared to 34% in 2021, but the Liberals did better, too. At 169, the Liberals won 11 more seats than the 158 they won in 2021, and their share of the popular vote grew to 43.7%, up from 32% in 2021.

The surge in Conservative support might well have propelled them to power with a majority of the seats in other circumstances. Many New Democrats, Greens and Bloc Quebecois supporters seem to have “loaned” their votes to the Liberals in a strategic move to keep the Conservatives from power. Some probably want Carney, rather than Poilievre, speaking for Canada in talks with U.S. President Donald Trump, while some “progressive” voters balk at the prospect of a Conservative government. The NDP share of the popular vote dropped to 6.3% from 17.7% in 2021, the Greens to 1.2% from 8.4% and the Bloc to 6.3% from 7.8%, mostly to the benefit of the Liberals.

According to Elections Canada’s preliminary numbers, 19,597,674 or 68.7% of the 28,525,638 registered voters across Canada cast their ballots in this election, up from 58.6% in 2021. According to these figures, the more than 8.9 million registered voters who stayed home outnumber the more than 8.5 million who voted for the Liberals who will govern the country until the next election.

At 169, the Liberals won 49.3% of the 343 seats in Parliament with only 43.7% of the popular vote, a result of Canada’s “first past the post” electoral system. The Conservatives won 42% of the seats with

41.3% of the vote. The Bloc won 6.4% of the seats with 6.3% of the vote. The New Democrats and Greens have more reason to complain: a total of seven seats, 2% of the total, despite winning 6.3% of the vote, for the NDP, and one single seat in British Columbia, 0.3% of the total, despite winning 1.2% of the national popular vote, for the Greens.

Poilievre lost to the Liberal candidate in the Ottawa-area riding he represented for 20 years. A Conservative who won reelection in a “safe” Alberta riding has already offered to resign. Carney has said that he would call a byelection, allowing Poilievre to return to Parliament and continue as leader of the Opposition.

“These are discussions we have to have about lessons learned, what we need to do to do better next time, and I’m ready to hear Pierre out on next steps and see where we land, but it is a discussion that we need to have as a caucus in the coming weeks,” Williamson says.

Carney, who only became prime minister in March after the Justin Trudeau resigned, ended the “consumer” carbon tax but “said softly, during the election campaign, that they would bring back an industrial carbon tax,” Williamson says. “Well, when Mr. Irving is hit with the industrial carbon tax, who do you think is going to pay it? Irving Oil or consumers? You know the answer,” he says.

As the official opposition, the Conservatives will hold the government accountable for promises made during the election campaign, Williamson says. He intends to work across party lines to benefit the new riding of Saint John-St. Croix, which includes a large chunk of the city of Saint John, all of Charlotte County, parts of York County including McAdam, and parts of Kings, Queens and Sunbury counties.

Carney has already headed to Washington to talk with Trump over a new economic and security agreement between their two nations. Carney has to appoint a new cabinet before Parliament sits later this month. King Charles III intends to read the Speech from the Throne on May 27. The prime minister, or his staff, writes the speech outlining the government’s legislative program for the session.

As leader of a minority government, Carney will need support from MPs from parties other than the Liberals to stay in power. Williamson declined to speculate on how long this government will last before it loses a vote of confidence and Canadians troop to the polls again.

Seeley scholarship seeks applications

Dennis and Margaret Haire of Evansville, Ind., and seasonal residents of Campobello Island since 1989 are continuing the memorial scholarship for the 15th year in memory of their longtime caretaker on Campobello, Alan Seeley. The scholarship is open to high school seniors on Campobello continuing their education in a college, university or technical school.

Seeley was a strong community member on Campobello Island who volunteered much of his time trying to improve the lives of residents on the island. He felt volunteering in the community was a huge asset, so the recipients of this scholarship will be determined with heavy emphasis on school and community involvement.

The Haire family requires each applicant to complete a scholarship form and submit a letter of interest that outlines why the individual should be selected for this scholarship. The application should also state how involvement in school, church and or community has helped the applicant grow as a person. Contact the Campobello Island school for more information and the deadline.

Senior girls play final volleyball game

by Shylyn Smart

Volleyball season is over for the middle school and high school teams at Campobello Island Consolidated School. While the middle school girls volleyball team didn’t have many players, they played hard all season and stuck with it. The senior girls team had their Rose Game on May 1. They played against Samuel De Champlain at CICS, and while they didn’t win, they kept their spirits up. It was Bree Williams, Eden Searles and Cali Matheson’s last volleyball game of their high school career. They will be greatly missed

by their team next season.

For high school students, there are only four weeks left until exams. Insix weeks grades Kindergarten through 8 will be done with classes.

The class of 2026 is holding their prom at the Adams Lodge on May 24. All grade 10-12 students are welcome to buy a ticket from any of the class of 2026 students. There will also be a mini prom the next day, May 25. This is open to grades Pre-K through 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. and grades 5 through 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be sold at both proms.

Man arrested after dangerous driving

A 38-year-old man has been charged following dangerous operation of a motor vehicle in Oak Haven, just east of St. Stephen. On April 25 at approximately 2:50 p.m., members of the St. Stephen RCMP received a call for a dangerous driver in Oak Haven. Police were able to locate the vehicle, but the vehicle fled from police at a very high speed and in a dangerous manner. Police did not pursue the vehicle.

The New Brunswick RCMP’s Air Services was deployed to the area to assist in locating the vehicle. Numerous members of the public continued to provide updated information regarding the vehicle’s location as the investigation progressed.

Just before midnight, the suspect vehi-

cle was located in the Pleasant Ridge area. A short time later, the vehicle stopped at a cottage on Route 770, near Lee Settlement. Police, along with RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS), attempted to arrest the individual who fled the scene on foot. Ryan Beaumaster of Oak Bay was subsequently arrested at a nearby residence without incident. He was remanded into custody pending a future court appearance.

On April 28 Beaumaster appeared in Saint John Provincial Court and was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and two counts of failing to comply with release conditions. He was remanded into custody and was scheduled to reappear in court on May 1 for a bail hearing.

Council hears about youth outreach work

by Arlene Benham

At their May 5 meeting, the Grand Manan village council heard from youth outreach workers Greg Campbell and Catrina Townes. Since 1975 the Neighbourhood Works Outreach Services has helped 800 youth through the Charlotte County Group Home, sibling-focused group homes, transitional housing and other programs. Youth Launch offers ages 15-29 workplace, computer and money management skills, academic upgrading, cooking classes, study help, mental health coping, leadership and entrepreneurship programs. The street outreach program helps people find permanent housing, get government ID, leave unsafe living situations, access mental health and addiction support and provides emergency supplies. Transitional housing aids those 16-22 years old with budgeting, time management, goal-setting, social and employment skills.

Campbell reported that their new seven-unit transitional housing for ages 16-24 will be ready this summer, and the remainder of their building on Union St. in St. Stephen will be a “multi-generational service hub.” He said their community dinners have served 70,000 meals since 2022. An out-of-the-cold program is now becoming a shelter. He stated that 39% of homeless people were once “kids in care,” and the need for continuing care led to the launch of their adult outreach programs.

Townes, who works with 16-to-24-year-olds, noted that homelessness isn’t always sleeping in a tent or a park. She helps them navigate government systems. Responding to Deputy Mayor Roger Fitzsimmons’ question, “How can we help?,” she said, “You know your community.” For information visit <www.neighbourhoodworks.org> or call (506) 813-5959.

Corey Chamberlain gave a presentation on the “Comedians Against Humanity” event planned for May 31 at the Old Well House Café. The live podcast will feature comics and an audience game with prizes. His request for a special-occasion permit to serve liquor was approved. The fire department will have a barbecue on site and will receive the proceeds.

With regional planner Xander Gopen joining by Zoom, councillors revisited the rural plan revisions. While Gopen said the plan could be ready for first and second readings, Philman Green had questions as to whether the wording in some sections should be as stated. He asked whether the stipulation that structures must be built with access to power meant that no more camps could be built. Gopen said this applies to the creation of new lots, is a provincial regulation and not new. A question

about driveway length, he said, is also a public safety matter and might rather be from subdivision bylaws. Green said clustering of tiny homes had been discussed, and he asked about the one-acre minimum lot size. Gopen said this too is a provincial public-safety regulation that is in the current plan. It was voted to send the draft to the planning committee and to schedule another meeting.

CAO Chris Rayner reported that they have cost estimates for the Canada Community-Building Fund priority list. A new fire truck is expected in six to eight months. It was voted to consult an engineer and architect regarding a fire-hall expansion.

Mayor Bonnie Morse read a letter from a resident about food trucks that have recently visited the community centre. The writer stated they are in effect being promoted by the village and asked for a “level playing field” for local eateries. Following a request from a local food truck to set up long-term, the village’s new policy allows food trucks to set up for a maximum of five consecutive days per month and one long weekend per year. They are waiting on information about insurance requirements.

Morse reported that council met with Bank of Canada representatives interested in the impact of Scotiabank’s closure. “Grand Manan made an impression on them,” she said, and while it doesn’t mean the island is getting another bank, she said it may inform how they view rural communities.

Morse said semi-annual calls with NB Power about the generating station are continuing, and the utility has recognized the importance of the station to public safety. She has spoken to the minister of energy so that Grand Manan will be included in the NB Power review.

The village continues to press for ferry “supplemental season coverage,” and Morse said the *Grand Manan V* is currently in Shelburne, N.S., and expected to return in June.

Morse reported that Jordy Leighton has resigned from council but will continue as roads supervisor. She reminded residents to ensure civic numbers are prominently posted; they can be obtained from the village office.

A donation of \$200 to the school’s spring league basketball was approved. A cemetery mowing tender was accepted. A proposal for the business centre will be discussed with its submitter. There was no RCMP report.

The next regular council meeting will be on June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the village office.

DEER ISLAND

FERRY OUT OF SERVICE

The *Abnaki* ferry has been out of service and has gone to Nova Scotia for spring maintenance and upgrades to keep it running more reliably.

The *John E. Rigby* was built in 1976 while the *Abnaki* was built just 10 years ago. The *Rigby* is now on the *Abnaki* schedule and will remain in service until the *Abnaki* returns.

There may be wait times during peak periods, as people try to get to work on both sides, and especially with the Campbell ferry running now.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Deer Island Chamber of Commerce held their annual general meeting on May 7 at the Maritime Texture shop. New volunteers are being sought to fill vacancies and offices within the organization.

BENEFIT DANCE

Over \$8,000 was raised at a benefit dance for Nathan McNeill, a local fisherman who is rehabilitating at the Stan

by Lisa Miner
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Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation in Fredericton following a serious snowmobile accident this past winter.

LOBSTER SEASON

The lobster fishing season is well under way; however, between low prices, low catch and continuing political repercussions there are many lingering uncertainties.

CHRISTIAN CAMP

Bayview Christian Camp is taking applications for campers and staff. If interested, email <info@bayviewchristiancamp.ca>.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Maritime Texture and Deer Island Treasures are both happy to announce their reopening on Mother’s Day weekend.

It’s nice to see a few American friends returning for the season. Hopefully the ongoing political tension won’t deter anyone from spending their summer on the island.



ENTERTAINING A FULL HOUSE at Covert Hall on Good Friday were members of Grand Manan Community Theatre and Friends with “The Tale of Three Trees.” The musical Easter tale by Ann Beresford is the story of how the dreams of three trees to become something great don’t turn out exactly as they imagined. One becomes a special manger, another a fishing boat in a storm that Jesus calms and the third becomes a cross “to point people to heaven.” Profits were donated to the food bank. (Arlene Benham photo)

RCMP offer suggestions to avoid scams

by Arlene Benham

The RCMP held a fraud awareness session at the Grand Manan community centre on April 30 hosted by Constable Jeff Andrews, an 18-year police veteran who works in the financial crime unit. He brought an overview of the scams that can target individuals.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) recorded \$165 million in reported losses in 2020, \$648 million in 2024, and this year “is already starting off with a bang” at \$165 million so far. Andrews noted that likely only 5–10% of losses are reported. Andrews might see 50–60 reports a day. His goal is to show people how to recognize types of fraud.

Grandparent phone scams often target seniors. A caller will begin by saying “Grandma?” or “Grandpa?” and when the person says the grandchild’s name, the caller says “yes, it’s me” and claims to be in some sort of trouble and needs money for bail or emergency expenses. A “lawyer” joins the call to make it seem credible. They ask the victim to withdraw money and not tell the bank why and say someone will pick it up.

Spoofing by e-mail or text may include package delivery issues such as Amazon orders. People should never click on anything in such e-mails but instead go directly to the site to check their accounts. Fake websites and popups may lure people into clicking links and giving information. “All it takes is for you to click on the wrong thing, and you’re in trouble,” Andrews said. He is sceptical of commerce sites like Temu and Shein.

Social network marketplace scams may be recognizable when sellers are offering the same items in multiple locations. In work-from-home scams, fraudsters may provide fake cheques and ask for gift cards. Service scams offer fraudulent tech support, home repair and equipment, financial services or telecommunications. Romance scams are increasingly combined with investment fraud.

While some cryptocurrency schemes are legitimate, Andrews said, scams lure people into adding increasing amounts as they see their “investment” growing, until

suddenly the contact disappears and the money is gone. Then, victims may be contacted by someone else who “heard” they lost money and promises to help recover it, for an additional cost.

Businesses may be targeted by phishing and vendor fraud. A fake message claims they have changed their deposit information or makes a fraudulent payment. Clues in such messages include spelling errors, links to outside websites and generic addressees.

Extortion letters may include accurate personal information and threaten arrest, distribution of private photos or physical harm. Computer ransomware is another version. CAFC’s website shows examples of messages claiming to be from the RCMP. “We won’t threaten you” that way, Andrews pointed out.

Andrews advises people to change passwords about every six months and not to use birth dates, children’s or pets’ names. He agreed with having a separate, limited credit card for online use. A social insurance number is one of the most important things scammers want.


Residents who think their credit card may have been compromised should contact the company, as well as Transunion and Equifax. In cases of fraud, Andrews says it’s important to remain calm, gather all the emails or receipts and contact their financial institution, CAFC and the police.

CAFC provides a list of scams, tips, advice and reporting options at <https://antifraudcentre.ca/>. Contact the CAFC at 1-888-495-8501.

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Obituaries

LOIS (PRESSLEY) DENBOW

TRESCOTT and LUBEC – Lois (Pressley) Denbow, 97, of Trescott/Lubec passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 8, 2025. Born on November 24, 1928 in Trescott, Lois grew up “Down Dixie” surrounded by extended family members and a close-knit community.

She was born a year before the Great Depression in a time where there was no indoor plumbing or electricity. She experienced the evolution of the industrial world and all the inventions of the past 100 years first-hand.

Like many from her generation, she worked hard throughout her life. She attended the one-room Dixie schoolhouse and earned extra money at the smoke shed, skinning and packing herring, among other ways to help ensure their survival. After completing eighth grade, Lois left school to care for her mother until her passing.

When Lois was 20, she married Francis Denbow. In 1950, they had their only child, Jean, and she built her home and her life on the corner lot of the Pressley family homestead. She packed fish for 45 years for Booth Fisheries and was known as one of the fastest packers in town. When she came home full of scales and fish parts, her favorite saying was, “Why are you making that face? Money don’t stink, does it?”

When she wasn’t working or tending to

her family, Lois could be found playing bingo, cards and board games. She loved to win but somehow always managed to lose when she played with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. However, this only lasted until they learned the game. Then there was no mercy. She loved a spirited competition.

Lois loved to travel. For many years she and Francis would pack up the tiny camper full of supplies, her daughter and grandchildren and explore while stopping to visit family along the way.

Like many Downeasters, Lois never missed the annual trip of visiting family in Portland, shopping for school clothes and ending at the Blue Hill Fair. There she spent many joyful hours playing bingo and poker in the makeshift tents. She was notorious for slipping her grandchildren quarters for more rides and games during a winning streak.

Lois always stood up for the underdog. She was a passionate Democrat and woman of faith. Those who knew her could always count on colorful descriptions of the politicians and others that she believed took away from the “working poor,” oppressed minorities and refused to help others. She passed to her family a sense of right and wrong and deep morals of equality and justice.

Lois loved her family and spent as much time with them as possible. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Francis Denbow; her daughter, Jean Mills; grandson, James Mills; and all of her siblings. Still living and passing along wonderful memories are her granddaughter, Eleody Libby and her husband Jeffrey; granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer Smart; great-grandchildren, Michael Mills, Thomas Libby and wife Diane, Jeremy Mills and life partner Julia Sanders, Nikki Prescott and her husband Ryan, Haley Libby and life partner Brian Altvater and great-great-grandson Luca, and Ethan Libby; and many extended family members. She loved them all.

A Celebration of Life will be held graveside at 3 p.m. on July 2, 2025, at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Lubec. Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com>.

LOUISE WADE BURNS

HILLSBORO, TENN. – Louise Wade Burns of Hillsboro, Tenn., was called home to be with her Lord and savior Jesus Christ on March 12, 2025, following a long battle with dementia, with her husband Gregory Burns of Lubec by her side.

Loise was baptized in the church in 1974 in Hawaii. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro, Tenn., and enjoyed the time she was able to participate in the church. Louise was a career military wife who partnered with

her husband on all aspects of his career for 21 years in the Air Force. Her counsel and advice during the course of their career together were the bedrock of their success. I am forever grateful for her love and sacrifices during that part of our life. She was game for giving it a go and retiring from the military. She enjoyed that part of her life with the permanence of a home close to her family in Kentucky and Tennessee. They have been married 54 years.

Louise was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., on August 27, 1936, to Guy and Maggie Wade. She went to the local country schools in Crofton, Ky. She had two brothers, William and Carl Wade (deceased). She later married Jack Robbins (deceased) and they had five children together: Bruce Wayne Robbins (deceased), Terry Mitchell Robbins, Stephen Dwayne Robbins (deceased), Vicki Lynn (Robbins) Gomes and Ronald Ray Robbins.

She married Gregory C. Burns on August 7, 1970, and they had 54 years of love and joy together.

During their career with the Air Force, Louise and Greg moved to many states, including Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas and Hawaii and some overseas separation assignments. Louise was game for any move, and she especially had a heart for Kentucky, Tennessee and Hawaii. Along the way she received many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Tonya Ashley (Chip), great-grand Ansley Morgan, Brad Robbins (Paige), granddaughter, Bailey Robbins (Mike Boyle) and Ethan Robbins, all of Kentucky and Tennessee respectively; granddaughter, Robin Nolani Suan and son Joshua Gillroy of Oahu, Hawaii; grandson, Jeremy Suan of Wailuku, Hawaii; grandson, Levi Delaginte (Marie) and their children James, Ivorie and Kayla of Kihei, Hawaii; and Nathan Delaginte (Joyce) and children Jonathan, Kylie and Xavier of Wailuku, Hawaii. She is also

survived by sister-in-law, Martha Wade; nephews, Brian Wade and Tracy Wade; and niece, Karen Wade. She is survived by her dog and fierce protector, Sadie Mae, who loved her dearly.

Louise also finished up her high school education and then went to cosmetology school and became a beautician. She enjoyed this aspect of her journey and loved all her clients. She was licensed in several different states and loved her success.

Louise was a gem. She loved all people and would go out of her way to be a friend to everyone she met. She loved meeting new friends and was so easy to approach and became instant friends with everyone. She loved all kinds of music and dancing and was especially fond of country music. She was a huge Elvis fan and enjoyed her visit to Graceland. She was a true Southern lady in spirit and living and the consummate Kentucky Wildcat fan. We will all miss her deeply, but with the knowledge that someday we will all be together again.

Interment will be at a later time in the spring in Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Dementia Society of America in her memory.

CLYDE “JOHN” WALLACE JR.

LUBEC – Clyde “John” Wallace, 86, passed away Thursday, April 24, 2025 at his home in Lubec. He was born in Lubec on July 4, 1938, to Clyde and Kathleen (Sprague) Wallace.

Following high school he served his country in the U.S. Army. He then worked

for many years on the ocean seining weirs and loved to go lobster fishing. He owned and operated the Maple Tree store with his wife Linda for many years as well. He worked with the Lubec

Police Department under Lawrence Hayward, was a clam warden and umpired many Little League games. He was known in the community for being a kind, funny man who loved his family.

He was married to the love of his life, Linda (Chute) Wallace, for 41 years, and they raised three children.

He was predeceased by his son, Robbie Wallace; his parents, Clyde and Kathleen; three sisters, Bessie Hogdgon, Helen Smith and Hilda Bryant; and a brother, Robert Wallace.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; a son, Jonathan Wallace; and daughter, Ashley Ferris; grandchildren, Robert Wallace and Dari-Lee McConnell; and great-grandchildren, Brylee McConnell, Kallen McConnell, Reid Matthews and Sophia Matthews. He was also survived by special friends Albert Morang and Richard Mistler.

He was loved by his family and friends and will be sadly missed.

At his request there will be no services. Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com>.

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DEATH NOTICES

Murlene Atkinson of Grand Manan passed away on May 4, 2025, at the Charlotte County Hospital in St. Stephen. She was born in 1936, the daughter of the late Frank and Kathleen (Polkinhorn) Daggett of Grand Manan. A small celebration of life on her beloved Grand Manan will be held at a later date.

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Obituaries

DOROTHY (DOVIE) GAITHER

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI – Dorothy (Dovie) Lucille Leister Gaither, 91, passed peacefully surrounded by family on April 30, 2025, in St. Louis, Missouri. Dovie was born on February 20, 1934, to Willie Lucille (Crisp) Leister and LeRoy Bismark Leister in Eldorado, Oklahoma.

Dovie grew up in Lawton with her five siblings, where her family owned a music store. Thus began her musical journey.



Dovie graduated from Lawton High School in 1952. She then attended Cameron Junior College, studying piano before transferring to the University of Oklahoma in 1954. She graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

Dovie was teaching English and vocal music in Lawton, Okla., when she met her life partner, Douglas Gaither, while rehearsing the musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*. The couple married on June 1, 1968. Doug's final deployment was in Germany, and the family moved to the army base in Heidelberg in 1969. Upon their return in 1974 they settled in Tulsa, where they remained for 30 years.

Desiring another adventure, she and Doug moved to Eastport, where they helped found the Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra in which Dovie played the cello. She was also a strong supporter of the arts. Dovie and Doug became beloved members of the community. Five years ago, they returned to the Midwest to be closer to family.

Music remained an integral part of Dovie's life. She taught vocal music, played the cello, piano and the accordion, and was an avid folk dancer for almost 50 years. She loved languages and taught French, German and English over the years. Always intellectually curious, she studied Balkan history and music as well as current world affairs. Dovie loved learning about other cultures through travel. She also appreciated nature, our relationship to the world, and how she could better advocate for our place in it. She spread joy and lived her life passionately and with vibrancy. She always chose to see the good in everyone and was optimistic about the possible.

Dovie is survived by husband, Douglas Gaither; daughters, Sarah Wagner and partner Steven Darneal and Jennifer Gaither and husband Ian Murphy; stepson, James Morrow and wife Sherry; grandchildren, William Pitcock, Moses Gaither-Ganim, Adlai Gaither-Ganim and Chris Morrow; and twin brother, David Leister and sister-in-law Martha; and sister, Sarah Bridges and brother-in-law Kenneth; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Dovie was preceded in death by daughter, Gretchen Gaither; parents, Willie Lucille and LeRoy Bismark Leister; sisters, Doris Harveland and husband Nels and Klileen Jones and husband George; and brother, Edward Leister.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, May 24, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Hoffmeister Colonial Mortuary, 6464 Chippewa Street, St. Louis, and the memorial service will follow at 10 a.m.

CAROLYN ANN (CLARK) WRIGHT

MILBRIDGE – Carolyn Ann (Clark) Wright, 91, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2025, after a short illness. She was born in Jonesport on January 18, 1934, the daughter of Percy and Leona Clark. She was educated in Jonesport schools, graduating from Jonesport High School in 1952.

Carolyn and her husband of 66 years, Donald K. Wright Sr., moved to Milbridge in 1960, where they raised their two sons, Donnie Jr. and Jeff. Initially, she worked for Union Trust Company in Milbridge prior to pursuing a career in the blueberry industry as a payroll officer for Jasper Wyman and Son of Milbridge and Maine Wild Blueberry of Machias. Nearing retirement, she worked close to home at Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company in Milbridge.



Carolyn enjoyed accompanying Donnie to Anah Shrine events and outings, traveling throughout the northeast and beyond, making many lifelong friends and acquaintances along the way. She was a constant presence at school and YMCA athletic events, cheering on her sons, grandchildren and extended family members. During the summer months, you would find her at the family camp on "the hill" at Schoodic Lake in Cherryfield.

Carolyn is survived by her son, Jeffrey (Melody) of Ellsworth; grandchildren, Amy (Dan) Caldwell of Jacksonville, Fla., Erin Wright of Searsport, Courtney (Jacob) Taylor of Ellsworth and Cristin Wright and fiancé Tyler Messerschmitt of Newport News, Va.; great-grandchildren, Sarah Rowell, Danielle and Carolyn Caldwell of Jacksonville, Fla., Benjamin Curtis of Orland and Lucas and Camden Taylor of Ellsworth; half-sister, Carol Esburnett of Alton, N.H.; niece, Carol (Tom) Zack of Portland; nephews, Barry (Rita) Joy of Jacksonville, Fla., Mark (Joanne) Smith of Harwich, Mass., Scott (Sandy) Joy of Jacksonville, Fla., Chris (Pam) Smith of Jonesport, Anthony (Felicia) Joy of Jacksonville, Fla.; half-niece, Nicole (Russell) McKenzie of Alton, N.H.; cousin, Claire (Walter) Kennedy of Harrington; and special "nephew" Buddy Mills of Jonesport.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Donnie; her son, Donnie Jr.; granddaughter, Jill; sisters, Sally Smith and Joan Joy; brothers-in-law, Robert Smith and George Joy; niece, Susan Mills; and nephew, Shawn Joy.

Carolyn's family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to family and friends for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time and a very special thank you to the healthcare specialists of Brewer Center for Health and Rehabilitation and Constellation Hospice of Augusta. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Carolyn's name to Anah Shrine, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, August 8, at the Milbridge Congregational Church. Arrangements are by McClure Family Funeral Services of Machias, where condolences may be shared at <www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com>.

MARTHA "MOLLY" MITHOEFER

TRESCOTT – Martha "Molly" Palmer Mithoefer died peacefully at her home in Trescott Township on April 22, 2025, after a six-year incredibly courageous battle with ovarian cancer, her partner of 24 years, Greg Maker, by her side. Molly was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 15, 1950.

She was predeceased by her loving parents, James Mithoefer and Margaret Palmer Mithoefer Keeler. Along with her siblings, James Palmer Mithoefer of Manchester Center, Vt., Peter Palmer Mithoefer of El Prado, N.M., and Margaret Palmer Mithoefer of Dorset, Vt., they had a loving and adventurous childhood together in Cooperstown, N.Y. She leaves her children, Morgen Mithoefer Buehner of South Portland, Brannin Mithoefer Buehner of Trescott and Noah Mithoefer Buehner of Freeport; and six grandchildren, Garrett, Joslyn, Hawkin, Axel, Emmett and Eleanor, who brought such pride to their grandmother.



Molly taught at the Lubec Elementary School for 25 years, following her passion for children and innovative teaching. After teaching, her life was filled with her love for gardening, traveling, camp life at the lake and total love of nature. For example, at 22 she set off as a crew member on a 48-foot sailboat, crossing between Hawaii

and Kodiak, Alaska. She was a true adventurer at heart, applying for "Survivor" four times and competing in the Tough Mountain Challenge. This being only second to raising her children and living a full, happy life, with her soulmate, Greg.

Many, many friends also shared her life: Linda and Kim stood strong beside her from her teaching years through the end of her life. Sam Williams Winslow, who understood her, shared so much with her and gave her encouragement and support when she most needed it. Her "second sisters," Teresa and Mel, were always there for her. And her two oldest friends, Betty and Ellen, helped her survive her college days at the University of Vermont and stayed in touch through the years. Many other friends and family are too numerous to mention, but each and every one meant the world to her.

Molly would like to acknowledge the heartfelt compassion and care she received at the MaineHealth Gynecology Cancer Care in Scarborough, especially Dr. Jason Lachance and Kim.

Molly has chosen not to have a funeral, but a small celebration of life will take place during the summer, when the zinnias are in full bloom. In lieu of any gifts, her request was to have people make a conscious effort to be compassionate, kind and forgiving to others, as she practiced in her own life.



VALERIE L. HARRIS

EASTPORT – We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Valerie L. Harris, who left us too soon on April 27, 2025, in the comfort of her home in Eastport, surrounded by the love of her devoted husband, Skip Harris. Born on April 21, 1949, in Fort Bragg, Calif., Val was the cherished daughter of Alvin and Ramona Denton.

She spent her professional life as a diligent purchasing agent and then running a charter business with her husband. In her leisure time, Val was an ardent lover of books, a green-thumbed gardener, a curious traveler and an adventurous foodie who always had a new restaurant recommendation at the ready.



Val's spirit was as vibrant as the flowers in the gardens she so meticulously nurtured. Her adventurous soul led her to explore the world, creating memories that she loved to recount while sitting on her porch in Eastport. With a book always in hand, her wisdom and knowledge were as broad and deep as the oceans she crossed. Val was a beacon of strength, resilience and love, a source of comfort and inspiration for everyone blessed to know her.

She was a loving wife, mother and sister, and Val's absence will be deeply felt by her husband, Skip; her son and daughter-in-law, Robbie and Tracy DuBato; her sister, Alice Carter; and the many family members and friends who were privileged to be a part of her life. Val was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Ramona Denton; sister, Shirley Rice; her daughter, Kimberly DuBato; and grandson, Colby DuBato.

While we mourn her loss, we also celebrate Val's remarkable life, cherishing the priceless moments we shared with her. As per Val's wishes, there will be no services.

Arrangements are under the care of Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services. We invite everyone who knew and loved Val to visit <www.MaysFuneralHome.com> to share their memories and upload photos, creating a fitting tribute for this remarkable woman. Val may no longer be with us physically, but her spirit, her love and her legacy will forever be a part of our lives.

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Card of Thanks

The Cemetery Department and the City of Eastport would like to thank Richard Clark and his students for the wonderful work they all did for the flagpole located at Bayside Cemetery. It looks beautiful.

CITY OF EASTPORT

Notice

2025 Allocation for Shellfish Licensing

The city will be accepting applications for the **Non-Resident Commercial** lottery license starting on Monday, May 12, 2025, with a deadline of submission on **May 22, 2025, at 3 p.m.**

Applications are available at City Hall. The lottery drawing will take place at City Hall on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. For all applications to be considered, they must be received by the deadline as specified herein. Applicants must be present for the lottery.

The effective date for the sale of a Shellfish License will be May 28, 2025, at 1 p.m., and they are available at Eastport City Hall. The fees are as follows:

Class	Subclass	Amount	Cost
Commercial	Resident	No Limit Set	\$400.00
Commercial	Non-Resident	10%	\$600.00
Commercial	Senior Resident	No Limit Set	\$300.00
Commercial	Senior Non-Resident	10%	\$450.00
Commercial	Junior Resident	No Limit Set	\$100.00
Commercial	Junior Non-Resident	10%	\$200.00
Recreational	Resident	No Limit Set	\$25.00
Recreational	Non-Resident	No Limit Set	\$50.00
Recreational	3-Day Resident	No Limit Set	\$20.00
Recreational	3-Day Non-Resident	No Limit Set	\$30.00
Recreational	Senior Resident	No Limit Set	\$10.00
Recreational	Senior Non-Resident	No Limit Set	\$10.00
Recreational	Resident & Non-Resident, 12 & Under	No Limit Set	No Fee/Free

The Shellfish Ordinance is available at the Eastport City Hall.

TOWN OF DENNYSVILLE

Special Town Meeting


A special town meeting to vote on the proposed school budget for 2025–2026, which was adopted by the Dennyville School Committee, will be held at the Dennyville Town Office on Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

THE QUODDY TIDES

Copy Editor

The Quoddy Tides has an opening for a part-time copy editor. Some flexibility in hours. Can work from home. Must be familiar with AP style and know how to diagram a sentence.

If interested, please contact Edward French, editor, at 853-4806 or email <qtides@midmaine.com>.



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Pembroke and Perry Regional Shellfish Conservation Committee

Pembroke and Perry Regional Shellfish Municipal Joint Board

License Structure for the 2025-2026 season

Unanimously agreed upon at 3/27/2025 meeting

- Grandfathered all non-residential license holders who have held a license for all of the past 13 years (2012–2024).
- In addition to the license holders grandfathered, we will conduct a lottery for 10% of license sales.
- Allow license sales to begin earlier to ease the burden on the town clerk.
- Lottery to be held Friday, June 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pembroke Municipal Office. An applicant must be present at the lottery to be granted a license.
- License Fees:
 - Commercial: \$200 Resident, \$400 Non-Resident
 - Sr. Commercial: \$100 Resident, \$200 Non-Resident
 - Jr. Commercial: \$100 Resident, \$200 Non-Resident
 - Recreational: \$20 Resident; \$40 Non-Resident
- Authorized the municipal joint board and warden to work with Heidi Leighton with DMR to ensure the proper language is included to adhere with the policy principles above.

Pembroke-Perry Regional Shellfish Conservation Committee

Resident commercial shellfish licenses will be on sale beginning Friday, June 6, 2025 at either the Pembroke or Perry town offices (see websites for clerk hours). These licenses will be sold to residents of Pembroke or Perry on an unlimited basis, and are not effective until July 1, 2025.

Non-resident commercial license holders who currently hold a Pembroke-Perry Regional Shellfish Conservation shellfish license and have held such license each of the past 13 years (2012–2024) will be grandfathered and will not need to apply for the lottery, however, they must renew their license **before 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025** or they are disqualified, will lose seniority and will no longer be considered as grandfathered.

All other non-residents who would like a commercial license will need to apply through the lottery system.

Applications for the non-resident commercial license lottery may be picked up at the Pembroke or Perry town offices. Applications for the 2025 non-resident commercial license lottery must be received by the administrative municipality (towns of Pembroke or Perry) no later than 5 p.m. on June 4, 2025. Postmarks will not be accepted. The lottery will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pembroke Municipal Building, and applicants must be present to be entered into the drawing. All those granted a non-resident commercial license will have 5 business days to pay their license fee. If this is not complied with, the next name will be awarded the license.

All recreational licenses will be available starting Friday, June 6, 2025 on an unlimited basis to both residents and non-residents and are not effective until July 1, 2025. Recreational licenses will be available at all of the participating municipalities, subject to their individual town office hours.

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CITY OF EASTPORT Notice

The Eastport City Council rendered a motion and vote at their council meeting of April 9 after coming out of executive session to cancel the public hearing for 10 Evans St. and 35-37 Key St.

Real Estate For Sale

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TOWN OF WHITING Clam Licenses

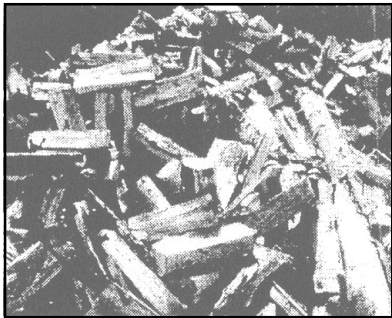
Resident clam licenses will go on sale May 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. for June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. A commercial license is \$500.
A non-resident lottery will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Whiting Town Office. Applicants must be present at the drawing. A non-resident clam license is \$750, and they are sold on a 10% basis.

CITY OF EASTPORT Public Hearing Notice

New Victualer License
Istvan Matej d/b/a Eastport Coffee Roasters LLC – 62 Water Street
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Port Authority Building Downstairs at 6 p.m.
The Eastport City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6 p.m. downstairs in the Port authority building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on a new Victualer License for Istvan Matej d/b/a Eastport Coffee Roasters LLC as requested. The Eastport City Council welcomes all public comment.

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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.


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CAMPOBELLO ISLAND CLUB Invitation to Bid

The Campobello Island Club is seeking bids from contractors for the following project, with two options, to be completed in the summer of 2025.
Option 1: Clearing and constructing a 16' x 20' concrete pad. First a 40' x 40' area of bushes will need to be bush hogged and removed. A section within this area will be dug down 6", then 3" of 2-inch crush stone will be placed, with 3" of compacted gravel placed on top of the stone. A concrete pad 5' by 16' x 20' with rebar or wire will be constructed. The pad will contain anchors for three tables and 4' x 4' posts.
Option 2: Clearing and constructing a 16' x 20' concrete pad. First a 40' x 40' area of bushes will need to be bush hogged and removed. A section within this area will be dug down 6", 6" of compacted gravel will be placed within this section. A concrete pad 3' by 16' x 20' with rebar or wire will be constructed. The pad will contain anchors for three tables and 4' x 4' posts.
For more information or to submit a bid please contact Lewis Pinkham: milbridgetown@gmail.com.

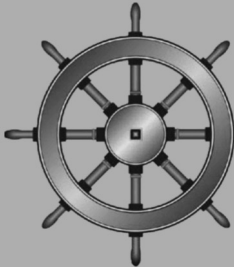


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16 Monument St., Lubec

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12 Harley Ln., Robbinston

Private camp on 5 acre lot on Goulding Lake in Robbinston. Off grid camp with gated driveway, generator hook-up and spring fed water supply. Camp has two bedrooms and a great room combination kitchen and living area with wood stove.
\$149,000
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46 S. Lubec Rd., Lubec

Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of Lubec Channel and The "Spark Plug" from this multi-level deck built in 2022! This one-bedroom has two bonus rooms, eat-in kitchen, a stone fireplace, and 2022 roof!
\$294,990
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93 Garnet Head Rd., Pembroke

This adorable 3 season home would make the perfect vacation home for you and your family, or a great opportunity for a seasonal rental. Large living room, open dinning and kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a bonus room at the top of stairs to use for additional beds.
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1 Daggett Rd., Perry

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18 Lafayette St., Calais

A 4-bedroom, 2 1/2-bathroom home downtown with a large double lot, 2-car garage, hot top drive, HWBB heat, open front porch, all set up for gardening. This home has been very well maintained with many updates over the years.
\$299,000
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