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THE SWEEP OF SPRING COMES DOWNEAST. The art of mindful mowing using a scythe was on display at the Rhubarb Festival, as volunteers, including Damon Weston, Richard Scott and Molly McDonald, used tools from Scythe Supply to cut swaths through the surrounding fields at Kendall Farm in Perry. See page 23 for coverage of the festival. (Lura Jackson photo)

Shead graduation cap dispute resolved

by Edward French

A dispute over whether seniors' caps for graduation at Shead High School could be decorated with articles of cultural or religious significance escalated quickly online and was diffused just as fast by the decision of school administrators, following discussions with tribal officials, to change their rules and allow the additions to the mortarboards.

Dwayne Tomah, a Passamaquoddy culture bearer, says that some of the Passamaquoddy students who were graduating at Shead wanted to wear beadwork on their graduation caps. He notes that the elaborate beadwork with cultural designs is an important part of tribal culture. "It's very important to exemplify who they are and share their culture with others," he

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Discussion about salmon farm plans in Lubec becomes heated

by J.D. Rule

In a marathon meeting held June 4, the Lubec Select Board coupled a series of three public hearings on ordinances and the comprehensive plan with a board meeting that was dominated by a discussion about two controversial fish farm proposals in the town. During the presentation on the salmon farm sites, Jennifer Robinson and Frank Lank of Cooke Aquaculture actively engaged in the sometimes heated discussion as they clarified the company's intent regarding the installation of the pens into Lubec waters.

Cooke presently has two Lubec-based lease renewal applications with the Department of Marine Resources for leases labeled COB LU2 and COB RN2. Both were signed on May 1, 2024, and both

applications describe salmon pens that were in operation two decades ago, stating that they were abandoned over concerns about sea lice. According to the Cooke representatives, new methods are now in use to deal with sea lice that do not use chemicals, so reopening these sites will not jeopardize local waters. Both renewals are for a 20-year period, and both leases are sited adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

Site COB RN2 is located on the northeast side of Rodgers Island, nestled into the waters south of Major Island. The application states, "Our plan is to utilize this facility as a growout for Atlantic salmon since we are able to deal with sea lice concerns in Cobscook Bay." Lubec resi-

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Local families struggle with food insecurity

by Lura Jackson

Hunger is a significant problem in Washington County, and it is on the rise. Recent food insecurity reports place the county as having the least regular access to food in New England, for both children and adults, and earlier this year federally-funded programs that provide food to those that need it most were cut – raising major concerns about the year ahead. Relief organizations and community members alike are rallying to do what they can to meet the need and offset the long-standing and worsening situation.

"It takes a toll on us. I'm constantly worrying and under stress," says Meg, who lives with her family in Machias and asked that her last name not be used. Both she and her husband work full-time, she as a certified residential medication aide and direct support person and he as a manager in a fast food restaurant. They have two children, one of whom has special needs. "I'm always skipping meals so my kids and husband can eat. Sometimes I don't eat at all in the run of a day. Sometimes my husband doesn't eat because there just isn't enough for us."

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Tribe celebrating success in restoring alewife population

by Lura Jackson

The alewife, long recognized by the Passamaquoddy people as the "fish that feeds all," is coming back to its ancestral spawning grounds in record numbers after decades of contending with obstructed waterways. Along with recent population gains on the Pennamaquan River following the installation of a fishway, the St. Croix River – or Skutik, as it is known to the tribe – is continuing to see significant gains as work continues to improve fish passage. At the forefront of local efforts is the Sipayik Environmental Department (SED), for whom the work holds both ecological and cultural meaning.

"The [Pennamaquan] river is a sacred place to the Passamaquoddy," says Chris Soctomah, fisheries biologist of the SED. The river has been a focus of the SED for several years, with the department contributing funds awarded by the Nature

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Festival marks 250 years since first naval battle

by RJ Heller

A 250th year anniversary is special no matter the event. This year's Margarett Days Festival in Machias marks its 19th year while celebrating a momentous piece of history. And for a place as far and away as Machias, that significance is not lost to time. A battle was fought 250 years ago on its shores while smoke from musket fire was still heavy in the air in the city of Boston. The Battle of the *Margaretta* has since been officially recognized as the first naval battle of the American Revolution.

While things boiled over with the April

1775 clashes between British troops and town militias in Lexington and Concord, a series of events unfolded in the northern territory of what was then Massachusetts. Having arrived in the Machias area in 1763, the settlers made quick work building a sawmill, housing and all the necessities required for a village to prosper and grow.

With much of their supplies coming from Boston via British ships, it was only a matter of time, with things as they were in Boston, for the ember of revolution to be lit in Machias. Having heard the news

of the April events and a shipping embargo still enforced, a small group of men decided enough is enough. On June 12, 1775, with their plan in hand, the patriots first captured a British cargo vessel and then sought and captured the British ship *Margaretta*.

Sponsored by the Machias Historical Society, the festival will be held at West Branch Farms on Friday, June 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to the public. Now recognized as the unofficial begin-

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LOCAL ART by artists such as Chuck Kniffen of Turtle Dance Co-op was on display during the Pennamaquan Alewife Festival on Saturday, May 24, where attendees took the opportunity to enjoy smoked fish, biologist talks and an assortment of activities for all ages. (Scott Kraft photo)

Sailboats splash as sailing season begins

by Paul Simpson

Although there is no official start to sailing season, the first boats have started to launch, and race scheduling and planning is underway between the two local sailing clubs: St. Andrews Yacht Club and Passamaquoddy Yacht Club (PYC).



EURYDICE was the first sailboat launched this season by members of the Passamaquoddy Yacht Club, Lynne Bowland and Gordon Phillips. (Gordon Phillips photo)

Lynne Bowland and Gordon Phillips, PYC members and Deer Island residents, were first to launch their sailboat *Eurydice*, a 30-foot Acadian yawl, on May 15. Launched five days later was *Seabird*, a 28-foot Pearson sloop skippered by Lisa Sarish of Pembroke. Launched on May 28 was *French Kiss*, a 25-foot Kelt, cap-

tained by Robin Gautier and her husband Philippe Gautier of Lubec, who in 1987 completed a transatlantic crossing in a 37-foot cutter-rigged steel sailboat.

Robin Gautier is beginning her 10th year in the role of commodore for the PYC.

PYC is a nonprofit organization. Membership starts at \$40 a year for individuals. PYC supports sailing and sailboat maintenance education and collaborates with the Cobscook Institute in Trescott to support the summer sailing series. Previously only offered to children, the sailing school will begin adult sailing education this year. For camp and school series dates see their website at <passamaquoddyyachtclub.org/school>.

Sailors in St. Andrews often work together to share the cost of launching and will launch in a big group. A crane is hired, and the boats are towed to the launch, then craned at high tide into deep water. On June 1 about a dozen sailboats launched from St. Andrews into Passamaquoddy Bay. First to go in this year was *Nirvana*, a 1983 Sirius 28, skippered by Tom Goulding of St. Stephen.

Goulding is a member of the St. Andrews Yacht Club, whose commodore is St. Andrews resident Roger McNabb. Like PYC, SAYC also supports a local youth sailing organization called Sail St. Andrews. St. Andrews residents interested in enrolling their students can email <sail.standrews.nb@gmail.com>.

PYC and SAYC host races that are open to those of intermediate skill, including the weekend-long Roosevelt Cup, hosted by Passamaquoddy Yacht Club, which will take place on the weekend of July 19.

The Campobello Yacht Club was originally chartered in 1930. Franklin D. Roosevelt was among its founding members. In 1988, the charter and burgee of the Campobello Yacht Club was adopted by the Passamaquoddy Yacht Club. PYC works together with Roosevelt Campobello International Park to put on the Roosevelt Cup Race. The winner of the 2024 Roosevelt Cup was *Air Apparent*, skippered by Jim Andrews. Previously, the cup would be kept in the library of the town where the winner resided, but in the future the cup will be displayed at Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

ALEWIFE POPULATION (from page 1)

Conservancy to replace a fishway on the lower part of the river in 2018. As the alewife returned in increasing numbers, the SED assisted with the installation of an electronic counter – and when that was found to be creating a bottleneck for larger species such as shad, the department purchased a camera for fish counting in 2021.

With the camera system, the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) counted nearly 500,000 alewives in 2024, up from just over 70,000 in 2014. It was enough for the harvest to reopen this year under the DMR’s guidance. While Soctomah says the numbers look sustainable enough to support the harvest, careful monitoring is necessary to ensure that remains true. Ultimately, the priority should be for the sustainability of the species and the health of the watershed as a whole, he says, and those involved need to “do the best we can to make sure that the river is clean and that fish are plentiful for current and future generations.”

The SED is collaborating with the DMR and Maine Sea Grant (MSG) to actively monitor the alewife population in the Pennamaquan, Soctomah says, including taking counts and biological and juvenile sampling. More than just collecting the data, however, it’s about “being there and really understanding the fishway.”

Along with alewives and shad, the SED is lending its efforts to a host of other species, including the American eel, which Soctomah says is currently struggling to spawn on the Pennamaquan. “You do see them trying to climb over the dam, but most of the time they’re not successful.” Just this year, the department has counted – and rescued – thousands of eels attempting to make the journey. “We’re dedicated to enhancing their habitat and plan to install eel-ways in the near future to help them upriver.”

In the Pennamaquan estuary, meanwhile, Kyle Francis of the SED has been actively sampling eDNA to collect data on the species using it as habitat. The data will be submitted to inform a proposal tidal dam project currently being reviewed at the federal level.

“We’re now doing assessments in that estuary to really understand what could be affected if a dam were to be built,” Soctomah says. “I’m worried that all the work that has been done to restore fish populations [will be offset] and that we might see a rapid decline if another dam is constructed.”

The alewife population is tenuous, Soctomah explains, and it can be affected by a number of variables. On the Little River in Perry, for example, the SED has been counting alewives for the past three years, with an additional year of data from MSG. So far, the count has been variable, but “the trend is down,” he says. “Just being there, you can see there are fewer fish coming up.” Possible factors include the ongoing harvest, the management of the fishery itself and natural elements such as beaver dams – but the department won’t have a clear enough picture until 10 years of data can be collected. Even then, it has no jurisdiction over the alewife harvest, Soctomah says.

On the Skutik, the river is undergoing what has been called the largest river restoration on the East Coast through the efforts of the International St. Croix River Watershed Board (ISCRWB), in collaboration with the SED. The decommissioning of the Milltown dam in 2024 has led to a significant influx of alewives farther up the river – with 610,452 fish counted this year, or 162% more than were counted last year by the SED.

Those fish are now struggling with an antiquated fishway at the Woodland dam that only allows for approximately a quarter of the fish to pass through, according to the ISCRWB. The SED is actively working to address that problem, having won a \$12 million award from NOAA last year for the construction of a new fishway at the Woodland dam, along with securing funds for the design of a fishway at Grand Falls farther up the river.

The process of restoring the watershed for the return of the alewives has been a long one, but the reward is significant – particularly with consideration to what the fish represents to Passamaquoddy culture.

Day celebrates ancestral fish

Each May, the return of the alewives to the local watershed is met with fanfare by tribal members as they welcome the inte-



TRANSPORTING ALEWIVES over the dam on the Pennamaquan River are these Passamaquoddy youths as part of the annual Alewife Day in early May. Along with providing hands-on experience with fish stocking, the day involves demonstrations of Western science techniques and cultural components such as drumming and a traditional meal to welcome the fish’s return.

gral fish back to its ancestral spawning grounds. For the past 10 years, the SAD has coordinated Alewife Day as a way to involve tribal youth in the celebration and connect them with traditional teachings. This year’s event saw around 70 youth participating, with youth from Motahkomiuk included for the first time.

“The point is really about connecting the community to the river,” Soctomah says, noting that the day includes cultural components such as drumming and traditional foods. “It’s a way of connecting to the river, connecting to our culture.”

The day begins on the Pennamaquan River, where members of the department demonstrate western science techniques, including biological fish sampling and eDNA collection, along with showing the process of fish stocking by physically carrying alewives over the dam. “The kids really enjoy participating in this,” Soctomah says. “You can see the enthusiasm to help the fish over the dam” to continue their journey.

The second part of the day is held at Sipp Bay, where a feast of traditional foods such as fiddleheads, softshell clams and smoked fish is offered alongside activities and hikes with community members. “It’s about being present and enjoying the day, while also acknowledging the return of the alewives, shad, eels and other sea-run fish species that have continued to return for thousands of years,” Soctomah says. “The alewives provide a host of ecosystem services and provide food and sustenance for humans, eagles, osprey, turtles, mink, otters, groundfish and many others. The connections from the bay to our rivers are very important.”

The Alewife Day is a collaborative effort with support from Sipayik Elementary School, Indian Township School, Native American Programs and Cooperative Extension, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Downeast Salmon Federation, MSG and Maine DMR.

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LOADING UP his boat Another Notch with lobster traps at the Eastport breakwater is Will Urquhart at the start of the season on June 3. (Don Dunbar photo)

Port of Eastport Eastport & Lubec VESSELS ENTERING

May 21–June 10, 2025

Name of vessel	Last Port of Call	Number of Trips
Star Java	Brunswick, Ga.	1
Atlantic Bay	Blacks Harbour	1
Ocean Provider I	Blacks Harbour	10

Shipping activities: Eastport & Bayside

Bayside

The *Yellowstone* arrived at the Port of Bayside on May 18 and loaded 20,623 metric tonnes of aggregate rock before sailing on May 21 for a wind farm off Virginia.

The *Canmar* arrived on May 21 and loaded 1,001 metric tonnes of fish feed. She sailed on May 23 for Newfoundland.

The *Ocean Pearl* arrived on May 24 and loaded 45,188 metric tonnes of aggregate rock before leaving on May 25 for Charleston, S.C.

The *Birte Selmer* arrived on June 5 and loaded 33,713 metric tonnes of aggregate rock. She sailed on June 8 for Port Manatee, Fla.

Eastport

The *Star Java* arrived at the Port of Eastport on May 26 and loaded 6,000 metric tons of wood pulp before sailing on May 27 for Livorno, Italy.

Cruise ships

The 780-foot cruise ship *Volendam* is scheduled to be docked at the Eastport breakwater on Saturday, June 14, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 936-foot *Zuiderdam* is scheduled to be at the Eastport breakwater on Monday, June 16, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Weather Report

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Tide Table

Tide Table in Atlantic (Canadian) time. For U.S. time, please subtract one hour.

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QUODDY OPINION

Diminished and alone

While the United States has long been a beacon of hope and opportunity for the world, a pattern that counters that ideal has been developing during the past few months. The facets of this new pattern are many and wide ranging, but in nearly all their aspects they will end up hurting this country, perhaps irreparably.

For example, the current U.S. administration’s “restrictions on foreign students are triggering a brain drain and American scientists are panicking,” according to a recent article by Axios. The article continues, “America’s science pipeline is drying up, and countries like China are seizing the opportunity to surge ahead.” Marcia McNutt, president of the National Academy of Sciences, is quoted saying, “This is such a race for being the science powerhouse that you never fully recover.” And in May the National Foundation for American Policy issued a brief noting that without immigrants and international students, colleges in the U.S. would lose up to a third of their undergraduate enrollment and almost two-fifths of graduate enrollment by 2037, which would lead to many colleges and universities closing.

Meanwhile, some countries are now transacting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, according to an article written for the Council on Foreign Relations. High global demand for dollars allows the U.S. to borrow money at a lower cost, but trade tariffs have been spooking financial markets and affecting U.S. creditworthiness. As foreign investors lose trust in the U.S., they will choose not to buy U.S. debt.

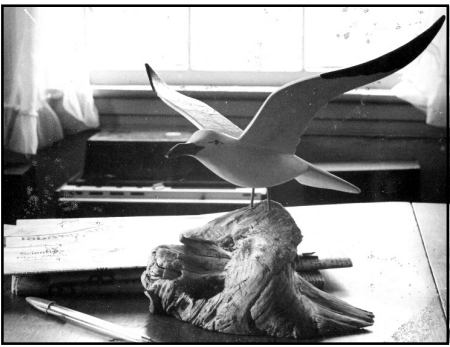
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According to an article in The Fulcrum, the consequences would impact the daily lives of Americans, ranging from higher interest rates, high inflation, recession and a decline in the dollar’s value, making imports more expensive. The article notes that a shift in demand for U.S. Treasury bonds could lead to a world financial crisis.

These are just a couple of examples of the effects caused by the current U.S. administration’s push to build walls instead of bridges. Around the world, the U.S. is losing its friends and allies, countries that once trusted us because we came to their aid in times of need.

Here in the Quoddy area, we know the importance of helping one another. When a fisherman is in trouble out to sea, other fishermen and mariners come together to bring him home if he’s broken down, to find him if he’s lost. And through many years along this international border, marked by a thin red line on the charts, we have friends and relatives on both sides, with ties that run as deep as the sea. We believe in building bridges – or launching ferries – to join with them when we mourn or when we celebrate.

Our countries are neighbors, and we who live here know that neighbors help each other, echoing what all of the world’s major religions teach: to love our neighbor. For what will happen when we are in need of help and there is no one there to help us? On this nation’s current trajectory, we will be left diminished and alone.



Across Your Editor’s Desk

RECEIVES LITERARY AWARDS

The Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance held its annual awards ceremony on May 29 in Brewer and among the award recipients is Penny Guisinger of Trescott. Guisinger received the Book Award for Memoir for her book *Shift: A Memoir of Identity and Other Illusions* and the Short Works Competition in Nonfiction for *Raptor*. She also was a co-winner of the John N. Cole Award for Maine Nonfiction for *Shift*.

A COOL CHANGE

The June issue of *Commercial Fisheries News* includes a feature article by Brian Robbins about a new lobster boat owned by John Drouin of Cutler. Named *Cool Change*, it has a Calvin Beal 36’ hull and a top from SW Boatworks in Lamoine. The boat was finished off by Little River Boat Shop in Cutler, with Drouin pleased with the results, stating, “There’s nothing I wish they’d done differently.”

Drouin will be using the new boat to fish inshore waters, which he decided to do after being diagnosed with Lyme disease, which left him feeling exhausted. “I’ve changed the size of my boat and changed the way that I fish,” he says. “And I’m back to looking forward to each day on the water.”

NEW TRAIL ON CAMPOBELLO

A new trail at the Roosevelt Campobello International Park is the focus of an article by Bob Duchesne in the *Bangor Daily News*. The trail, named Witapehkewakoni – Awt/Friendship Trail, will be dedicated on June 28. Duchesne reports that it will “pass through a maritime forest, then an area of black spruce bog,” then onto a raised peat bog. He volunteered to identify every bird along the trail and found a large variety of species, from warblers and flycatchers to sparrows, hawks and eagles. “The bird species changed with every change in habitat,” he writes. “I can think of only a few local places where there is such an abundance of birds, representing so many different species.” Noting that the trail took seven years to complete, with care taken to avoid damaging sensitive habitats, he states, “At a time when the American government is cutting support for our national parks, it’s refreshing to see the world’s only international park get much-deserved attention.”

PUFFIN PRIDE AND PASSAGES

The Town of Stonington’s Main Street Committee, which includes more than 40 local, year-round businesses, will be presenting a new festival called “Puffin Pride and Passages” during the weekend of June 18 through 22. Puffin-related events will be held throughout the weekend during the height of the bird’s breeding season on nearby Seal Island, the state’s largest nesting colony of puffins.

Among the events will be talks and tours, workshops on how to paint puffins in watercolors and a scavenger hunt, with cafés and restaurants hosting Puffins and Muffins and Puffins ‘n Pancakes and Cry Babies Restaurant hosting PuffTails, a crazy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres event. The weekend also will include the opening night of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, but it’s not clear if any puffins will be flying through the scenes.

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Whirlpool

Lilacs and lupines are in bloom, along with rhododendron, poppies and sea roses.

Grackles have been seen and heard protecting their newborn chicks from harassing crows.

It’s hard to believe, but soon the summer solstice will be here. Where did the spring go?

Schools are holding commencement exercises, and graduates are hearing words of encouragement as they venture forth into the uncertainties of this world.

Green thumbs are turning brown from working the soil, as farmers and gardeners sow seeds, spuds and sets.

Did you know that Maine shrimp start out as males and then transform themselves into egg-laden females at the moment in their lifespan when it’s time to move inshore and spawn?

The Cove

HONOR TO THESE

AND THE VERB TO BE

Find the grace in growing things – wheat fields tossing like the sea; autumn sumac on a hill; flowing plums; forests holding time and wings; creviced seedlings bound to be; and bright on city windowsills, geraniums.

Bonnie May Melody

Thought for a fortnight

I would like to believe when I die that I have given myself away like a tree that sows seeds every spring and never counts the loss, because it is not loss, it is adding to future life. It is the tree’s way of being. Strongly rooted perhaps, but spilling out its treasure on the wind.

May Sarton

MAILBOAT REX IV

CONSIDER TRUMP’S CHARACTER

To the editor:

Character is the quality of moral and ethical strength of an individual. George Washington, our first president, was a man of the highest character. Presented with the Constitution, he was to form a new government using that document as a blueprint. He succeeded in creating what would become the greatest nation in the world.

Trump has betrayed our founder, seeking to put aside the Constitution and return to a monarchical authoritarianism. Consider Trump’s flawed character as a convicted sex offender and guilty of 34 felonies, with a history of contempt for women as he described how he could grab any woman and get her to do whatever he wanted. He is a noted liar, seemingly to have contempt for the truth. The Romans had a short poem to refer to inept government officials. In Latin the title is “Simi scandantis;” translated into English it reads, “Monkeys who climb to height for their station reveal their bare behinds to the nation.” This fits Trump’s cabinet and most of his appointees.

In his effort to achieve a more efficient government Trump has fired 60,000 government workers and encouraged over a quarter million more to accept buyouts or early retirement, accusing these workers of filling unneeded positions or being lazy. He himself gets to the office at 11 a.m.

and breaks for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and ends his day after six hours, much of that time spent watching TV. He has spent one quarter of his second term playing golf. Huffington Post estimates these golfing outings have cost the taxpayers over \$26 million as he uses Air Force One, which costs us some \$200,000 per hour to operate. He is accompanied by another plane carrying his limo. George Washington never called anyone scum as Trump has done.

Ron Jarvella
Belfast

TOO MANY MISTAKES

To the editor:

The number of “mistakes” made by Trump’s administration grows daily. Today yet another person was “mistakenly” deported, despite a judge’s order prohibiting the deportation. Earlier this week the Department of Health and Human Services released its much-touted “Make America Healthy Again” report, which included references to a number of non-existing scientific studies and misinterpreted others. When these mistakes were pointed out by the media the initial report was retracted and a cleaned-up version was reissued.

The editor-in-chief at *The Atlantic* was mistakenly included on a Department of Defense chat where sensitive military information was discussed.

The Trump administration has lost over 90% of cases challenging its agency actions, often for violations of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). It’s beginning to seem as though many people in the administration may not have the required skills to do their jobs. Let’s just hope there isn’t a day when someone mistakenly pushes a button that starts a nuclear war.

Anne Baker
Jonesboro

Correction

The article in the May 23 issue of *The Quoddy Tides* about the Shead High School honor parts included the incorrect name of the father of the valedictorian, Jenna Dean. His name is Matthew Dean.

MAILBOAT REX IV

A GAUNTLET OF ENFORCERS AT THE BORDER

To the editor:

I recently heard on the news that the state of Maine is considering putting up signs at its border crossings with Canada welcoming Canadians. Apparently a number of businesses along the border have seen a significant drop in income since Trump has effectively changed the “line on a map” to a wall. In order for Canadians to interact with our American friends and neighbors, we must subject ourselves to the gauntlet of enforcers who seem to have been given the authority ignore or interpret laws as they see fit. Apparently, one could have their cell phone examined to see if there is any evidence that one is not supportive of the current regime in Washington, or one could be hauled in and interrogated at the enforcer’s whim, as one of my friends was told “just because we can,” for example. Why would anyone be willing submit themselves to such harassment? On top of that, depending on the product, why would one willingly pay extra to bring it back into Canada?

I have spent most of my eight decades living in approximation to the New Brunswick/Maine border. During that time I have seen the border experience go from “friendly” through “everybody is a potential terrorist” after 9/11 to today’s “kiss the ring” requirement.

When we remodelled our kitchen, the cupboards and a majority of the appliances came from businesses in Maine. Many of the repair parts for my equipment have involved Maine businesses. I suspect this is a common story for many who live along the border. With the border now effectively closed, how does that help the American economy?

Apparently, it can take many years for some manufacturing businesses to establish factories. What happens to the American businesses who are adversely affected by the tariff war in the meantime? I don’t know how many North American made cars are sold in North America, but it seems to me that if the Canadian and Mexican markets are essentially eliminated, would that not hurt the American economy? Does it not stand to reason that Canada and Mexico might cooperate and revamp their production to supply their own markets and bypass the U.S. entirely? What kind of logic states that if I buy something from XYZ company and they don’t buy something of equal value from me, then they are taking advantage of me and not treating me fairly?

Wayne Sabine
Tilley, N.B.

AMERICANS’ COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

To the editor:

I am curious what Americans think the pipeline is from our taxes to: bombs flattening schools sheltering families, drones hunting civilians in broad daylight and guns lodging bullets in the chests and heads of Palestinian children. What magical alchemy absolves Americans of responsibility to human beings killed using our hard-earned money? Time? Distance? Too busy to care?

From the U.S. Department of State: “Foreign Military Financing (FMF) provides grant assistance for acquisition of U.S. defense equipment, services, and training. It furthers U.S. interests by ensuring allies and partners are equipped and trained to work toward common security goals.” Who funds the FMF program? Taxpayers.

American Friends Service Committee: “Despite massive public protests, the Biden administration has been working to give Israel over \$14 billion to buy more

weapons. This is on top of the \$3.8 billion the U.S. already gives the Israeli military annually. Israel is required to use this money to buy U.S.-made weapons. This is a form of corporate welfare ... for the largest weapons manufacturers, like Lockheed Martin, RTX, Boeing and General Dynamics, which have seen their stock prices skyrocket.”

As I type, Israel Defense Forces have bombed yet another school (Fahmi Al-Jarjawi) sheltering displaced, sleeping civilians. The dismembered bodies of martyrs – women, men, children, the elderly – are being counted (33 so far). One strike. In photos and videos the charred remains are almost unrecognizable as human. When you see the word “war” in blame-shifting mainstream headlines about the occupied state of Palestine, think about families bombed attempting to get food or sleeping open air under quadcopters. Ask yourself: Is this war? Or planned, systematic mass slaughter? There is one correct answer. In this occupation, only one ‘side’ has a nuclear arsenal, tanks, helicopters, thousands of drones, dual nationality “soldiers” swelling its ranks and unconditional backing from the most powerful military in the world. Would your voice make a difference against this monster consuming over 100 lives a day and calling it “self defense?” How will you know if you do not even bother to use that voice?

The 5,200 miles to Palestine is not far enough to absolve Americans of their responsibility. The U.S.-Israeli holocaust in Gaza has claimed at least 80,000 human lives and counting. It is 70% committed with U.S. taxpayer-supplied weapons. It is 100% made possible by western media complicity and the American public’s stubborn ignorance. See <notmytaxdollars.org> and <nwtrec.org>.

Molana Oei
Lubec

CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT SALMON FARMS IN LUBEC

To the editor:

In 1950 I stood on the bank of a Klamath River tributary and watched my Grandpa Charlie scoop a big, beautiful fish from a stream teeming with migratory salmon. In Maine, there is an effort underway to bring back the wild Atlantic salmon to this area. We have just witnessed the successful regrowth of the alewife population, an event much celebrated at the Alewife Festival on the Pennamquan River. It is a beautiful sight to see so many fish swimming free and unbound, eager to return to their traditional spawning grounds.

Attention: Cooke Aquaculture is planning to put more salmon pens in Johnson Bay and other local waters. These industrial-level fisheries within the close confines of our tidal waters threaten coastal habitats of many fish and shellfish species. Sea-pen fisheries produce far more ocean polluting nitrogen than our wastewater facilities. These additional pens will increase the output of nitrogen to about 9,000 lbs./day, equivalent to the discharge from a city of one million people. The science is in and information is out there but not making much headway into the general population.

We have had two recent meetings at the Lubec Town Office regarding plans by Cooke Aquaculture. The first was discovered only two days ahead of time by an alert citizen who stays tapped into the DMR (thanks, Anna). Once alerted, the majority of people in attendance voiced their opposition. One site, a 36-acre parcel abutting Rodgers Island, had been leased and unused for 10 years by Cooke Aquaculture.

The next “informational” meeting was

scheduled but unannounced for June 6 at 6 p.m. The few people who showed up for the meeting with Cooke officials were disappointed. Curiously, the meeting time had been changed to 5 p.m. It was revealed that the method for notifying the public about these meetings was for Cooke Aquaculture to inform the Lubec harbormaster, who in turn passes the information along. There has been no timely passing on of that information. When a large, global corporation does business with a small-town, tight-lipped administration, people get itchy about the goings on.

Salmon pens are surrounded by a host of large buoys filled with Styrofoam pellets. Many of these broke free from Cooke’s current fish farms to release their toxic pellets (nurdles) into the waters of Downeast Maine to drift for hundreds of years, being ingested by all filter feeders (baleen whales) and many small fish and birds. Currently, an estimated 23,000 tons of these bits of Styrofoam go into the ocean every year.

Many marine industries protect, at the cost of the very environment they exploit, the use and production of toxic substances which are strictly banned and controlled by on-shore entities. When Styrofoam was finally recognized as a hazard, it was largely banned across the country. That’s exactly when the Styrofoam-filled buoys became the rage from sea to plastic-bound sea. The DEP considers it “trash,” there-

fore not a concern of theirs. Likewise, nitrogen releases from a wastewater treatment plant are regulated and carefully monitored, but wastewater from a salmon farm, many times higher in nitrogen content, polluting sensitive coastal waters that produce over 70% of all commercial and recreational fish and shellfish, is not regulated. This is the madness of modern business enterprise at its apex.

Cooke Aquaculture fish farms are banned from every state on the West cCoast, from the Baja peninsula to the Arctic Circle. This is not done for nothing. There have been massive die-offs, the cause often being attributed to a low-content of oxygen in the water (precisely what a high nitrogen content causes) and major problems with lice and other diseases which can be passed on to the wild population of fish.

We are trying to help the wild salmon recover. Fish farms seriously jeopardize this project and the many other aquatic denizens of our beautiful, estuarine waters.

While Maine is not “first” in rejecting this unsustainable form of aquaculture, Lubec can be the first to say, “No more!” If we clean up our oceans, rivers and streams our grandchildren can become the grandpas and grandmas that show their toddlers how to scoop a large salmon from a stream teeming with healthy, migratory fish.

Charles Kniffen
Lubec

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GUEST COLUMN

Geography shouldn’t decide access to justice

by Senator Marianne Moore

Insufficient access to justice has been a serious issue in our state for several years. It reached a critical point earlier this spring when Superior Court Justice Michaela Murphy ruled that hundreds of defendants’ constitutional rights to legal representation were being denied. While the legislature acted and passed legislation to address this critical issue, there is still inequity in Maine’s justice system that needs to be addressed.

While Maine has 16 counties, there are only eight prosecutorial districts by statute. Unlike legislative redistricting, which occurs after every decennial census, Maine’s prosecutorial districts are not subject to mandatory review of population and demographic shifts. In fact, no changes have been made to add districts or change district boundaries, even though Maine has experienced significant population growth since the creation of prosecutorial districts in 1987.

One such district is Prosecutorial District 7, which serves Washington and Hancock counties. Washington County covers 3,258 miles with a population of 31,383, according to July 2024 U.S. Census Bureau data. In comparison, Hancock County is 2,345 square miles with a population of 56,946. Like Aroostook County, which has its own prosecutorial district, Washington County is largely rural with 35 unorganized territories.

With only one court in Washington County to handle criminal cases, there is currently a backlog of 256 defendants awaiting their first appearance on the Unified Criminal Docket in Machias. Nearly two-thirds of those cases are felony-level matters ranging from Class C driving offenses to sexual assault, serious domestic violence cases and even manslaughter.

With only three criminal trial terms offered each year in the Washington County Superior Court in Machias, this case back-

log could take up to 15 years to clear. The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees an individual the “right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed.”

With only one district attorney splitting his time between two very different counties and an unworkable limit of trial days in Washington County, defendants are being denied their constitutional protections.

These serious concerns are why I introduced LD 16, “An Act to Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine.” My bill was co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of lawmakers representing communities across Washington and Hancock counties. This legislation would not be costly to the taxpayers of Maine; it requires a change to just one already funded position from assistant district attorney to district attorney.

Unfortunately, after its bipartisan passage in the Maine Senate, my bill was killed on a nearly party line vote in the House of Representatives.

Although the legislature has taken steps to address Maine’s critical shortage of public defenders through the passage of LD 1101 earlier this year, that will not solve this problem. The problem is how the judicial branch has failed to provide enough trial days to prosecute cases and the structure of prosecutorial districts themselves.

I am discouraged by the House majority’s lack of willingness to address serious inequities in access to justice affecting Washington County. Until they have the courage to do so, we will continue violating the basic constitutional rights of Maine citizens.

(Senator Marianne Moore is serving her fourth term representing the citizens of Senate District 6, which includes all of Washington County and 16 communities in eastern Hancock County.)

MAILBOAT REX IV

A JOYOUS TIME

To the editor:

On Friday, May 30, a very special Ruby Jubilee was held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Calais celebrating the 40th anniversary of priestly ordination led by Bishop James Ruggieri honoring Rev. Father Roland Berngeh, who presides over the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Washington County.

The day began with the Rosary followed by a beautiful Mass. In addition to those of us fortunate enough to attend, there were many brother priests and nuns from Cameroon who presently reside in this country. The St. Kateri Tekakwitha choir sang hymns and parts of the Mass, which were enhanced by numerous of Father Roland’s Cameroon friends as they performed music from Cameroon by singing and dancing. The feeling of unity and happiness created a very joyous time.

It was a day when all the present troubles of the world disappeared, a day to be remembered as wishing all peoples could be as kind and unselfish to one another as they were on that day!

Rosalie Woodward
Lubec

MEMORIES FROM THIN PLACES

To the editor:

I see a photo of a memory, a small, pine-covered, uninhabited island: Pope’s Folly. Pope’s Folly is in the Bay of Fundy. In this image, the fog is rolling in from behind the island. Usually, Eastport can be seen from this angle. But it is gone, lost in the fog. All that is there is the island, a small moored boat, a buoy and a red fishing boat, also moored, and memories.

The water is like glass. I can see the reflection of the island and the reflection

of the red boat in the water. The fog gives the appearance of a black-and-white photo, but the green trees and the red boat tell another story.

This is my spiritual home. When I think of Lubec, I close my eyes and an image of the bay and Pope’s Folly comes instantly to mind. Sometimes I can feel the fog on my face. Sometimes I can hear the foghorn warning ships to keep away from the rocks and the shore. Sometimes I can see the high-water line when the tide is up. At times, when I think of this place I can smell the krill in the air. Always this magnificent place makes me feel grounded and alive.

I have not been here for nearly four decades. It is imprinted on my soul. Like the foghorn, it beckons: Come home, come home. It pulls.

Joyce Kryszak wrote in *Down East* magazine: “The ancient Christian Celts believed in the existence of supernatural spaces between heaven and earth – ‘thin places’ they called them, where the distance between the two realms, between the sacred and the profane, collapses. Gandhi talked about something similar, places where a mysterious power pervades everything. ‘I feel it,’ Gandhi said, ‘though I do not see it. It transcends the senses.’ Mystical nonsense? After spending some time in the town of Lubec, I’m not so sure.”

I miss it: water everywhere, monster tides, salt air, that feeling that everything is OK, even when it isn’t.

We traveled to Lubec every summer, and I loved those trips because this place had the effect of turning my dad from a mean drunk into a nice guy for as long as he was there. How glorious it was to experience this wonderland and return to the fold without worries about Dad’s mood. I got to turn the hyper-vigilance off for a

while, and I basked in the lightness of it. I loved coming home and having my uncle ask me, “What did you find ova theah?” I just smiled. I never figured out how to explain that I found freedom.

Jan Olson
Ypsilanti, Mich.

MIDDLE EAST CATASTROPHE

To the editor:

“I started filming when we started to end.” So begins the Academy Award-winning documentary *No Other Land*, shown by the Maine Coalition for Palestinian and Jewish Voices for Peace recently at the Eastport Arts Center. Palestinian photographer/filmmaker Basel Adra’s family history in the rural West Bank community of Masafer Yatta is “rooted here for as far back as we know.” The film depicts the ongoing Nakba/catastrophe begun in the ’30s, exacerbated in 1948 when Israel’s “war of independence” destroyed over 400 Arab villages, massacring indigenous inhabitants and “ethnically cleansing” 750,000 refugees.

Adra reflects, “I grew up in a home full of activists. I am becoming my father.” Summoned frantically, he repeatedly documents approaching soldiers, bulldozers, schools and modest homes forcefully, hurriedly emptied of inhabitants and belongings just before all are demolished. A woman cries, “We have no other land!”

Curious Jewish Israeli writer Yuval Abraham has joined forces with Adra. The film includes footage from 2019 onwards, ending before October 7, 2023.

Ever hopeful that if the story gets out “the U.S. will pressure Israel to stop,” the community walked down the stony road with a 15-foot protest banner hand-printed in English: “Palestinian Lives Matter.”

Adra and Abraham darkly jest at one point, the “article did not get enough views.” Adra’s family warned, “They’ll arrest you tonight, Basel. They’ll enter with many soldiers.” Which they did, telling him to stop filming. He asked, “Is this revenge for the protest?” Response: “None of your business.” Forced into cave living, the people rebuild secretly at night. Woman: “They shot my son in front of me.” He slowly died. The Israeli occupying army is shown destroying wells and electricity, claiming “security threat.” It took their cars and farmland for an army firing range, preventing Palestinian expansion in the West Bank, but paving way for Jewish settlers, 15% of whom are Americans.

Having returned home from Hollywood ceremonies, one of the four documentary team directors was beaten by settlers. This May, the largest demolition yet occurred in their community of hamlets.

Reality: The democracy of Israel (U.S. dollars) has killed more than 214 Palestinian journalists since October 7, 2023.

Ironically, indigenous Palestinian Muslims shared their land with European Jews needing safe haven. After all, for centuries in the Middle East antisemitism had not been a problem, with Baghdad home

to the largest, thriving, happily coexisting Jewish population in world. See YouTube, Avi Shlaim and Ilan Pappé, both Arab Jews. But Zionist terrorist gangs which became the IDF burned Jewish synagogues, etc, in many Arab countries to “inspire relocation” to the new land of Israel, always intent on flipping the population demographic.

Lynn Bradbury
Lubec

MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS

To the editor:

“Captain Heel Spurs,” as one reporter called our rich-boy-draft-dodging president, addressed West Point’s graduating class the Saturday before Memorial Day. I couldn’t watch.

Several times a year, though, I do watch Ted Turner’s 1993, more-than-four-hour film *Gettysburg*, which I find sadly inspiring. West Point is a sub-theme in *Gettysburg*, since many of the generals on both sides of the Civil War had met there as cadets and “came up together in the (1840s) Mexican War,” as Confederate General Lo Armistead told his fellow officers (in the movie), after learning they’d soon face Union General Winfield Scott Hancock’s soldiers on the battlefield. “Win was like a brother to me,” said Armistead, who yearned to meet with Hancock, somehow, before the cannons boomed.

Then there’s Spielberg’s *Lincoln*, which depicts Congress’ contentious passage of the 13th Amendment – outlawing slavery – while the Civil War still raged. Lincoln would be appalled by Trump’s racist policies and dismantling of the kind of equal-opportunity “reconstruction” he would have overseen if he’d not been assassinated by a vengeful white supremacist. (Lincoln would also be dismayed by “Israeli-American” citizens joining Israel’s murderous IDF to oppress another group of captured, disenfranchised humans.) While Lincoln strove to keep America united, Trump, Fox News and the hydra-headed Israel lobby are tearing our country apart.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was established to honor Union soldiers killed in the Civil War. When I was in grade school, we marched in the parades carrying lilacs and apple blossoms past the Civil War soldier statue – many Maine towns had one – to the cemetery, where we placed them on veterans’ graves. No president back then would have wished Americans a “Happy Memorial Day” as Trump did this year; even the children knew what a sober, soul-searching day it was meant to be.

Nor would any president before Captain Heel Spurs have used the U.S. Army – and its purported 250th anniversary – as an excuse to throw himself a costly, Soviet-military-style birthday-party parade (on June 14) after: cancelling Blacks and women from military command positions and honor rolls; reducing veterans’ benefits; and barring even the Afghans who helped our troops from entering the country. Joe Biden said Memorial Day is about “honor.” Abraham Lincoln would, doubtless, despair at how dishonorable a fellow-Republican president (like Trump) could be.

Melodie Greene
Calais

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Backyard Gardener

The magnificent native rhododendron

by Jo Tilley

A giant rhododendron caught our eyes the other day when we attended an art opening in Columbia Falls. It was enormous, and we were assured by its proud caretaker that they can get larger. The flower buds were still tightly furled but promised to be a purplish pink at bloom time in a few weeks.

That got us diving happily down a rabbit hole, because it turned out that we knew very little about rhododendrons, whether or not there were native varieties, their sizes and flower colors, their growing conditions and who pollinates them. Just about every gardener can relate, and right now you may hear the joyful scrambling of gardeners reading this column as they reach for their favorite botanical and gardening guides or get to tapping into the internet.

The first place I landed on, and a delightful landing it was, is the website for the Native Plant Trust and its link to the Harvey Butler Rhododendron Sanctuary in Maine that features a five-acre stand of *Rhododendron maximum*. It's hard to fathom five acres blanketed in a single species that can achieve a height and spread of more than 15 feet each. In optimum conditions it can reach 30 feet or more. The Columbia Falls rhododendron was at least 20 feet high and wide and clearly was considered prime real estate by a multitude of critters within its cool, shadowed depths.

Another Maine location is the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' Giles Rhododendron and Perennial Gardens, where more than a thousand of the plants, related shrubs and spring bulbs are located on a hillside. The nucleus of the collection, the original 100 plants, were selected by one of the garden's founders and former president of the American Rhododendron Society, Ernie Egan.

The website for the University of British Columbia Botanical Gardens lists almost 30 native species to North America,

some found on the West Coast and some on the East Coast. In general, rhododendrons like acidic soil that drains well with at least some shade to protect the leaves from afternoon summer sun. The root ball should be planted high in the hole, and be aware that the plants have a shallow root network, so avoid cultivating or disturbing the soil around the plant. A mulch of pine needles would help the plant off to a galloping start.

Plants are susceptible to various pests and root rot. Refraining from overfertilizing and overwatering is a good practice for this plant's care, as well as providing a well-draining acidic soil for its launch in life.

Pests range from aphids to scale and whitefly. Along with root rot, other diseases include leaf spot, rust and powdery mildew. Deer will nibble on rhododendrons, especially if food is scarce, but for most the plant is poisonous in all parts, including honey that is made with its pollen.

The plants come with a wide variety of flower colors and provide winter and extreme weather coverage, as the Columbia Falls specimen clearly demonstrated. The nectar of its blooms attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and bees and supports the rare *Andrena cornelli* bee, which only collects pollen from rhododendrons.

Increasingly, homeowners and gardeners need to be aware of plant flammability when considering landscaping strategies. Rhododendrons are considered to have a medium flammability risk for those homeowners increasingly at risk from wildfire.

Ideally, these rambling and majestic plants would be grown as understory plants on the edge of taller tree ecosystems. Visit some gardens where native rhododendrons are featured, much like dogwood gardens, and imagine the possibilities for your own garden or as a dedicated fan who knows all the more about their special nature when stumbled upon at an art opening or in the wild.

What's Cookin'

HALIBUT, JUST FOR THE HALIBUT by Sue Moore

Sadly, halibut fishing season is ending. This brief season heralds summer, and if you are lucky enough to befriend a fisherman who harvests these large, amazing creatures, you are winning the food game for sure. Halibut yields an enormous return of health benefits as well as providing a freezer full of portions. Even if you aren't pals with a local fisherman, you can always wander your way down to the Eastport inner basin and generally be directed to either a captain willing to sell one of these behemoths or to the fishmonger who purchases, then portions them out. I have also had good luck finding some generous-sized planks at the R&M IGA, but wherever you source your halibut it is sure to be delicious. Here are two different methods of preparing this but-tery, firm fish: an Asian-inspired steamed halibut and an easy phyllo-pastry wrapped lemon dill filet. Each serves two. Let's begin.

For the steamed halibut

- 2 large filets, skin on
- 4 tsp sesame oil, toasted
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 1 1/4 inch knob fresh garlic, peeled, cut into matchsticks
- 9 cut, shredded scallions
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 carrot, cut into matchsticks

For the sauce

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2-3 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 1 Tbsp minced white onion
- 3 1/2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper

You will need a steaming basket or a pot that has a steamer insert for this recipe. Brush filets with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper on both sides. Preparing the sauce ahead allows the flavors to bloom while you are cooking the filets. Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat, and then add the garlic and minced onion. Stir frequently and cook for a few moments until fragrant, and then add the ginger and allow that to also cook until fragrant. Add soy sauce, pepper and salt to taste, stirring to combine, cooking for just a few seconds. Immediately transfer the sauce to a bowl and set aside. Place

filets in the steamer basket or insert and cover with the ginger, carrots and onions. Place aluminum foil over the filets and place the cover onto the basket or pot. Allow the filets to steam for 9 to 10 minutes, and then carefully remove the lid, being cautious of the steam. Pour sauce over the vegetable-covered fish and sprinkle the shredded scallions over the filets. Cover and steam for an additional five minutes or until the filets flake easily. Plate over a bed of rice and spoon any remaining sauce in the steamer over the filets.

For the phyllo-pastry wrapped halibut

- 2 filets
- 4 sheets phyllo dough
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1/2 cup regular half and half or heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- Salt, pepper to taste
- 2 tsp fresh dill

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Season filets with salt and pepper and set aside. Lay out the phyllo dough sheets and brush one sheet lightly with butter, working fast, as it dries out quickly. Lay a second sheet on top of the first and lightly brush with butter. Place filet at the bottom middle of those two sheets and sprinkle fresh dill over the filet. Fold in the sides of the pastry sheets and roll the filet in the pastry toward the top of the sheet. Lightly brush with butter and repeat the process with the second filet and remaining phyllo sheets. Bake for 13 minutes or until pastry has puffed and is golden brown. While the filets are baking, prepare the sauce by boiling the lemon juice in a saucepan until very reduced. Lower heat and add cream, stirring until the sauce thickens. Add scallions, fresh dill, then salt and pepper to taste. Plate the wraps beside some lightly sautéed seasonal vegetables and atop a lovely pool of the sauce.

Just a few hints: using fresh dill is key; make extra sauce – you won't regret it; and do be aware the reduced sauce will be very lemon forward. Not a fan of lemon? Use less juice or even substitute Hollandaise sauce or a garlic dill aioli.

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MEMBERS of the Eastport Garden Club were beautifying Legacy Park downtown by potting colorful blooms among the pavers on June 9. (Sue Moore photo)

Historical society to host ‘A Look Back’

The public is invited to “A Look Back: Sharing Memories of Eastport,” a community gathering hosted by the Border Historical Society (BHS). Slated for Wednesday, June 18, at 6 p.m. at the Eastport Port Authority Welcome Center, this event will feature a panel of longtime community members reflecting on Eastport’s rich and colorful past.

Moderated by BHS President Kevin Raye, panel members will include Ruth McInnis, Alice Cates, Kathy Lewis and Tessa Chaffey Ftorek, who will share personal memories and anecdotes that bring the history of Eastport to life.

It promises to be an evening of stories,

laughter and community as memories are shared of everyday life in Eastport – colorful characters, favorite establishments that are long gone, a booming sardine industry, school days, childhood pastimes and the influence of local churches on the fabric of the community.

“Whether you’re a lifelong resident or new to the area, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Eastport’s heritage and celebrate the stories that shaped our city,” says Raye. “Audience participation is warmly encouraged, so come prepared to share your own memories as well!”

Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Library launching summer programs

Peavey Memorial Library in Eastport is now offering two new year-round weekly programs.

On Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Littles Library Hour welcomes participants to engage in self-directed library play and socialization for children and their adults alike. Books, puzzles, blocks, toys, Legos and coloring tools are available to use. This program is suitable for preschool-age children and older.

On Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., the Peavey Craft Circle gathers in the reading room, where crafters are invited to bring their works in progress or start something new. Any small-scale crafts, needlework and varieties of art-making are welcome. This program is suitable for ages teen to adult.

The library’s summer program series will launch at the end of June with the following events through July.

Wednesday, June 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.:

Window Flowers with Barbara Barrett. Celebrate summer by learning to fold these colorful paper “flowers” to brighten windows. The workshop, suitable for ages 14 and older, is limited to 10 participants; pre-registration is required.

Friday, June 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.: Rainbow Wrist Bands and Fans with Sara Myrick. Decorate wrist bands and fans with rainbow streamers and be adorned to enjoy the Downeast Pride activities on June 28–29. All ages.

Friday, June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m.: Music at Library Park presents Pink Capos. Featuring acoustic guitar, accordion and maybe banjo, the duo of Kara McCrimmon and Penny Guisinger cover singer-songwriters with tight harmonies.

Monday, June 30, at 10 a.m.: the Summer Book Sale begins on the Key Street side lawn. The book sale is regularly replenished and runs through September during most library open hours, as weather and staffing allow.

Craig Clan Reunion

Friday, July 4, 2025
Eastport Arts Center
36 Washington Street
Eastport, ME 04631

The Craig clan from Massachusetts is having a reunion! We would love to have Johnny Craig’s family and Clarence and Jeanette Townsend’s family to stop by to say hello, visit with family and make new memories.

Donations sought for BHS auction

The Border Historical Society will hold their annual fundraiser auction on July 3 at 9 a.m. in the Eastport Port Authority building. The society is looking for donations for the auction such as art, pottery, jewelry, coins, baskets, collectibles and the like. Residents are invited to think about the historical society when doing their spring cleaning.

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PLANT SALE

The Eastport Garden Club will be holding its annual plant/garden items sale on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the former Mainely Flowers site on Harris Point Road.

SENIOR CENTER

The Eastport Senior Center is coming right along with plans to move to the new Eastport Senior and Community Center.

While the center will continue with its regular daily activities and meals, special events are still being scheduled. On Thursday, June 19, at 2 p.m. attorneys from Downeast Law Associates will be discussing how to make a will. On Monday, June 23, at 2 p.m. will be Tides and Tea. Friday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. is trivia night. On Saturday, June 28, at 2 p.m. Eastport's own Sarah Graves will give a reading from her latest book, *Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin*, answer questions and sign books. Books can be purchased at S.L. Wadsworth and Son, as there will not be any to purchase at the reading. The center is also having a fundraiser bake sale starting at 1 p.m. and continuing after Sarah Graves' presentation.

The regular scheduled events are as follows: Sundays at 1 p.m., Laughter Yoga; Mondays at 1 p.m., Mahjong; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m., exercise class; Wednesday at 12 noon, meal for \$7; Fridays at 10 a.m., cardio drumming. There is a small fee for each activity.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The new community sessions, Contemplative Gatherings, will resume in July as

will Father John Lein's Sunday discussion group, Spiritual Formation. All are welcome at church services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a coffee hour at 10:30 a.m.

Food donations, with peanut butter and condiments for June, for the Labor of Love food pantry in Eastport may be dropped off at the church any Sunday morning.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At the annual congregational meeting held on May 30, officers were elected. By unanimous vote of the membership, Edward Jordan was reelected as treasurer, Merged Higginson was elected to continue in the position of clerk/secretary and Caitlyn Stellrecht was chosen to continue as the moderator.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

At Cornerstone Church, pastor's office hours are on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting is at 5 p.m., and a free public supper is held at 6 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month. The church is open for private prayers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sundays, adult and children Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m., and the service starts at 11 a.m. On the last Sunday of each month the congregation observes the Lord's Supper at the end of the service followed by a potluck lunch.

The church's sports complex is open to all. The church currently has a basketball court, soccer field, frisbee golf course, driving range, tether ball, horseshoes pits and playground set. For additional information, please go to <cornerstone eastport.org>.



WITH FLAGS FLUTTERING in the breeze, Darla George explains the significance of the "table set for one" during the Memorial Day observance at Hillside Cemetery in Eastport. (Edward French photo)

Eastport Memorial Day ceremony held

by Edward French

Standing next to multi-colored flags, unfurling when caught by the wind to reveal their stars, stripes and the branches of service for which they stand, the speakers at the Memorial Day observance in Eastport stood on the knoll overlooking the graves at Hillside Cemetery and addressed those who had gathered to remember the soldiers who have died for their country. During the ceremony, the words that were spoken and the notes that were sounded floated over the living standing respectfully below and above the graves of those who lie at rest in the quiet shade under the trees of the cemetery.

Following the singing of the national anthem by Ed Jordan, Tessa Ftorek gave the invocation, stating in part, "We remember those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy." She prayed that "peace prevail among all nations" and that the lives of men and women in uniform be preserved "as they defend our citizenry." Diana Boone read poems by two World War I soldiers – "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae and "A Grave in Flanders" by Frederick George Scott – from a book that had belonged to her grandfather, Charles Cheverie, who was a WWI soldier.

Retired U.S. Coast Guard SK1 Darla George related the significance of the elements in "the table set for one," symbolizing those in the military who have never come home. A U.S. flag was then folded,

as during a military funeral, with the significance of each of the folds explained by retired Staff Sgt. Jay Pearson. Following the firing of a three-volley salute and the playing of taps, Ashlee Morang sang a version of Leonard Cohen's song "Hallelujah."

Retired Lt. Colonel Andrew Pottle, U.S. Army Reserve, who led the observance, asked that those at the ceremony "keep the day in its rightful place" and teach their children about its meaning. In her benediction, Ftorek prayed "for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom." She ended by urging, "Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice and to seek an end to violent conflict around the globe."

Sudoku Answers

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

Angel Flight East offers medical flights

Residents of Washington County now have greater access to lifesaving health-care, thanks to Angel Flight East (AFE), a nonprofit organization providing free air transportation to patients who need to travel long distances for medical treatment.

With a network of over 400 volunteer pilots, AFE flies passengers to more than 60 medical centers throughout the northeastern U.S. Whether it's Boston, New York, Philadelphia or anywhere in between, Angel Flight East bridges the gap for patients in remote areas.

"People in rural communities shouldn't be limited in their medical options just because of geography," says Ellen Williams, executive director of Angel Flight East. "Our mission is to remove transportation as a barrier to care."

To schedule a flight, please visit <www.angelflighteast.org>. An AFE flight coordinator will be in touch to answer any questions.

From cancer treatment to organ transplants to rare disease specialists, AFE helps connect patients with medical care – at no cost to them. All flights are provided by certified volunteer pilots who donate their time, aircraft and fuel.

AFE is calling on pilots in the area who are interested in public benefit flying. "If you're a pilot with a passion for aviation and a heart for service, we'd love to have you join our mission," Williams says.

Pilots and community members are invited to meet Williams at the Eastport fly-in on Saturday, June 14. She'll be available to answer questions and connect with local aviators interested in volunteering.

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10 am-4 pm Tides Institute & Museum of Art Exhibition, "George Pearse Ennis: Working on the Water," TIMA main building, 43 Water Street. (Reception on June 27 from 5-7 pm.)

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Make sure to visit all the local shops and restaurants and see all the fun events they have planned!

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TUESDAY, JULY 1

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10:00 Opening of craft fair and vendors.

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1:00 Frisbee Contest. Library lawn.

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1:30 Limbo Contest. Library lawn.

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3:00 Bike Races. Start halfway down Deep Cove Road and end at the Fire Station. Trike and ages 2-4 in parking lot.

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5:00 Steel Band "Pan Storm." Overlook Park.

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7-8:30 Street Dance. Family-friendly music to kick off our Fourth celebration! Overlook Park.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

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Watch for the arrival of USS Gravelly, DDG 107

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10:00 Opening of craft fair and vendors.

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10:00 Kids Cupcake Decorating Contest. Overlook Park.

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10:00-3 Caricatures. Amphitheater behind Overlook Park.

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10:00-2 Laser Tag. Library lawn.

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11:00 Watermelon Eating Contest. Overlook Park.

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1:00 Little Mr. & Miss 4th of July (ages 2-4). Overlook Park.

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2:00-4 Restored Civil War murals and 1839 cannon on display for viewing at GAR Veterans Hall, 6 Green Street.

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4:00 Pet Show. Cutest, Most Patriotic, Best Tricks, Most Unusual, Best of Show. Overlook Park. Prizes.

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5:00 Talent Show. Overlook Park. All talent welcome. Ages 0-9, 10-17, 18+. Bring own music to connect to our system. Lip sync shows are limited to 1 minute.

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6:30 Live Band, reunion show of Doubleshot. Overlook Park.

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

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9:00 Dale Lincoln Kids' Fun Run. Ages 13 and under. Key St. at former Dead River building/ Raye's Mustard office.

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9:00-12 Border Historical Auction at Eastport Port Authority Welcome Center at the downtown breakwater.

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9:30 Tiny Tots Fair and face painting. Library lawn. Children's games for ages 5 and under.

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10:00 Opening of craft fair and vendors.

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12:00 Miss 4th of July Contest. Overlook Park. Little Miss 5-8, Junior Miss 9-13, and Miss 14-18. Contestants for all age categories must register before 12 noon.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP students from Shead High School recently delivered storm emergency kits and storm preparedness guides to the Eastport Senior Center. The kits were funded by the Eastport Energy Committee's grant from the Island Institute. The students later delivered kits to Waterview Terrace.

Eastport and Lubec to host Pride events

Downeast Pride, now in its seventh year, is returning to Eastport and Lubec the weekend of June 27–29 to celebrate creativity, inclusivity and Pride in partnership with the Downeast Rainbow Alliance, Eastport ArtFests and LAMPS (Lubec Area Musicians Philanthropic Society). The event welcomes back the Curbside Queens, Maine's #1 traveling drag show, performing at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, on Water St. in Eastport and Sunday, June 29, at 12 p.m. in Stockford Park in Lubec. The weekend kicks off on Friday, June 27, with free art activities at Peavey Memorial Library from 1 to 3 p.m. and live music with Pink Capos from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the bandstand.

The Eastport event will be in full swing on Saturday, June 28, starting at 12 p.m. with free art activities along Water Street, a craft fair in the city hall parking lot and advocacy tables in Sutherland Amphitheater all afternoon. Water Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for performances. Live music with Remy Dinosaur begins at 1 p.m. on the stage on Water St., and Curbside Queens

perform at 3 p.m. Join Curbside Queens for Happy Hour at Horn Run Brewing Company directly after their performance.

The Lubec event will take place Sunday, June 29, starting with a trail mixer at Red Point Nature Preserve hosted by Queerly ME. Then swing by Stockford Park at 10:30 a.m. for a story hour with children's book author Sonny Dean. Craft fair and advocacy tables will be open at 11 a.m. and run all afternoon.

The walking Pride parade begins at 11:45 a.m. from Lubec Brewing Company to Stockford Park, and performances start at 12 p.m. for Curbside Queens and live music from Cindy Jollotta and Hot Velvet.

Downeast Rainbow Alliance is grateful to festival organizing partners Eastport ArtFests and LAMPS for making Downeast Pride possible. The alliance also is grateful to local Pride business sponsors White Birch Exchange, WaCo Diner, David Oja's Bazaar, S.L. Wadsworth & Son, Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank and Wealth Management, Maine Community Foundation and Maine Arts Commission.

Roof, elevator repair options weighed

by Lura Jackson

The options for replacing or repairing the elevator at Shead High School and a leaking roof were weighed during the Eastport School Committee meeting on June 9. Other business discussed included a hard freeze on the budget and the discovery of a previously-unknown investment account at Bangor Savings Bank.

The repair of the leaking roof over the gym and the home economics room is a significant concern for the committee. During last month's meeting, Superintendent MaryEllen Day opened five bids received for the project, each of which proposed a different solution. This month, Day presented the proposals in a spreadsheet to enable the committee to review them easier. School administrators will be meeting with City Manager Brian Schuth to discuss taking a loan for the roof repair next year as a possible path forward, although it is not currently clear if the city will have the capacity to help with the loan.

With no bids received for the repair of the high school elevator, Shead Principal Melissa Mitchell will be contacting the company that provided the elevator to determine if they offer replacements.

A hard budget freeze has been instituted for the school system in the hopes of preventing unexpected purchases from being made. Day cautioned that the school's surplus fund balance is dwindling swiftly and may not be available in future years to

offset the amount needed to be raised by taxes.

Shead students who are jointly enrolled at St. Croix Regional Technical Center will now be eligible to receive half or full credits toward math, English and science as part of a statewide initiative to award credits for technical classes. Shead started awarding half credits last year in some situations in advance of the initiative.

Community School Coordinator Sam Pottle gave a presentation on the program's progress and her findings from a community needs assessment she recently completed. This year's program included bringing students on field trips, community cleanups, assisting at the library and assisting at the food pantry, with next year's program to follow a similar plan.

An investment account at Bangor Savings Bank was recently discovered by the city's auditing firm. It was opened a "very long time ago," says Day, and had only one name on the account, with that person no longer being involved in school administration. The committee voted to add Principal Mitchell, Superintendent Day, Business Manager Chad Allen and City Treasurer Camela Deschene to the account, with the balance to be determined once access is granted.

The next school committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10, with the condition being that the meeting may be postponed if there is not any pressing business.

Thank You

The Eastport Youth Association members would like to thank all those who have supported us over the years.

We were first incorporated as the Eastport Police Association in 1982. In 1989 the name was changed, and Bingo was started to support the youth of our community and also to maintain the Eastport Youth Center.

Now after all these years, we felt it was time to retire from Bingo. The youth center building was sold to the city, and the proceeds were deposited into our scholarship fund.

We will continue as a charitable nonprofit corporation so we can continue to support the youth of our community.

Shead Memorial High School Class of 1970 – 55th Reunion

It's hard to believe that it's been 55 years since we turned our tassels and became alumni of SMHS. We've lost 22 classmates during that time and want to reacquire ourselves with as many individuals as possible this July. Bill Altwater has once again offered his residence for this gathering. Everyone who ever attended Shead with the class of 1970, whether you graduated or not, is invited to attend. Classmates should bring a lawn chair, snacks and beverages of choice. We will be meeting on Thursday, July 3, at 2 p.m. at Bill's residence on Redoubt Hill, Eastport, Maine.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the individuals below for clarification. We hope to see you there.

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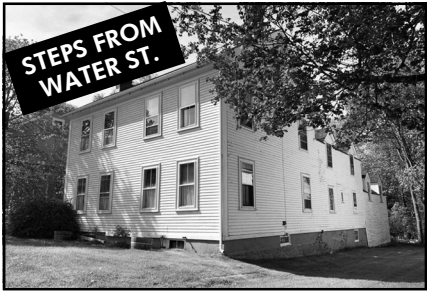


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11 Washington Street: Known as the Captain John H. McLaren house and built c. 1830, this lovely home is on the Eastport walking tour. Referred to as having Georgian colonial, Greek revival, and even country farmhouse elements, she awaits new owners to make this a year-round home or even a B&B. Literally a half-minute walk to Water Street shops, restaurants and galleries, the location is well suited for your next business venture. Located on a quarter of an acre with 5 bedrooms, 2 full baths, double parlors separated by wonderful wooden doors, dining room with a pass-through to another room. The connected barn was underpinned by a professional local builder about 10 years ago. It now has deep concrete footings that would make it a good candidate for conversion into an attached carriage house. Deck in back for afternoon parties and morning coffee. Other updates include newer roof, rewired electrical, lovely faux painting of some doors and on the downstairs hallway. Lot runs from Washington St. to Sullivan St. Bring in a new driveway from Sullivan and create more parking! Shown by appointment. **MLS #1625143. \$379,000.**

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES, hosted by the Lubec American Legion’s Stuart Green #65 Post, began May 26 at the Bayview Cemetery, with the laying of a wreath. Pastor Gary Look led a prayer for the Air Corps, followed by taps, played by post Commander John Wentland. The group, including a contingent of local residents, then moved on to the town’s Civil War monument.



AT THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT, Pastor Gary Look, post Commander John Wentland and others listened as American Legion Junior Auxiliary Jade Stevens read the Gettysburg Address. The group then moved on to the international bridge, where they heard Look offering a prayer for the sailors, followed by the casting of a wreath from a Coast Guard vessel Station Eastport then a final performance of taps. The morning’s events were concluded by a reception held at the legion hall. (J.D. Rule photos)

WWII veteran returns to Lubec hometown

Earlier this month, Lubec welcomed home one of its oldest living veterans, Robert “Ted” Greene, as he returned to the town that shaped him nearly a century ago. At 99 years old, Greene remains a living testament to service, sacrifice and the quiet strength of America’s greatest generation.

From June 7 to 9, Greene traveled from his current home in Oakland back to the coastal community where his story began. His visit coincided with the nation’s reflection during Memorial Day season – a fitting moment to honor a man whose life is woven into the fabric of both his family’s legacy and the country’s history.

Greene was still in high school when he received his draft number. At the enlistment station in Bangor, officials noted his roots and said, “You’re from Lubec. You should go Navy.” He answered simply: “OK.” Soon after, he was stationed in Owls Head, Rockland, flying in open-cockpit planes along the Maine coastline. His mission was to photograph the shoreline and scan for German submarines,

leaning out with a handheld camera behind the pilot – part of a critical early-warning effort along the Eastern Seaboard.

His brothers, Rollie and Frank, served with the U.S. Army overseas. Ted served at sea. Their combined service during World War II formed a pillar of the Greene family’s military legacy – one that would continue through the Vietnam War and into present-day service through descendants.

Today, Ted Greene lives with his daughter Terry in Oakland. He will turn 100 this November.

“For me, Uncle Ted’s visit is more than just a homecoming – it’s a reminder of what Memorial Day truly means,” says Annie Sokoloski, his great-niece, a teacher with the Veterans Yoga Project and member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. “His presence brings our family’s history into the present, reminding us that the stories of service and sacrifice aren’t just in books or monuments. They live on in the people who return and in the memories of those who never could.”

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LCOC POTLUCK BARBECUE

LCOC will hold a potluck barbecue from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at 44 South Street. The LCOC Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 14.

SUMMERKEYS CONCERTS

On Wednesday, June 18, SummerKeys will present John Newell, piano; Ina Littera, viola; and Matt Goeke, cello. On Wednesday, June 25, the concert series will feature pianist Alan Kryszak. The concerts are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Christian Church.

TOWN OFFICE

The town office will be closed on Thursday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. The town office will also be closed on Monday, June 30, for year-end accounting.

VINYL NIGHT

LAMPS will hold Vinyl Night on Thursday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 6 School Street.

LAMPS BENEFIT

Vocalist Jean Strazdes will give a concert, “Singing through the Storm,” to benefit LAMPS on Saturday, June 21, at 3 p.m. at the Congregational Christian

Church.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER

The West Lubec Methodist Church will hold a baked bean supper at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at the church. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children.

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

The Bay of Fundy International Marathon will be held on Sunday, June 22. The marathon begins at 6:30 a.m., the half-marathon at 8:45 a.m. and the 10K at 9:15 a.m. All races start from West Quoddy Head Lighthouse.

LUBEC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lubec Historical Society opens for the season on Tuesday, June 24, and will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MASONS’ COOKOUT

The Lubec Masons will begin their Thursday evening cookouts on Thursday, June 26, at the Masonic lodge. The cookouts are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

The Lubec Landmarks-Mulholland Gallery exhibit for Heidi Herzberger and Debra Olson will be held from June 26 to July 15. The reception will be on Saturday, June 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

LCOC awarded community arts grant

The Lubec Community Outreach Center (LCOC) has been named a recipient of a multi-year award from the Onion Foundation, offering the center partial funding to expand into a full-fledged community arts program.

The LCOC program seeks to increase access to the arts for community members living in Lubec and Washington County. There are currently two dedicated spaces within the center, an art room and a fiber arts studio. Each space offers tools and supplies for workshops. Under the leadership of Anna Williams, the LCOC expanded programs in 2024 to include low- or no-cost workshops, including tapestry weaving, nature and linoleum printing, bundle dyeing, rugmaking, mosaics, watercolor workshops, art retreats and more.

The LCOC seeks to increase social cohesion by offering people a place to express themselves through a visual means. At the core of this practice is the collabora-

tion between professional artists and communities. This layered approach to benefiting individuals, groups and whole communities is as LCOC Director Jennifer Bristol calls it “the sweet spot.”

The LCOC will offer stipends to guest artists throughout the year. The LCOC will host two guest artists this summer, welcoming back the program’s original creator, Anna Williams, now pursuing her work as a textile and fiber artist in East Calais, Vt., and local artist and educator Sara Myrick from Eastport. Williams and Myrick will host scheduled studio hours in the Common Threads Fabric Studio and the LCOC Art Studio respectively, with dedicated time to spend on their own body of work as well as scheduled workshops for children and adults. In August, the LCOC will host a Coastal Maine Summer Art Show featuring work by both artists as well as a gallery exhibit of artwork by children enrolled in the summer recreation program.

“The support of the Onion Foundation was a critical piece in moving this larger vision forward and we are grateful for the opportunity,” says Bristol. “We believe that this program will have long-term benefits for our guest artists and community members of all ages.”

Lubec club seeking yard sale donations

The Lubec Woman’s Club (LWC) is gearing up for their largest fundraising event, the Whale of a Sale yard sale. Each year this event is held in the cafeteria of the Lubec Elementary School on July 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Jewelry, dishes, tools, bedding, toys, Christmas decorations, craft supplies and housewares of all kinds will be available. Furniture, paintings, large items and clothing racks will line the hallway. There will be a \$5 table that will feature higher quality or new items, but otherwise purchases are by donation, with all proceeds going to community projects supported by the LWC. A silent auction will be held, ending at noon with the last highest bid being the winner. Winners must be present or have a delegate to pay for and remove the item.

The LWC will be accepting donations for the sale on Wednesday, June 25; Thursday, June 26; Friday, June 27; Monday, June 30; and Tuesday, July 1; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. This year the club will not be accepting books, broken or non-functioning items or TVs. All electronics must be operational with cords. Clothing will be accepted, but no undergarments please. To donate a large item, please contact Julia Brady at 733-4751 to make arrangements.

Lubec library plans annual book sale

The Lubec Memorial Library will hold its annual book sale fundraiser on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books, DVDs and CDs will be available. Mugs, T-shirts and canvas tote bags featuring the library logo will be sold.

Tech support offered

The library’s next tech support session provided by the Sunrise County Economic Council will be held on Tuesday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help with password recovery, e-mail, account recovery, syncing or backing-up devices and internet access/security will be available free. Sign up at the library or call 733-2491.

Artist reception

Watercolors of Lubec, painted by artist Kirsten Philippides, are being exhibited at the library through the month of June. A reception will be held on Saturday, June 21, from 12 to 2 p.m.

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School board warned about tight budget

by J.D. Rule

AOS 77 Superintendent MaryEllen Day warned the Lubec school board that the proposed 2025-26 fiscal year budget “is very tight” and may result in increased taxes in subsequent years. Day’s comments came during the May 29 meeting, which was held one week earlier than the usual schedule.

Pointing at the current revenue and expense report, she noted that 78% of the fiscal year had gone by, while the total expenditures for the same period came to 75.5% of the budgeted amount, with several categories exceeding 90%. “This will allow for very little pull-through,” she said, explaining that unspent allocations are moved to the fund balance forward account, then used to offset costs in subsequent budgets.

The proposed budget, which is to be presented to the voters during the June 12 referendum, includes a \$305,000 withdrawal from the fund balance forward, which may not be available for following budgets. “Pull through will be very little,” she said. “I’m worried about your budget.” AOS 77 Business Manager Chad Allen added “with a close budget, the taxpayers will have to make up the difference.”

The meeting opened with a terse discussion between Day and school board Chair Wanda Reed, with Reed questioning the tuition expenses involved in sending Lubec high school students to local high schools as determined by parental school choice. The total amount in the proposed budget is \$563,440 for 41 stu-

dents. Tuition is set by the state and thus is not negotiable or subject to cost-saving efforts. According to Day, neither Machias Memorial High School nor Washington Academy is willing to undergo an exclusive arrangement, while Shead High School has indicated a willingness to talk but with no guarantees. “Nobody wants an exclusive,” she said.

Concerning professional development, Principal Lovina “Tina” Wormell described the results of the “Restorative Practices” staff training. When dealing with behavior issues, it works much better to “sit and talk with them, discuss the effects on others in the community” than following the practice of suspensions and detentions. “We get a much better outcome.”

Also on the agenda was a request from the Bay of Fundy International Marathon Committee to place a large container on school grounds to store marathon equipment in between the annual race events. It was explained that the container that has been on school property is filled with furniture, allowing the required spacing during the recent pandemic. Board member Richard Huntley stated that he wished that one was removed and resisted the addition of a second unit, adding that he felt that it would be appropriate to place the marathon container behind the public works garage. Marathon committee Chair Dan DeLuca then stated, “I don’t want it at the school, I want to do right by the town.” The committee voted 5-0 to reject the request to place the unit on school property.



A NIGHT OF MUSICAL GENIUS drew a full house to the Lubec Elementary School’s spring concert on June 4. Music teacher Christine Sawtelle led an evening of performances by the beginner band and the junior high band and chorus. Each class at the school played a part in the evening’s performance. (zoe williams photo)

SALMON FARM PLANS (from page 1)

dent Michael Scrivani, speaking for a group interested in protecting Rodgers Island, has repeatedly asked that this site be moved to a different location, but with no success.

Site COB LU2 is located just north of Johnson Street and is adjacent to businesses and residences that have changed considerably since the site was last licensed. At that time the area was utilized primarily as a working waterfront. According to the map provided by Cooke, the site will be directly in front of the recently-sold Inn at the Wharf and appears to occupy a portion of the bay currently used as an anchorage by both the Lubec fishing fleet and also summer visitors. The application states, “Aquaculture was not conducted on this lease in the last lease term due to concerns with sea lice.”

During the presentation, the Cooke representatives claimed that relocating the planned sites is impractical, as “we would have to start the application process all over again,” which they state would take two years.

Use of COB LU2, the Johnson Street site, is planned for 2027, said Lank, with an earlier date for COB RN2. During extensive discussions, both representatives described the lighting and operational sounds of the fish-pens as non-intrusive.

Subsequent to the Cooke presentation, several groups began circulating petitions asking that the Lubec Select Board initiate action returning decisions such those permitting the fish farms to local control. For comparison purposes, fish pens in Eastport are clustered in Deep Cove and Broad Cove, with few residences nearby.

The pens are served by boats that can dock at nearby piers. No similar pier is available in Lubec; the town’s dockage is removed during winter months to prevent damage from ice driven by strong currents.

Land use ordinance hearing

Planning board Chair John Nielsen opened the presentation of the proposed Land Use Ordinance by describing the process the committee had followed during preparation, which included examination of similar ordinances currently in place by many local communities. He then turned the meeting over to Code Enforcement Officer Alex Henry, who went section by section through the 13-page proposed ordinance. The first nine sections, it was explained, deal with the legal justifications for the ordinance and are included in the enacted ordinances prepared by neighboring towns, several of which have relied on these details during legal proceedings. Section 10 includes the key items addressed during the earlier meetings: setback requirements and wastewater systems.

“The fire department asked us for the setback,” said Nielsen, speaking of the required distance between new structures. “They want to be able to get emergency equipment where it is needed.” Road setbacks are established by state law or existing local regulations and are included only for reference purposes, said Nielsen.

It was stressed several times that the adoption of the setback requirements applies only to new construction and that pre-existing structures may not be in compliance with new standards but modification will not be required – they are “grandfathered.” Further, if it appears that plans for new construction may be jeopardized by these standards, the town’s board of appeals is available to review the situation and possibly approve a variance.

Wastewater systems are a different story. All residential structures are required to be hooked up to either the town’s system or, if outside of the coverage area, to an approved private system. Mobile homes are required to be hooked up within 120 days, if used for lodging.

Shoreland ordinance update

The public hearing then moved on to the second item: updating the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, which is required by state law and was first enacted in 1991. Many of the alterations in the proposed update correct ambiguities between the ordinance and the town’s shoreland zoning map, which had not been updated in many years.

A new version of the map, prepared with assistance from the Sunrise County Economic Council, was distributed showing seven different districts that correlate with provisions stated in the ordinance, most of which are unchanged. Each district has a list of provisions ranging from conservation to business promotion. As before, the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance covers only land within 250 of the high-water mark.

The third item discussed the recently reworked town comprehensive plan, which is expected to be updated every 10 years; the current plan is now 14 years old. Henry explained that this document is required when applying to the state for a grant, as well as other purposes. Its purpose is visionary rather than restrictive, and public input was solicited during the preparation.

All three of the proposed documents will be the subject of a second public hearing, set for Wednesday, June 18, at 5 p.m., after which they will be presented to voters during the town business meeting in August.

(In the interest of full disclosure, it’s noted that the reporter, J.D. Rule, is a riparian owner to one of the proposed sites.)

Committee eyes nighttime clam digging

by J.D. Rule

Nighttime clam digging was discussed again during the June 2 meeting of the Lubec Shellfish Conservation Committee, with Shellfish Warden Russell Wright observing that many of those harvesting during the midnight to 4 a.m. period are not properly licensed. Much of their effort, he

Four candidates seek one seat on Lubec select board

by J.D. Rule

Four Lubec residents are running for one three-year term on the Lubec Select Board. They are Joanne Case, Clayton Dowling, Rachel Rubeor and Christopher Sarao.

For one three-year seat on the MSAD 19 board of directors, Wanda Reed is the only candidate. For a one-year seat on the board, Patricia McCurdy is the sole candidate.

Running for one three-year position as a Lubec Water District trustee is Dallas Hood. For the budget committee, two candidates, Nancy Harrison and Christopher Sarao, are seeking one three-year seat.

The municipal elections will be held August 5 in the town office meeting room. The following day the town’s annual business meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

stated, is directed at flats that are closed for conservation purposes. These are popular flats that are closed for a specified time to allow regeneration and prevent over-harvesting.

“These people are stealing your clams,” observed committee Chair Michael Scrivani. The matter of late-night harvesting has come up before, with some community members seeking to protect the privilege, as flats are only accessible at low tide and for a limited time period.

Scrivani asked that more harvesters attend the next meeting, to be held on July 7 at 6 p.m., as he hopes to develop a consensus based on more than the eight to 10 members who regularly participate. On that date, low water will occur at approximately 3:30 p.m., and is not a lunar low, thus by 6 p.m. harvesting will have ceased. Wright and others have suggested that all late-night harvesting be banned. This can only be done by altering the town’s Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, which requires two public hearings prior to a vote during the town’s annual business meeting. As that meeting is set for August, it is not possible to follow the required process, thus the updated ordinance could not be heard until August of 2026.

Wright also reported that he has discovered three leaking wastewater lines in the area of Pirates Creek; the identity of these lots has been provided to the town office for follow-up.

The meeting opened with a discussion of two long-abandoned boats located on clam flats. One is a fiberglass-hulled 40-foot fishing boat with no engine or drive gear that has been partially buried in mud, reportedly for more than 20 years. It was noted that removing this will require heavy equipment; many in the shellfish community have urged removal.

Scrivani also announced that an additional conservation time opening will be made available for those who need another opportunity lest they be required to pay a higher license fee. The work will involve further cleaning of the Rodgers Island parking area; the date will be announced.

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Hospital names four scholarship winners

The Down East Community Hospital Scholarship Committee has recently met to face their dilemma of choosing three winners out of their application pool. Both \$1,000 Houghton/Bridgham/Ingalls (H/B/I) Scholarships are intended for students going into any healthcare field except nursing. The \$1,000 Gaddis/MacBride Nursing Scholarship is for nursing students only.

One of the H/B/I Scholarships has been

ATV Jamboree to be held in Machias

The Machias ATV Jamboree will be taking place at the Lee Pellon Center from Friday, June 27, to Sunday, June 29. Kicking off the jamboree on Friday will be a group ATV ride at 12 noon starting at the Pellon center followed by live music and food trucks from 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday events include breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., vendors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a scavenger hunt from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and food trucks open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., all at the Pellon center. Activities including ATV barrel racing, an agility course and a blindfolded obstacle course will be held at Hennessey Brother's field from 12 to 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. back at the Pellon center, there will be a 50/50, raffle prizes and announcement of the scavenger hunt winners. The ATV parade follows the raffle.

To finish off Saturday's activities there will be a night ride beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pellon center. On Sunday at 7 a.m., there will be an ATV ride to the Dennysville clubhouse for an all-you-can-eat breakfast.

awarded to Alaina Berry of Machias, the daughter of Brian Berry and Jackie Leonard Berry. Berry intends to study digital medical sonography at Oregon Institute of Technology. The other winner is Lola Smith of Machiasport, the daughter of Gary Smith and Jennifer Reynolds Smith. Next fall Smith will be majoring in neuroscience at the University of New England.

The Gaddis/MacBride Nursing Scholarship winner is Jade Greenlaw, daughter of Mark and Katie Greenlaw of Lubec. Greenlaw is enrolled in the nursing program at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. An additional nursing scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Jenna Dean, daughter of Matthew and Jenny Dean of Perry. This fall she will be on the University of Maine campus working toward her BSN degree after having achieved an associate degree from the University of Maine at Machias.

Senior college sets talk about Allagash

Sunrise Senior College will host a talk by Tim and Susan Caverly titled "Life – A Book in the Making (Tales and Stories from the Allagash Wilderness)" on Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m. at the University of Maine at Machias. They will tell the background behind the stories found in their "Allagash Tales" series and relate their real-life adventures.

Graduates of UMM, the Caverlys are committed to promoting learning about Maine's natural world and encouraging reading and literacy in schools. Tim has spent 32 years as a Maine park ranger, including manager of Cobscook Bay State Park, and 18 years as regional supervisor of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Susan spent 25 years as a park receptionist and regional secretary for Maine's Department of Conservation. They strive to make their stories appeal to readers of any age.

This is a hybrid class, held in-person in the UMM's Science Building room 102 and via Zoom and is free to members of Sunrise Senior College. The class is also available to all current Maine Senior College (MSCN) members for an administrative fee of \$5. Any member of the public may also attend this class for a \$10 fee. For more information and registration, go to the website at <machias.edu/ssc/>.

Eleven are charged with drug-trafficking

Eleven people have been arrested on drug-trafficking charges after the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and Washington County Sheriff's Office executed two search warrants in Roque Bluffs and Centerville on the morning of May 29. The agencies were assisted by the Maine State Police Tactical Team. The search warrants were the result of a months-long drug trafficking investigation at 75 Duck Cove Road, Roque Bluffs, and 43 Mitten Mountain Road in Centerville, which included undercover purchases of fentanyl and cocaine base or crack.

At the Roque Bluffs location, agents seized approximately 15 grams of methamphetamine and \$838 in suspected drug proceeds, while at the Mountain Road location agents seized over 150 grams of fentanyl, 5 grams of cocaine base and \$4,986 in suspected drug proceeds. The total estimated street value of drugs seized is over \$15,000.

Arrested at 75 Duck Cove Road, Roque Bluffs, were: Kristopher Preston, 38, of Roque Bluffs, who was charged with Class B unlawful trafficking schedule W drug, cocaine base; Jacob Locke, 27, of Machias, who was located by the tactical team hiding in the dryer of the residence and was charged with Class B unlawful trafficking in schedule S drug, cocaine base; Nicholas Merchant, 35, of Roque Bluffs, Class B unlawful trafficking in methamphetamine and fentanyl and Class B trafficking imitation drugs; Darius Montgomery, 29, of Queens, N.Y., Class B unlawful trafficking in methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine base; Andrew White, 35, of New York, N.Y., Class B unlawful trafficking in methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine base; Samantha Jo

Moore, 22, of Machiasport, who was arrested on an unrelated warrant for failure to appear for aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs; and Bree Landry, 27, of Bangor, who was arrested on unrelated warrants for failure to appear for OUI drugs, for two counts of Class D unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and for Class D theft, Class E operating after suspension and violation of conditions of release.

Arrested at 43 Mitten Mountain Road, Centerville, were Willie Merchant, 36, of Centerville, who was charged with Class B unlawful trafficking of fentanyl; Nestor Andres Mejia Mateo, 25, of Dominican Republic, who was charged with Class A aggravated trafficking of fentanyl; and Samantha Roberts, who was arrested on an unrelated warrant for failure to appear for a Class D forgery charge.

At the time of the search warrant execution, Nakia Albee, 25, of Jonesport was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the Mitten Mountain Road in Centerville by the Washington County Sheriff's Office just shy of the Merchant residence. Albee was arrested on an unrelated arrest warrant for failure to appear for theft, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violation of conditions of release. During the arrest, Albee was found to be in possession of 22.6 grams of suspected cocaine base and was subsequently charged with Class B unlawful trafficking in cocaine base.

Maine Drug Enforcement's Down East Task Force was assisted by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Police, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Border Patrol and the Machias Police Department.

Juries find two men guilty of assault

Washington County juries recently returned guilty verdicts in two significant cases.

On May 22, a jury found Nakoma Polches of Indian Township guilty of gross sexual assault of a minor under 12 years old in a trial overseen by Justice Harold Stewart. The evidence showed that between May 2023 and May 2024 Polches engaged in a sexual acts with an 8-year-old child on multiple occasions. Evidence included a forensic interview that was conducted with the minor victim

just days after her initial disclosure, remote testimony from the minor victim, as well as testimony from Officer Jessica McCook of Indian Township Police Department and the minor victim's mother.

Polches was sentenced to 20 years in the Department of Corrections at a hearing held on May 30. He was also sentenced to lifetime supervision upon his release.

On May 28, a Washington County jury returned nine guilty verdicts against Jaron Blue Butler of Cherryfield after a one-day trial on counts including kidnapping, Class A, gross sexual assault, Class C, criminal restraint, Class D, endangering the welfare of a child, Class D, and five counts of domestic violence assault, Class D. The acts alleged in the indictment occurred between September 22, 2023, and June 7, 2024. Sentencing has been set for July 2. The state is seeking a multi-decade sentence given the gravity of the conduct.

Rev. Don Green to be guest minister

Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias is pleased to announce that Rev. Don Green will be the guest minister on Sunday, June 15, at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Green was raised in Connecticut and moved to Maine in 1988. He was active in the Hope, Rockland and Rockport areas. He was a volunteer at Thomaston State Prison and with a volunteer they founded Yokefellow House in Rockland, a halfway house for prisoners released from long-term confinement. When Green moved Downeast he started a religious visitation program at the Down East Correctional Facility in Bucks Harbor.

Green was ordained as a minister "extra mural" with the Lubec Congregational Church in Lubec, which sponsored his ordination on June 15, 2024. Green currently serves as part-time pastor at the Lubec Congregational Church.



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Shipwreck of *Margaretta* likely uncovered at cove in Jonesport

by Sarah Craighead Dedmon
Special to the BDN

For more than two centuries, stories have circulated along the Washington County coast that the British burned a captured Revolutionary War schooner in Jonesport’s Sawyer Cove. Some versions were recorded in 19th-century newspapers and George Drisko’s 1904 “Narrative of the Town of Machias.” Others were handed down through families like the Sawyers.

In the 1960s, Valdine Atwood and her mother followed those stories to the shoreline. “Dorley Sawyer’s family lived nearby,” says Atwood, now a Machias historian. “And the story passed down was that they saw the *Margaretta* beached, saw the crew run into the woods, and saw the British come and set it afire.”

No wreck was visible on the day of their visit to the shore, but Atwood reached blindly into the mud and pulled up a piece of timber. On their way out, they passed a white cross on the rocks. “They used to do that to mark a shipwreck,” she says.

Atwood says she always believed the stories. Now, a multi-year archaeological study strongly supports her instincts and centuries of oral tradition that the wreck of the *Margaretta* likely lies in Sawyer Cove.

The area around Sawyer Cove is now private property, with no public access, but a neighboring landowner permitted the research team to work on-site.

“The wreck in Jonesport, we think, is *Margaretta*,” says archaeologist Arthur Spiess, co-author of a report about the shipwreck that is soon to be released by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. “There’s no evidence against it, and some strong evidence for it.”

Spiess and fellow archaeologist Nathaniel King were alerted to the shipwreck in 2021, when Maine Game Warden Joe McBrine – also a local historian – heard reports of “a ship coming up out of the mud.”

“At low tide, you could see it,” recalls McBrine. “We measured it, and it was within a couple of feet of what the *Margaretta* would have been. I thought, ‘Man, this could really be it.’”

McBrine already knew the story well. As a member of the Machias Historical Society and a local reenactment group, he’s spent years educating the public about Washington County’s Revolutionary War-era clashes – including what some view as the first naval battle of the American Revolution, the Battle of the *Margaretta*.

That battle began just weeks after Lexington and Concord. On June 2, 1775, three ships sailed into Machias Bay – among them the British schooner HMS *Margaretta*. Their mission: to trade for lumber, forcibly if necessary, to supply British troops occupying Boston. The residents of Machias had other ideas. They planned to capture the British officers during Sunday services, but when the British escaped to their vessel and sailed for Machias Bay, the Americans gave chase. They met in battle exactly 250 years ago, from June 11 to 12 of 1775.

The clash ended with the deaths of three Americans – John McNeil, Robert Avery and James Coolbroth – and the injury of several others, as well as the mortal wounding of British commander James Moore and the capture of the *Margaretta*. The Americans soon hid the 50-ton schooner in what is now Marshfield’s Middle River.

In 1776, when Machias men judged it safe to move the vessel, they likely rebalanced her in Machias – using local ballast

stones that now provide one of three key pieces of evidence linking the shipwreck to the *Margaretta*. “Her ballast was derived from eastern glacial till deposits,” says Spiess, “and that fits with the rumor that it was laid up for a year and refloated.”

Spiess believes the ship’s original ballast stones would have come from modern-day Massachusetts, where the vessel was likely built. The wreck’s construction also offers a critical clue. “The way it was built was not ‘Navy fashion,’” says Spiess. “Everything’s a little bit variable. It’s a local job, not a military job, not perfect.”

This fits with British records showing the *Margaretta* was not purpose-built but a hired vessel – brought into service by Vice Admiral Samuel Graves, then the highest-ranking Royal Navy officer in North America, to serve as tender to his flagship, HMS *Preston*. The rougher workmanship of the Jonesport wreck also helps rule out another local theory: that the wreck was an 1812-era revenue cutter, which would have been built to stricter military standards.

To help date the ship, Spiess and his team extracted pencil-sized samples from one of the rib bases – each with 82 growth rings – and sent them to environmental and maritime archaeologist Brita Lorentzen, a specialist in dendrochronology and shipwreck dating.

“Dr. Lorentzen is an expert in this field,” says Spiess. “She determined that growth ring 79 near the outer edge formed between 1750 and 1765.” He adds, “That means the tree was still alive around that time, which is exactly the right range for a vessel that could have been built five to 15 years before the Revolutionary War.”

Spiess and his colleagues stop short of a definitive identification. “The statistics on this are that date range, 1750 to 1765, has an 80% chance of being correct and a 20% chance of being wrong,” Spiess says. But with no contradictory evidence and several key alignments, Spiess says the case is “very strong.”

But why did the *Margaretta* end up in Sawyer Cove? According to McBrine’s research, after the Americans repurposed the *Margaretta*, they used it to pursue British forces and privateers in Machias Bay and the Bay of Fundy. Possibly seeking revenge for the capture of five fishing boats, they set out to pursue the British vessel, HMS *Viper*. “When they rounded Mount Desert Island, they saw a British ship on the horizon,” says McBrine. “As they got closer, they realized it was bigger than they thought. They turned back toward Machias but couldn’t outrun her. So they went right to the head of Sawyer Cove.” And the rest is history.

Before releasing the report to the public, the research team – Spiess, King, J.N. Leith Smith, Lorentzen and McBrine – is waiting to learn whether the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command will assert a legal claim.

“I think this research is important to the entire region,” says McBrine. “To be able to piece together the puzzle – and have experts say this is likely the *Margaretta* – it adds to our understanding. And it brings a little more respect to the people who were willing to stand up, fight, be wounded and even die to capture her.”

Spiess, McBrine and other Revolutionary War history enthusiasts and reenactors will attend the 250th *Margaretta* Days celebration, June 20–21, at West Branch Farms Event Center in Machias.

(This article was first published in the Bangor Daily News.)

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HISTORY WILL ONCE AGAIN COME ALIVE on June 20 and 21 as the Margaretta Days Festival celebrates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the first naval battle that took place on its shores. Reenactments put on by the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine will be among the activities during the festival. (Photo courtesy of Machias Historical Society)

FESTIVAL MARKS 250 YEARS (from page 1)

ning of summer in the Machias area, the festival has it all. On Friday evening a skirmish between the patriots and the British will be presented by the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine (RWRDM), followed by the Liberty Ball with music provided by Moose Island Contra Dance Band at the Foss Point Event Center.

On Saturday a parade will start the day’s activities, followed by a welcome ceremony conducted by historical figures Reverend and Mrs. James Lyon, first minister to Machias. The popular Piscataqua Rangers Jr. Fife & Drum Corps will also return to the pomp and circumstance of all that is military with the festival. Throughout the day the public can enjoy crafters, historical societies and other exhibitors; take a step back in time by visiting the patriot encampment featuring demonstrations of colonial era tools, skills, weaponry, clothing and food preparation; learn through historical readings of the events leading up and during the battle of the *Margaretta*; and enjoy plenty of food and music amidst a community that embraces its historical roots.

The venue for this year’s festival is new for this momentous anniversary. For the past 18 festivals, the University of Maine at Machias has served as host, but this year’s festival will be held at West Branch Farms. Located on the shores of Little Kennebec Bay in Machias, this new location also comes with its own piece of history. A portion of the land was once owned by Benjamin Foss, who fought in the battle of the *Margaretta*, and today it is known as Foss Point.

Both the Machias Historical Society and the RWRDM members see this new venue as an opportunity to both expand geographically and grow the festival without barriers or added costs while offering the beautiful backdrop of the bay. The Foss Point Event Center will house both the Liberty Ball and the craft fair on Saturday. Indoor bathroom facilities and on-site transport for individuals needing it will also be available.

“This place and the battle specifically prompted us to think about the patriots as individuals – who were they, where did

they live, what were their roles in the battle, were they wounded or killed, did they stay in the Machias Valley after the war years?” says Machias Historical Society Treasurer Stephanie Larrabee. “We do know that many of the patriots involved in this battle lived in places such as East Machias (East Falls), Jonesboro, Marshfield, Whitneyville, Machiasport and other peripheral areas of the Village of Machias (West Falls).”

The historic Burnham Tavern, the oldest building in eastern Maine, will also be the scene of plenty of activity. The building, now a museum, is the place where Jeremiah O’Brien and others made battle plans and also where the mortally wounded British commander of the *Margaretta* was taken. Hannah Weston Chapter of the DAR will be giving tours of the Burnham Tavern Museum from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For updated information before and during the festival, see the *Margaretta* Days Festival Facebook page or website at <www.machiashistoricalsociety.com/margaretta-days>.

Church to host talk on Rev. James Lyon

As part of the *Margaretta* Days festivities, the Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias will open the sanctuary on Saturday, June 21, at 3 p.m. to discuss the Pastor Lyon memorial window. Please use the annex entrance where there also is elevator access to the sanctuary. Linda Mills will share this part of the presentation.

In addition, Ray and Patricia Estabrook will appear in period garb as Rev. and Mrs. James Lyon to talk about Rev. James Lyon. The Estabrooks help young people understand history, which includes reenacting in several different periods. They have volunteered at Kings Landing Historical Settlement in Canada.

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GRADUATING SENIOR Katy Ferguson of East Machias is shown with teacher Maria McMorro at the 2025 graduation ceremony for the Cobscook Experiential Program. 2 col wgraduate sent

Cobscook program holds commencement

Cobscook Experiential Program at Cobscook Institute, a high school option offered in partnership with Calais High School, celebrated its 15th annual commencement and end-of-year ceremony on June 3. Calais High School principal Dean Preston was on hand to award seniors Katy Ferguson of East Machias and Evan Cook of Princeton their diplomas.

The featured speaker this year was Todd West, operations director at Rural Aspirations. West coordinated the inaugural year of the Washington County Youth Leadership Challenge, which Cobscook students, along with others from around the county, participated in this year.

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As part of the celebration, each student was recognized for their growth and accomplishments. This year, Cobscook served students from Marshfield, East Machias, Cooper, Alexander, Princeton, Pembroke, Edmunds, Dennysville and Whiting.

Cobscook Experiential Program is a public four-year high school program delivered through a partnership with Calais High School. The program uses an experiential, place-based, environmental and interdisciplinary approach. Students participate in learning expeditions, community service projects, field work with local experts and small-group hands-on learning. The program is accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year.

Program and application materials can be found online at <www.cobscookinstitute.org> or by calling 207-733-2233.

Whiting plans 200th birthday celebration

by Mary-Alice Look

Whiting’s 200th birthday celebration over three days next month, July 11, 12 and 13, will offer a wonderful variety of activities for everybody.

Starting on Friday there will be two fire trucks outside at the fire station for the enjoyment of young and old, with explanations about some of the equipment from the fire chief. That afternoon, when summer school is dismissed, there will be tours of the school building, which was built in 1825, guided by the students. Displays of interest will include those of household and work tools of a gone-by era, some furniture, some featuring particular sections of the town and others of special interest. Displays will be housed in two rooms of the community building, the Union Meeting House and possibly out-

side. The current Quilting Club has donated a quilt that will be raffled.

The Union Meeting House (UMH), the town’s only building on the National Register of Historic Places, has a permanent display of Whiting veterans on plaques and a historic quilt depicting town landmarks, which was created by the Quilting Ladies of 1975. The *History of Whiting Maine*, packs of notecards and possibly some other items will be offered for sale at the UMH.

Visitors, from well-known local musicians, dignitaries, speakers knowledgeable of historic figures of the town to relatives, former neighbors and friends, are anticipated to join townspeople. There will be a planned program on Saturday afternoon at the UMH following a visit from the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine, who will stop by the grave of Brigadier General John Crane shortly before lunchtime. Following the afternoon program and some period music, there will be a welcoming meal at 5 p.m. for all in the community building.

Displays will still be available on Sunday, along with a continuation of some of the previous activities and some possible surprises.

Whiting school holds graduation

by Mary-Alice Look

The Union Meeting House (UMH) was beautifully decorated with colorful balloons and streamers on June 3 for eighth grade graduation for Whiting Village School. Following the processional, Principal Faye Costa congratulated the graduates on this milestone.

Academic awards were presented by teachers Mrs. Shank and Mrs. Redman. Principal Costa addressed the graduates, and then she and Mrs. Redman presented the graduates with their diplomas. The principal invited everyone to enjoy light refreshments after the ceremony.

The programs included thanks to the town for access to the UMH and to the PTC for all they do for the students and staff.

Bank donates to Cobscook Institute

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees recently presented more than \$20,000 in donations collected through the Bank’s employee-driven charitable giving program, Casual for a Cause, to 10 organizations. Among the recipients is the Cobscook Institute in Trescott. The organization offers a public four-year high school program in addition to summer camp and a writing retreat.

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DENNYS RIVER PARADE

The Dennys River Parade Committee will be hosting a parade starting at 6 p.m. on July 3. All entries should be at the Edmunds school for lineup by 5:30 p.m. Categories include: first and second cash prize awards for floats, bicycles, ATVs, horses and walkers, as well as awards for Most Patriotic, Judges' Favorite overall, Best Business entry and a classic vehicle trophy. Fire departments will have a special categories for awards. The town will honor a special community member as well as the honor guard and a hometown grand marshal. The parade route will start at Edmunds school and end at the Dennysville Fire Department.

ATV CLUB

The Sunrise Trail is now open. The annual Poker Run will be held on Saturday, June 14, from 3 to 9 p.m. Participants are asked to meet at the clubhouse on Milwaukee Road in Dennysville and enjoy a ride and enter to win prizes. From June 27 to 29, the Machias ATV Jamboree will be held. More information can be found on the club's Facebook page. The next regular meeting of the Dennysville ATV Club will be held on Thursday, June 19, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The monthly breakfast sponsored by the club will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 21, from 7 to 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, and children eat for free.

EDMUNDS SCHOOL

Students in grades 5-8, led by teachers Mrs. Calder, Mr. VanOrmer and Chris Gardner, recognized local military veterans by placing American flags on telephone poles along the usual Memorial Day parade routes. They also cleaned up and placed flags on veterans' graves at the Dennysville Cemetery. This project was a tremendous help, since the town was not able to have a cemetery cleanup day or the usual Memorial Day observance this year. Students enjoyed a visit from "Wildlife Encounters," during which they learned about animals. Grades 3 and 4 presented their persuasive essays during their Exhibition Night. Principal Trudy Newcomb congratulated students for outstanding performances on Exhibition Nights. To prepare for these exhibitions, students must research a topic, gather information and put together their project. Finally, they must present their project before an audience. Students at ECS are encouraged to enter the Read to Ride Summer Reading Challenge. Read at least 500 minutes this summer to qualify for a chance to win one of 48 bikes and helmets donated by the Maine Freemasons. Students record their readings on the Read to Ride Passport, a parent signs the passport and the passport is returned to the principal by September 30. Completed passports are entered in a school level drawing, and the names of a boy and a girl from each participating school will be drawn. Names will be entered in the Maine Department of Education's drawing, which will be held in November.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The next public breakfast will be served on Saturday, July 5, from 7 to 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, and children eat for free. The next public supper will be a baked bean supper in the parish hall on Saturday, June 21, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults, and children eat for free. Tickets on the Blackstone griddle will be available, and there will also be items in the entry up for silent auction. The annual Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, July 19, in the parish hall. Donations of items for the book sale,

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tag sale and Chinese raffle can be made anytime. The annual meeting of the church will be held on Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All church members are encouraged to attend. Bible Island Sunday school held its last session on June 1. Kris Paprocki has been helping the children learn sacred music. Cindy Joyce created the idea of Bible Island, and Kasha Hill has been the director of the group. Classes will resume in the fall, and all children in the age group from K through Grade 4 are welcome. An end-of-the-year party will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, June 14.

TOWN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Dennysville Cemetery Committee met with the Dennysville selectpersons on June 3. New volunteers are needed for this committee and for the Dennysville Planning Board. Interested persons should contact Mary at 726-4676, Carolyn at 726-4757 or Ruth at 726-5536. The town office is open on Tuesdays from 12 to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 12 to 4 p.m. Bob Mercer is substituting as clerk/treasurer/tax collector. Town officials are grateful to the students from Edmunds Consolidated School and their teachers for cleaning up winter debris at the Dennysville Cemetery.

AUTHOR READINGS

On Wednesday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. the Lincoln Memorial Public Library in Dennysville will host an author reading by two local writers, M.P. Greene of Calais and Catherine J.S. Lee of Eastport. Greene's *Eddie and Me: Romancing the Wild Maine Woods* is a collection of short stories about Eddie, an expert Maine woodsman, and Claire, a spunky woman with woods experience of her own. This collection celebrates moments between these two as they explore the woods. Lee's *A Place to Land: More Stories from the Coast of Maine* is her new collection set on the coast of Maine. In these 15 stories, choice, necessity, history and serendipity combine to lead seekers and fugitives to discover the places where they truly belong. Both authors will read from their collections and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This is a free event, with donations for Lincoln Memorial Public Library accepted. Greene and Lee will donate \$2 from each book sold at the event to the library.

LINCOLN LIBRARY

The Tuesday Storytime after-school sessions have ended for the school year. The library has appreciated the efforts of Sarah and Dawn Guiltner, who have made Storytime enjoyable for the children with crafts and writing projects and encouraged the children to read on their own. The library is seeking input from parents about days and times to hold programs for children in the summer. Please contact Ann Carter at 214-4540 or <ahcarter@midmaine.com>. The June First Friday Tea at the Library on June 6 was enjoyable, especially because of new visitors.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday, June 18, the Dennys River Historical Society is hosting the first of its summer outings to explore the Battle of the *Margaretta*. Meeting first at the Lincoln Memorial Library in Dennysville at 9 a.m., participants will be able to follow the sequence of events with a guided tour of the Burnham Tavern, view the Machias waterfront as it was during the subsequent British attack and move to Fort O'Brien to witness where hostilities began and share a picnic lunch. Participants are asked to please bring a bag lunch. Call 726-3905 with any questions.



CERTIFICATES of appreciation and completion were presented to children and leaders on June 1 to recognize the first year of the Dennysville Edmunds Congregational Church's Bible Island. Shown are (front row) Stanley McBride, Braxton Ward, Lucca Stevens, Dorothy McBride, Eleena Donaghy, Elena McBride, Amelia Donaghy and Kris Paprocki, Bible Island music leader; (back row) Kasha Hill, Bible Island hostess, Rev. Ronald Windhorst (seated) and Rev. Colin Windhorst. (Cindy Joyce photo)

CUTLER

by Renee Patterson

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The July select board meeting will be postponed until July 9 at 3 p.m. due to the July 4th holiday. The comprehensive plan committee will be meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. on July 3. Members of the committee are planning to have an informational table set up during the town's Fourth of July events. They are planning a visioning session on July

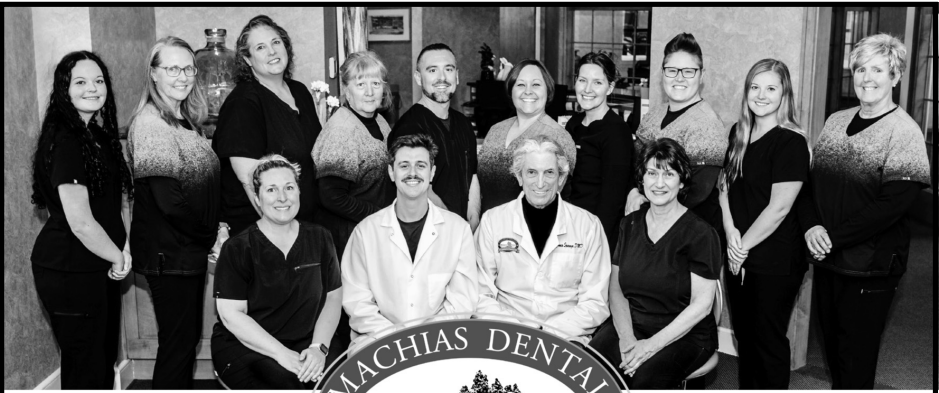
10 from 6 to 9 p.m. The planning board meets the first Monday of the month to review building permits. The next meeting is on July 7 at 3 p.m. New permits must be received at the town office seven days prior to the meeting. The board also has workshops the third Monday of each month. The next ordinance workshops are at 3 p.m. on June 16 and June 21.




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RETIRED U.S. ARMY MAJOR ARTHUR CARTER welcomes everyone to the Memorial Day ceremony at Round Pond Cemetery in Charlotte as the honor guard stands in the background. (Eileen Clark photo)

Charlotte holds Memorial Day ceremony

by Eileen Clark

Over 65 people gathered at Round Pond Cemetery in Charlotte on Monday, May 26, for the Memorial Day ceremony. Charlotte Historical Society sponsored the service. The honor guard entered the cemetery and U.S. Army Retired Major Arthur Carter welcomed those who came to honor the veterans. The invocation was given by Rev. Sarah Gavit of St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Calais.

Major Carter asked Eileen Clark and Jane Enman to assist him with the decorating of the Veterans’ Monument. The flag was then raised and lowered to half-staff in memory of the departed by U.S. Air Force veteran Pat Candelmo and Les Gross. Ann Carter led the signing of “My Country, ’Tis of Thee.”

The laying of the memorial wreath was conducted by Major Carter with assistance from Iva Kinney. The reading of the “Charlotte Deceased Veterans Roll Call” was given by Art Carter, Ken Carter, Dana Hatton, Dan McDonald, Rob Moholland, Jeff Orchard and Zach Orchard. There are

veterans buried in Charlotte from the Colonial War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraqi Freedom War, Global War on Terror and the Cold War.

Ann Carter led the singing of “When the Boys in Blue Are Gone,” after which the honor guard presented the colors, offered a three-volley salute and played taps. Mark Peterson then sang the national anthem.

The honor guard was thanked for their participation, and Major Carter thanked everyone for attending the service and invited them to go to the town hall for refreshments. Rev. Gavit gave the benediction.

CHS purchased the flowers for around the flagpole, under the Veterans’ Monument and at the Damon Ridge Cemetery, CVF&R Department, Charlotte Baptist Church and the town hall. Superintendent of Cemeteries Zac Gower and his crew are to be complimented on the overall appearance of the cemeteries.

CHARLOTTE

by Eileen Clark
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BAPTIST CHURCH

All children are welcome at Sunday school at the church each Sunday at 10 a.m. for songs, a Bible story, crafts and snacks. Morning worship service is held at 11 a.m. Everybody is invited to attend Bible study each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The group will be finishing the study on “The Tabernacle” this week and will not be meeting again until July 10.

Daily Vacation Bible School will be held at the church during the week of June 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Members held boat training at Meddybemps Lake for their regular monthly training. 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 met on June 2 to plan the annual craft fair to raise money for CVF&RD. The fair will be held on July 12 at the fire station. Anyone interested in obtaining a craft space may contact Betty Close at <roundpondlane@aol.com> or by telephone at 454-7254. Craft tables will be available, but space is limited.

The members will be having their next meeting on June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall to discuss plans for the craft fair and other fundraising ideas. The group will be asking for help with baking and collecting items to sell. Anyone is welcome to attend.

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

At the June 9 selectmen’s meeting, it was announced that the town roads have been graded and work on the paved area at the school building that was in need of repair was completed. Road commissioner Larry Colarusso was asked to check a location on Smith Ridge Road where the beavers are causing a problem with water backup by a culvert.

The town meeting now will be scheduled in July. Dates will need to be confirmed with the town clerk and the superintendent of schools.

Selectmen’s meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the town hall at 7 p.m. Since the building is being used on June 23, the next meeting will be held on June 30 at 5 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD

Regular school board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the town hall at 6:30 p.m. It was agreed that if there are no items on the agenda for the meeting, it will be cancelled for the month.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members met on May 21 to finalize plans for the Memorial Day ceremony at Round Pond Cemetery. Eileen Clark purchased and planted flowers for Memorial

Day. Refreshments were served at the town hall after the ceremony.

It was voted to purchase writing pens that commemorate the 200th birthday of the town. The pens will say, “Happy 200th Birthday, Charlotte, Maine (1825-2025), Charlotte Historical Society.” The pens may be purchased from treasurer Eileen Clark or at the craft fair on July 12.

Janet Moholland requested a sign to be erected near the town hall in honor of the town’s 200th birthday. The sign will have several names on a post that show the distance to other towns or cities by the same name of Charlotte. CHS will ask permission from the selectmen to have it erected near the town hall.

Arthur Carter reported that he has been researching people who have lived on the Goodell Road and has given Eileen Clark a rough draft of the project. Eileen Clark received several photos from Gerald Gower of Raymond and Carolyn Furlong of Meddybemps that will be added to those at the genealogy library.

Eileen Clark and Sandra Sawyer, editors of *The Loon II newsletter*, would appreciate written memories of things that have taken place in Charlotte or photos that could be used in publications.

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 Wednesday, June 18. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Welcome back to Betty and Michael Close of Albany, N.Y., to their summer home at Round Pond, to Sheila and Bruce Fraser of Massachusetts to their Pennamquan Lake cottage and to Barbara Baldwin of Bethlehem, Penn., and sister-in-law Diane of Florida to their cottage.

Cassandra Nuttall of Tennessee has now returned home after visiting with her parents Barbara and David Nuttall, grandparents Coralie and Donald Clark and friends for the last three weeks.

Cora Brown, daughter of Jennifer and Wally Brown, won first place at the Alexander Elementary School Science Fair. She demonstrated how plastic pollution harms sea turtles. Cora won a summer pass to Urban Air.

Krista Vining and her granddaughters, Jayda and Chevelle Means, and Peggy Sawyer enjoyed several days in Texas for a conference.

Continued get-well wishes are extended to Sylvia Day, Jane Enman and Robbie Rubly-Burggraff, who have all had surgery recently and are recovering at home.


Janet, Rob and Felicia Moholland and Eileen Clark traveled to Orono to see Bobby Moholland participate in the games at Special Olympics on June 7. Many of the games were cancelled because of rain.

At this time of year, please try to avoid the turtles as they cross the roadway in search of a spot to lay their eggs.



BOBBY MOHOLLAND of Charlotte received a gold medal for the 50-meter dash at the Special Olympics in Orono on June 7. (Eileen Clark photo)

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AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Cobscook Post 59 will be holding a baked bean supper on Saturday June 14, at 5 p.m. at the legion post on Front Street. Entry is \$10 per person, with children under 12 admitted for free.

The legion hosts Wednesday morning coffee and donuts 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.

PEMBROKE LIBRARY

Pembroke’s library is asking their patrons to advocate for their local library. Patrons are asked to view the statement from the Maine Library Association at <www.mainerlibraries.org> and take action by visiting the <www.ala.org/advocacy/show-up-for-our-libraries> link, which lists the ways supporters can help advocate for their library.

Iva Kinney and Suzanne Riquier, members of Ironworks Quilters, delivered a new quilt, “Apple Crisp,” to be raffled off for the library. Tickets are available at the

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circulation desk. The drawing will be held early in January.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

The July 4th T-shirts and sweatshirts are available at the Pembroke Town Office during regular business hours.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The sanctuary of the Pembroke United Methodist Church glowed red on Pentecost Sunday. Guest speaker Penney Rahm mentioned how meaningful red was for the day. Red flowers, decorations and people wearing red clothes brightened up the place.

A cooperative parish group made up of North Perry, Pembroke and Eastport was discussed. Leader Sharon Stevens-Grant will help each church learn the new processes and duties for each church. Beginning on July 6, each church of the cooperative parish will begin Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Regular church services are at 10:15 a.m. until July 6, when they begin at 10:30 a.m.



FIREFIGHTERS battle a fully involved structure fire overnight on May 28 in Pembroke. (Yuki Sakai photo)

Late-night fire destroys Pembroke home

by Paul Simpson

A Pembroke home was destroyed by the fire the night of Thursday, May 29. The homeowner was not at the house at the time of the blaze, and there were no injuries. However, there was a delay in alerting firefighters because of a paging system malfunction.

That evening Washington County emergency dispatch received two 911 calls reporting a structure fire at 43 High St. According to Pembroke Fire Chief James Ramsdell, the first call came in at about 11:30 p.m. Two teenagers on 4-wheelers spotted the fire and called an adult, who called 911. Unfortunately, they were unable to provide an exact address of the fire. Neighbors, woken by the smell of smoke, called 911 at 11:42 p.m. and were able to provide emergency responders with an address.

Chief Ramsdell explains that the major challenge of this fire was that the paging system malfunctioned. Usually someone will call the Washington County Regional Communications Center (RCC), which sends a page to first responders that begins with an area-specific identifying tone, followed by the event details. Some fire responders received just a tone, followed by the word “Pembroke,” followed by inaudible noise, the word “fire” and more inaudible noise. Other responders, including Chief Ramsdell, received no page. RCC ended up having to directly telephone responders to provide them with the location of the fire. This malfunction cost them five to 10 minutes of response time, Ramsdell explains.

Ramsdell says that the reason for its failure is unknown but that by Friday morning RCC was testing the system, and the issue seemed resolved.

Some 20 firefighters from the Pembroke, Perry and Dennysville volunteer fire departments responded to the structure fire, which was fully involved at the time 911 was called. Pembroke and Dennysville provided two trucks, and Perry provided one truck. The scene was not cleared until after 2 a.m., and two return trips were required for flareups. The fire was fully contained by 10 a.m.

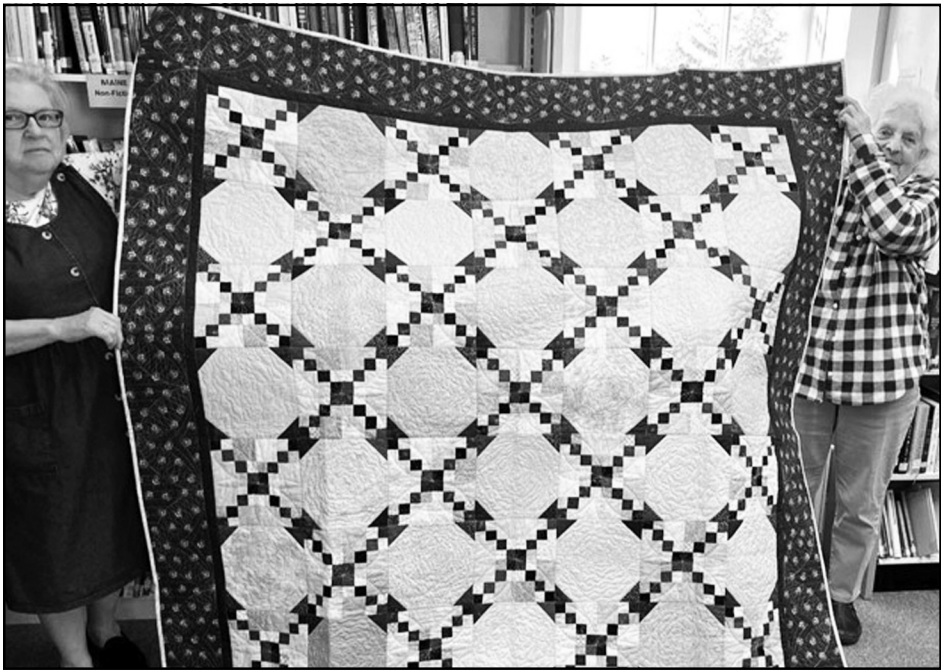
The home is owned by Ray Avery, who was not at home at the time of the fire. There are two oil tanks on Avery’s property and several propane tanks. Chief

Ramsdell reports that none of the tanks caught fire or exploded. The properties’ outbuildings and the tree line were protected from damage by the efforts of the firefighters.

The fire did burn through a power line on High St., causing a live line to fall amid the firefighting efforts. Versant Power was notified and has been out to inspect the lines for additional damage.

Based on the development of the fire at the time of the second 911 call, Chief Ramsdell estimates that the fire began between 10:15 and 10:45 p.m. The Maine State Fire Marshal’s Office is currently investigating the cause of the fire.

Chief Ramsdell advises community members to make an effort to be fire-wise and recommends the following webpages from the State Fire Marshal website: <www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/resources/heating-safety> and <www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/resources/elder>. He also asks residents to “be mindful of your property and who might be on or around it, even at night.”



HOLDING UP the “Apple Crisp” quilt being raffled off to benefit the Pembroke Library are Iva Kinney and Suzanne Riquier.

Pembroke voters approve school budget

by Genevieve Lemire

A Pembroke special town meeting was held on June 2 to vote on the school’s 2025-2026 school budget. The budget, which was adopted by the Pembroke School Committee on May 6, calls for a \$34,000, or 3%, increase in the local share. The total budget is increasing by \$281,179, or 12%. The budget uses \$285,000 from the fund balance forward to reduce the cost to local taxation, with \$172,444 left in the fund.

During the meeting, all except one of the articles were passed by voice vote. Article 14, concerning the additional local

funding amount of \$659,470, was approved by paper ballot with a vote of 14 in favor and two against. The article explained that the cost of education per student is generally higher at small, rural schools.

Article 19 was explained by the school committee as being a new facilities maintenance reserve fund. The fund was requested to cover the cost of anticipated future school repairs, renovations and replacement of school facilities and to transfer up to \$25,000. This fund is expected to mitigate the need to raise taxes for future facility needs.

Border rider saddle club schedules shows

The Down East Border Rider Saddle Club has announced its show season. Starting time for all shows is 9 a.m. at the Pembroke Fairgrounds.

Pleasure shows will be held on Saturday, July 19, and Saturday, August 2. Game shows will be held on Saturday, July 12, Sunday, July 13 and Saturday, September 13. Trail competition will be held on Saturday, September 27. The Pleasure shows will have a hot dog lunch for purchase.

In a Pleasure show, riders are judged against each other by a judge. They are judged on the riders’ form and horse behavior. Groups are based on rider age and level of ability.

Game shows consist of age-level barrel races and pole races in which individuals

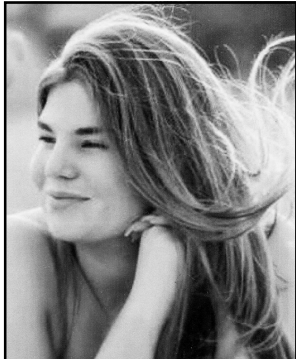
race against a timer.

In the trail competition, riders compete individually over courses of obstacles, such as poles, gates and bridges. Each obstacle is judged individually. Riders enter by level of ability.

Events depend upon weather conditions and availability of judges. The Down East Border Rider website will have details and any changes.

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CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION of the 80-mile Alewife Run on May 24 at the Forest City dam are some of the runners. Organizer Brian Altvater reports that approximately 15 runners participated in the relay that began at Split Rock, Sipayik, with Don Sprangers providing a meal for them at Indian Township. The sacred run aims to bring awareness to restoring alewives on the Skutik or St. Croix River.

Mock council meeting held by students

On May 27 at the Sipayik Elementary School, Passamaquoddy Chief Pos Bassett and tribal councillors Rena Newell, Shirley Mitchell and Adam Newell conducted a mock public hearing, council meeting and discussion on ATV use at Pleasant Point with seventh and eighth grade students. The students were assigned roles such as the administration, community members, public works and police, and then they split into groups for or against ATV use.

Attorney Michael-Corey Francis Hinton, along with Ryan Lolar and Esther Labrado, all of whom are members of the Tribal Nations Practice Group at Drummond Woodsum, helped facilitate the discussion about the structure of tribal government and how laws and ordinances

are created on the reservation. The discussion was a fun way to learn about how tribal government works.

The session started out with discussions, then a mock demonstration was held. At first students were hesitant about speaking up, but later they became animated and passionate about ATV use. After a public hearing, a mock council meeting was held, during which the administrative students learned about their roles as tribal leaders, with guidance from the chief and council.

This was a great learning experience for students and a way for the tribal administration to connect to students. Staff at the school, along with Hinton and his colleagues, all helped create pathways for the development of future tribal leaders.

Sipayik Improvateers place at challenge

The Sipayik Improvateers once again qualified for the Destination Imagination Global challenge held in Kansas City, Mo. Earning second place in the state affiliate during the competition held in Meredith, N.H., in March, the team was extended an invitation based on preformation. During that competition the team placed second with the combined score.

The instant challenge is a cornerstone piece of the Destination Imagination program. It is a quick, impromptu problem-solving exercise that tests a team’s ability to work together and think creatively un-

der pressure. These challenges are typically solved within a few minutes, often using minimal materials and can be either task-based or performance-based.

This year’s competition had teams from 32 states and 13 countries coming together for completion. The girls from the Sipayik Elementary School improved tremendously compared to last year. In addition to ranking 17 out of 43 teams in the overall contest, the team won the instant challenge, scoring the highest in their category and being recognized as the “high IC” winners.



THE SIPAYIK IMPROVATEERS this year are Ava Paul, Ever Gabriel, Seren Calder and Ara Hilderbrand.

Sipayik students win outdoor challenge

It seems as though every academic challenge culminates in late May, and because of that Sipayik middle school has been busy. In an effort to not only promote but to increase the amount of times students spend outside, the organization Teens to Trails has for the last four years sponsored a competition called Life Happens Outside. The goal is to spend the maximum amount of time outside in a seven-day period as possible. Sipayik accepted the challenge, along with 29 other schools across the state.

With a combined 6,454 students in the challenge, a total of 4,920,000 minutes were spent outside. Of those, 125,484 minutes came from Sipayik Elementary, the challenge winners. That’s 2091.4 hours, equivalent to 87.1 days outside in seven days. Each student averaged 2,988 minutes outside for the week. The top outside winners for Sipayik were: Ava Paul, who spent 5,393 minutes outside; Eli Murray, who spent 5,138 minutes; and Mika

Donahe, who spent 4,843 total minutes outside.

For their efforts Teens to Trails awarded the school \$1,000 to spend toward other outside events. Vicki Morgan Verge from the First National Bank came to present the check to the middle school.

The University of Southern Maine CubeSat competition concluded with a high-altitude balloon launch on Thursday, May 29, in Farmington. The Sipayik Elementary School team, who call themselves the “Cavemen,” designed, built and programmed a CubeSat to take pictures of the foliage and landscape and measurements of atmospheric conditions in an effort to identify areas that might be prone to wildfires. Regrettably the program suffered a communications error before launch that caused the software to crash. Team design lead Camren Mumme was able to get the satellite operational again, but there was no in-flight data recorded.

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Housing block grant awarded to tribes

Five tribal communities in Maine have been awarded a total of \$6,456,253 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG). These grants support the development and maintenance of affordable housing.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point will receive \$1,112,321, while at Indian Township the funding is for \$1,135,316.

SIPAYIK

VETERANS CEREMONY

A Veterans Recognition Ceremony will be held in honor of Native American Veterans Day on Saturday, June 21, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Park and then at the Elderly Meal Site starting at 12 noon for cake, a meal, gifts and honorings.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY

On Wednesday, June 18, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the tribal office building a community resource day for all tribal members will be held. This event sponsored and funded by the Four Directions Development Corporation.

Budget cuts impact national heritage area

On May 30, additional details on the 2026 federal budget proposal were released, and it includes deep cuts that severely impact the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area (NHA) and all 62 national heritage areas across the country. The proposed FY26 budget guts national parks and heritage preservation funds and completely eliminates funding for the national heritage area program.

According to Crystal Hitchings, director of community promotion at the Sunrise County Economic Council, the seven new NHAs were not included in the FY24 federal budget and so were not eligible for funds under a continuing resolution. “But no matter what happens at the federal level, we are still a designated national heritage area! And we will continue working with partners across the region to build a strong NHA program for Downeast Maine,”

Hitchings states. “The underlying intent of the program – to bring people together to protect, preserve and enhance

the most treasured aspects of our heritage – does not go away regardless of program funding.”

She explains, “During a normal management planning process, our next phase would be to conduct significant public engagement and information gathering sessions. Since fall 2024, the Downeast Maine NHA planning team has been working with the National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Parks Conservation Assistance program to plan for this phase of public engagement. However, this program is proposed to be essentially eliminated in the FY26 budget, and we may also lose their assistance soon.”

Hitchings says that, given the likelihood that NHAs will not receive federal funding in the near future, “we will take a different approach to how the NHA program is implemented, at least for now. In the coming weeks, our management planning team will explore what this could look like.

Information already compiled during the 2023-2024 management planning process will be uploaded to the Downeast Maine NHA website.

Perry sets meeting on school budget

The Town of Perry will hold a special town meeting on Monday, June 16, at 6 p.m. at the Perry Elementary School to vote on the school budget for 2025–2026. The budget that was approved by the school committee on May 7 calls for an increase in the local share of 11.5%, or \$27,225, over the prior year, while the total budget is down by 3.1%, or \$72,647, to \$2,012,701.

To help limit the amount needed from local taxation, \$230,000 will be used from the school’s fund balance forward, which has decreased to a current balance of \$106,374.

PERRY

YARD AND FOOD SALE

North Perry United Methodist Church will hold an inside/outside yard sale and food sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. In addition to baked goods, household items and books, the sale will feature lots of fabric and sewing/quilting supplies from the collection of the late Frances Raye.

For more information, please call Suzanne Bechard at 207-263-7357 or at <suzanne.bechard@yahoo.com>.



DEMONSTRATING a time-honored rhubarb preservation technique – which requires some consideration of how much sugar to add, with traditional rhubarb preserves being much less sweet than modern preserves – is Iva Kinney of Pembroke during a presentation at the Rhubarb Festival at Kendall Farm on Saturday, June 7. (Lura Jackson photo)

Rhubarb Festival sees largest crowd yet

by Lura Jackson

Despite the threat of rain, the Rhubarb Festival – held on Saturday, June 7, at the Kendall Farm in Perry – enjoyed its largest turnout to date with more than 400 attendees. Attendees came from 11 different states and two provinces and were treated to a variety of demonstrations, music, vendors and activities.

The activities were managed by 21 volunteers, half of the number who lent a hand last year, notes organizer Georgie Kendall. The volunteers were joined by musicians – including Celtic String Thing!, Lucy Zwigard & Gus LaCasse, Gene Nichols & the Ukulele Club and Patrick Cormier. “It takes a community of dedicated individuals to pull this off,” Kendall says. “Many, many volunteers help put this together from making homemade pie crust for rhubarb pies, to hauling tables and chairs, to helping attendees park their cars, to serving mocktails, to face painting kiddos, to giving folks an orientation and handing out maps and everything in between.”

Kendall credits Lannette Pottle of She Gets Published in Robbinston for helping to coordinate the volunteers online, while Lupe Soto of What’s Happening in Washington County, Finn and Rose Designs, Michelle Bond and Abby Mathews helped raise publicity for the event.

In the rhubarb stalk eating contest, Cheyenne Robinston-Bauiman of Machias placed first, with Sara McConnell of Lubec placing second and Nolan Robinson of Lubec placing third, while “an adorable scattering of brave little kiddos” did their best to get through the stalks, Kendall says.

The winners of the tasting table were Lydia Neddeau of Alexander, who won

Crowd Favorite for her rhubarb kielbasa, Dani Beal of Eastport, who won Favorite Savory for her rhubarb kimchi, and Philipp Player from Phoenix Fine Wines of Eastport, who won Favorite Sweet for his German rhubarb cheesecake. Special mentions for close scores went to Gwen Jones of Pembroke for her rhubarb coffee cake, Jennifer Barker of Calais for her rhubarb muffins and Bruce Butler for his rhubarb oatmeal bars.

The design of this year’s poster and apron was facilitated by Calais Middle High School and Shead High School art teachers Bobbi Tardif and Sara Myrick and their students. Jaylah Lewey’s design was chosen, while Helen Staples lent a hand redesigning the selfie board.

The 16 vendors in attendance were Lamb Cove Farm, Pie Ladies’ Bakery, Electric Crystal Crafts, Antique Shop Girl, Moon Shadow Stone Jewelry, Clucking Creations, Periwinkle Co., Crafts from the Bay, Calais Lions Club, Smithereen Farm, Three Islands Oysters, Dooryard Shine, WSHD 93.3 FM Radio, Downeast Rainbow Alliance, Roosevelt Campobello International Park and Scythe Supply.

Sponsors of the event included VisitMaine.com, Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, AHD Design, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Georgie Kendall, realtor, Realty of Maine, and Kendall Farm. Among the donors were Momo’s Cheesecake of Ellsworth, who provided two of their famous strawberry cheesecakes, and the Rouxbarb Restaurant at The Hollows in Utopia, with a \$100 gift certificate.

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STUDENTS from Sipayik and Indian Township elementary schools participated in the Institute for Curious Youth from June 2 to 6 at Washington County Community College.

Institute for Curious Youth held at WCCC

From June 2 to 6, Washington County Community College (WCCC) hosted the Institute for Curious Youth (ICY), a program designed to spark student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). More than 35 learners from Indian Township and Sipayik elementary schools participated in workshops that combined science with cultural insight and innovation. The institute was made possible through the support of the Maine Community Foundation and the Sunrise County Economic Council.

Students were immersed in activities led by volunteers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Bowdoin College's neuroscience and chemistry departments, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension/4-H, Upward Bound, the Downeast Institute and Wabanaki Youth and Science.

Workshops included: Indigenous scientific perspectives, robotics and engineering, physics, marine biology, music and sound engineering and applied chemistry. These activities introduced students to scientific concepts and showcased career pathways in STEM fields.

Bowdoin College kicked off the week with immersive chemistry labs. Under the leadership of Professor Danielle Dube the team guided students through the process of cultivating biological cultures and testing antiseptics to kill bacteria. From the University of Maine Cooperative Extension/4-H, Gabrielle Brodek led students in an exploration of geography and environmental science. Students constructed land models and examined the potential impacts of sea-level rise on local ecosystems. Joseph Dougherty of the Downeast Institute provided students with a hands-on marine touch tank, which allowed students to examine marine species and learn

about aquaculture and ocean stewardship.

Representing MIT, Peter Dourmashkin introduced students to the world of physics and sound. With a background in physics education research, Dourmashkin also integrates creative disciplines into his teaching, offering seminars like Zen Arts, The Art of Color and Mathematical Physics for Future Physicists. Also from MIT, Craig Cheney guided students through building and programming robots. Using microchips and basic coding skills, students discovered how software and hardware interact in the design of electromechanical systems.

Beana Hopkins, associate director of Washington County Upward Bound at Bowdoin College, led team-building activities designed to foster confidence, collaboration and self-belief. Minquansis Sapiel, an author, tribal member and presenter from Wabanaki Youth and Science, led students through a powerful session on "Two-Eyed Seeing" – a framework that blends Western scientific methods with Indigenous knowledge systems. She discussed the ancestral and ongoing connection between the Wabanaki people and the waterways of the region. MIT physicist Caleb Bonyon helped students build functioning speakers. Through this activity, they learned how magnets and electricity interact to create sound waves.

Each day students enjoyed meals prepared by WCCC's own Todd Fullerton. Jo's Pizza provided a lunch, much to the student's delight.

The staff and students of Indian Township School and Sipayik Elementary School are grateful to WCCC for hosting the program and providing access to their facilities. The schools also are grateful to the presenters who donated their time and energy to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators.

Dr. Brazier retires from Calais hospital

Dr. Cressey Brazier, a physician in the Emergency Department, retired on May 31 from Calais Community Hospital.

Dr. Brazier first came to Calais "moonlighting," as he calls it, in the Emergency Department while working at Eastern Maine Medical Center in 1986. Over the years he has maintained a consistent presence in Calais, ranging from occasional fill-in for shifts to regular full-time rotations in the department as of 1992.

Dr. Brazier's work ethic and his need to stay busy were instilled in him as a child. He credits his stepmother with teaching him the value of time and money. She would pay him a penny for every potato bug he picked off the leaves, which he used to buy fudgecicles. He has worked since he was a teen, usually holding multiple jobs at once, even through medical school.

His resume includes work as a dock worker, milking cows, farm hand, building chicken barns, woodsman, 7-Eleven cashier, construction worker, orderly and helping his father in the family business. His father's hearse doubled as an ambulance. Dr. Brazier's father gave him the hearse, and that is what he drove to medi-

cal school.

Dr. Brazier and his wife Teresa reside in Red Beach. His family includes his three daughters, a stepdaughter and stepson and five grandchildren. He enjoys golf, cooking and traveling. His plans for retirement include having more time for the things he loves, including a family trip to Las Vegas.



CEO STEVE LAIL (right) recognizes Dr. Cressey Brazier for over 30 years of service to Calais Community Hospital.

Comments sought on Calais port project

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) hosted a public meeting in Calais on June 11 to review the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed expansion and modernization project of the land port of entry at Ferry Point in Calais.

This project will improve port operations and enhance safety and security for federal inspection personnel and travelers. GSA's goal for the project is to provide the necessary operational space, reduce traffic congestion and enhance safety conditions. GSA prepared the draft EA to analyze potential impacts from the proposed expansion and modernization project at the port.

The draft EA is available on GSA's website at <<http://gsa.gov/calaisferry-point>>. A paper copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Maine Indian Education Center at 39 Union Street in Calais.

Written comments regarding the draft

EA must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 23, by sending an email to <calaisferry-point.LPOE@gsa.gov> and reference "Calais Ferry Point Draft EA" in the subject line; or by mailing a letter to: U.S. General Services Administration, Attention: Kaitlyn Ganguzza, Project Manager, GSA – PBS – Design and Construction Division, 2 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903.

Calais police issue May incident report

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

On May 5 a 22-year-old male from Calais was issued a summons for theft.

On May 5 a 21-year-old male was issued a summons for theft.

On May 8 a 40-year-old male from Calais was issued a summons for criminal mischief.

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July 9: The Halcyon Consort – Eve Friedman, flute; Larry Stromberg, cello; Renee Warnick, viola. Works by Rousell, Vio.

July 16: Jennie Litt, voice; Mirabelle Alpher, voice; David Alpher, piano. Children Will Listen: A program of songs exploring the many-faceted relationship of mother and daughter.

July 23: Charles Jones, piano. Works by Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin and Ginastera.

SummerKeys concerts occur on Wednesday evenings and are presented throughout the summer. All concerts take place at Lubec's Congregational Christian Church and begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations for tuning the concert piano are gratefully accepted. Stay tuned for upcoming concert details and information on the second half of our season. Visit www.summerkeys.com for more information on concerts and classes. You can contact SummerKeys via phone at (207) 733-2316 or via email summerkeysbruce@gmail.com.

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Calais councillor Kevin Niles resigns

by Wayne Tripp

During their May 22 meeting, the Calais City Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Kevin Niles, which prompted a discussion about differences among councillors concerning economic development and fiscal responsibility.

In his resignation letter Niles stated, “My primary reason for stepping down is to dedicate more time to my business. As my business continues to grow, it demands more of my attention and resources. I believe that focusing on my business will allow me to contribute more effectively to the economic development of our community in other ways.” Niles was first elected in 2022 and is the chairman of the economic development committee.

Conflicting priorities and visions for economic development were also noted in his resignation, as he stated, “I feel that my vision for what needs to be accomplished on the council differs from that of my colleagues. While I respect the diverse perspectives and approaches of my fellow council members, I believe that our differing views on key issues may hinder our ability to achieve meaningful progress.”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Councillor Michael Sherrard responded to the comments by noting, “I am not anti-economic development; I am anti-spending a million dollars. I’m going to be choosy on how we do economic development – and the city can’t go broke doing it.” Sherrard said that Niles’ comments relate to a recent economic development committee meeting in which discussion involved the deteriorating downtown sidewalks and a \$3 million federal revitalization grant. While Sherrard agrees that the downtown needs revitalization and economic development, he emphasized the city’s financial limitations. “The city has to match [the grant] 30%, which is a million dollars, and we don’t have it. We don’t have a million dollars, and we’ve got a budget shortfall

this year and it’s going to be a tough year.”

Sherrard described that meeting as “a spirited discussion – it wasn’t an argument, but it was a spirited discussion.” He said that Niles became angry over his opposition to committing to the million-dollar match and that others present shared similar concerns about the financial obligation.

According to Mayor Marcia Rogers, the meeting was the first one held by the economic development committee since she became mayor in November and it only took place after she encouraged Niles to schedule it. Regular meetings are essential to create positive change. Rogers confirmed that no motions or votes have been brought forward during her six-month tenure from the economic development committee, and she reiterated that it is the responsibility of the committee chair to bring recommendations to the council for action. “The hold-up,” she said, “has been that these things haven’t gotten on an agenda.” Rogers noted that “as the committee chair, that’s his responsibility.”

After accepting his resignation, the council opted to leave the position vacant and discuss it at the next meeting.

Following an executive session, the council voted unanimously to approve a new three-year employment agreement with the city manager, Mike Ellis.

The council approved the purchase of new portable radios for the police department at a cost of \$19,937 and accepted an EMS Sustainability Grant funds in the amount of \$118,900. Fire Chief Bill Lee indicated that the funds will be used for the purchase of new ambulance gurneys and a LUCAS CPR device.

The mowing bid for all three blocks was awarded to Leeman’s Lawncare, which was the only bidder to submit for all three blocks. Councillor Sherrard moved to reduce the part-time cemetery mowing staff by one position to offset the cost for the contract. The total for all three blocks is \$11,040.



EXPERIENCING THE CHALLENGES of flight and migration are these Woodland Elementary School students as part of the Down East Spring Birding Festival at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge on May 20. Fifth and sixth grade students learned about birds native to the area, tracking methods, migration patterns and more as part of the event. (Stephanie Seeley photo)

Ham radio operators to hold field day

Amateur radio operators from the St. Croix Valley Amateur Radio Club will participate in a national amateur radio exercise from 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, until 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 29. This year’s event will take place at the Alexander Elementary School. The field day is an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by AARL, the National Association for Amateur Radio in the U.S.

Hams establish temporary ham radio stations in public locations. Their use of radio signals bring people together while providing essential communication. “Hams have a long history of serving communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers,” says Roger Holst, field day coordinator. Ham radio functions independently of the internet, cellphone systems and landline phone systems, and a station can be set up within

minutes. This portable communications capability can be powered by solar panels, batteries and gas and diesel generators.

This event is open to the public. This year’s event will include a “Get On The Air” (GOTA) operating position, a position where visitors can operate an amateur radio.



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LOCAL FAMILIES STRUGGLE WITH FOOD INSECURITY (from page 1)

In the case of Meg and her family, they make slightly too much to qualify for federal assistance. It leaves them in the difficult place of choosing what to pay – utilities, car payments, medication co-payments, all of which are desperately needed. “Some weeks we only have \$100 for a week’s worth of food, and the way prices have been going up that doesn’t buy much of anything.” While her family utilizes the local food pantry, “they don’t have much to offer since the cuts to funding were made,” she says, referring to the federal cuts to the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) and the Emergency Food Assistance Program that has decreased Good Shepherd Food Bank’s purchasing power by almost half.

Not having sufficient access to food is “an emotional rollercoaster,” Meg says. Sometimes it’s anger at how this shouldn’t be happening. “We both work full time. We both bring in a paycheck, and it’s still not enough.” Sometimes it’s envy seeing someone’s full grocery cart “while I’m carrying my two bags of \$100 out the door of the store thinking that it must be nice not to have to worry about food or where the next meal comes from.” And sometimes it’s sadness. “My children shouldn’t have to worry where their next meal is coming from or if they will eat at all. The system has failed a majority of us. We are not lazy, we do work full-time, and yet we can barely survive with both of us working.”

Meg and her family aren’t alone. Feeding America and U.S. Department of Agriculture data show Washington County as having a rate of 18% for food insecurity, meaning 18% of households with adults are unable to acquire an adequate amount of food. Child food insecurity, meanwhile, is at 27% – with both figures being the highest in New England. State-wide, food pantry usage went up 36% between 2022-2024, reports Good Shepherd Food Bank.

It’s a situation too many are familiar with, says Jasmine Haines, Washington County food programs manager with

Healthy Acadia. She describes food insecurity in the county as a complicated issue “rooted in poverty, rural isolation and systemic challenges” that worsens when there are cuts at the federal and state level. “Jobs are often seasonal or low-wage, and with little to no public transportation even getting to a grocery store or food pantry can be tough – especially for elders or families without reliable vehicles.”

Even as access to food can be limited, the county struggles with a second major barrier, Haines says. “Sometimes people think they shouldn’t ask for help because someone else has it worse. But food isn’t a luxury – it’s a basic need. You don’t have to wait until the cupboard is empty to reach out. We all need to eat every day, and it’s OK to ask for support when times are tough.”

While there are fewer resources coming in from the federal government, “resources remain here in Washington County,” Haines says. Programs such as Senior FarmShare, which provides adults with up to \$50 in fresh, local produce, and SUN Bucks, which provides a grocery benefit to eligible students during summer break, are “lifelines,” Haines says, “but only if people participate.”

Other solutions are coming in the form of increasing numbers of community suppers and community gardens, Haines says, along with the efforts of organizations that are banding together to figuratively move mountains.

To help counter the loss of the LFPA and the ensuing impact on area food pantries, for example, Healthy Acadia is one of seven organizations around the state that have rapidly formed a new program called Farm to Neighbor. It’s aiming to raise \$750,000 to distribute to farmers to grow food for pantries across the state.

“We’re doing our best to replace what we had before,” says Katie Freedman, community health and food programs director at Healthy Acadia. “Our goal is to replace the funds and funnel it back to the farmers to uphold the original purpose of the LFPA.”

While the program is moving fast – with

\$90,000 raised in May – it’s too late for this season. “There will be a disruption for this growing period, no matter what we do,” Freedman says, explaining that the farmers have already had to adjust for not receiving anticipated LFPA funding and food that has already been grown will not be going to charitable distribution. But the early progress is encouraging and instills hope for next year. “It’s that generosity, that Maine can-do spirit and attitude on display. I love seeing it.”

The Farm to Neighbor program is actively making connections around Washington County, with retail establishments to set up programs at the register as well as with restaurants to develop special menu items that will be marked as contributing to Farm to Neighbor. Businesses interested in participating should contact Kylie Welch at <kylie@farm2neighbormaine.org>.

Some businesses are folding community support into their models. The Mindful Loaf in Steuben, for example, runs a regular “pay what you can” offering on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, with breads that are a day old sold for whatever a person can afford. “This gives those who

may be struggling the opportunity to put some wholesome food on their table, it ensures I am not left with any product that ends up going to waste and it is exactly the way I was looking to provide for the community – so it is a win-win-win in my eyes,” says owner Kelli Alley.


The pay-what-you-can program has been so successful at the Mindful Loaf that Alley has started baking extra to ensure that there are loaves available for those in need. She’s also started offering her own produce under the same model.

“I have been told stories by some of how, at a point when they were struggling, being able to come get something from the stand allowed them to put food on the table,” Alley says. “That is really what it is all about for me – and as long as I can afford to make it possible, I intend to keep offering it.”

“Now more than ever, we need to ask: Does my neighbor have enough? And just as importantly, remind ourselves: It’s OK to ask for help,” says Haines. “The challenges are real – but so is the strength of this place. There’s a deep well of care and commitment here – and that’s what gives me hope.”

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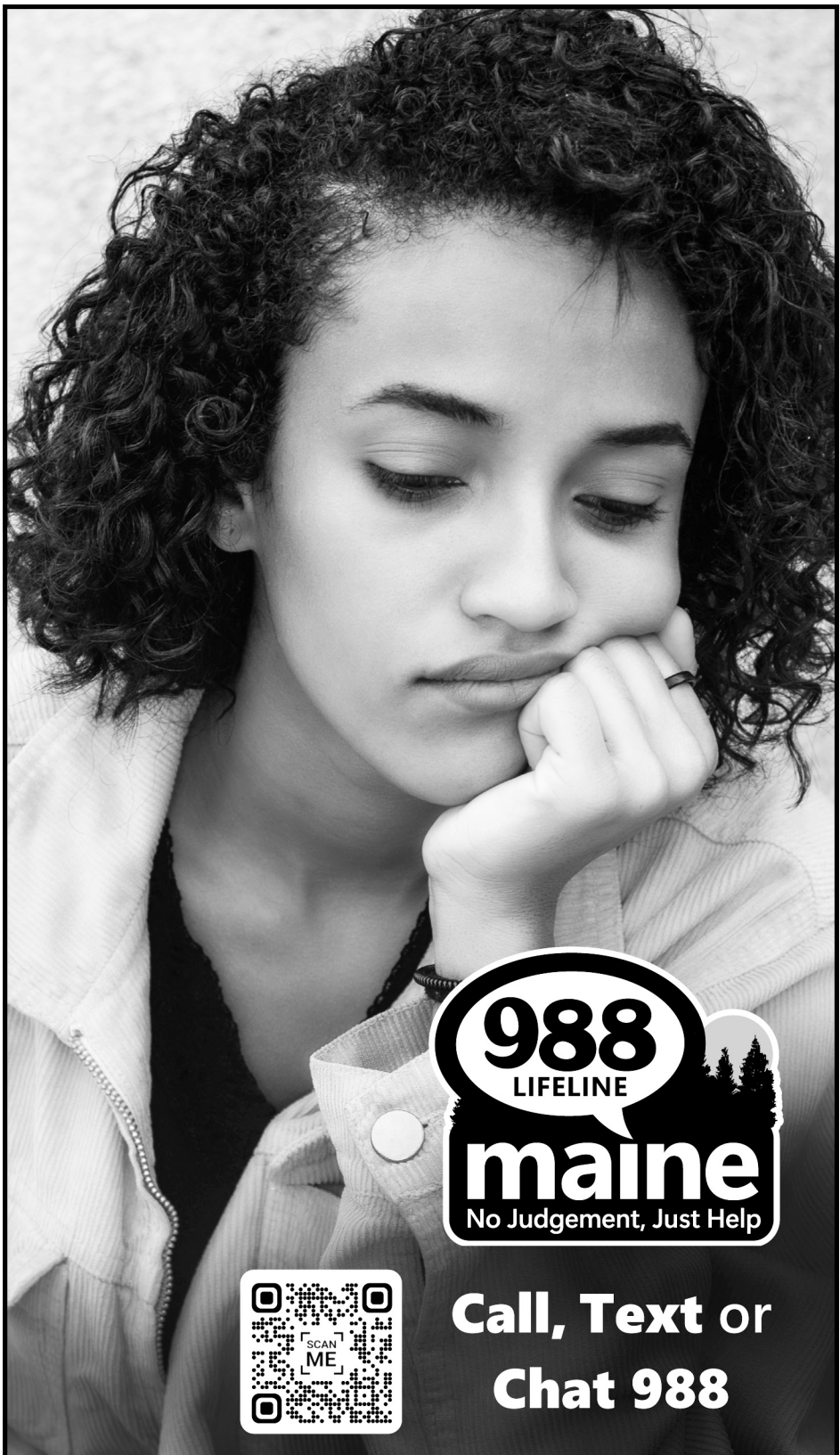
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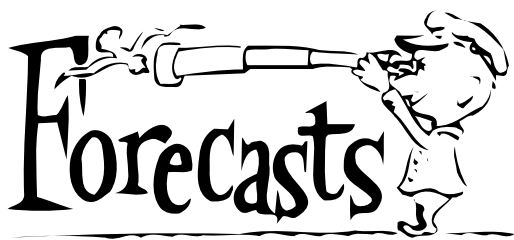






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JUNE 13 THROUGH 15

PRESENTATION, Shead High School Drama Club, *Pension d'perfectly plain Pain*, Eastport Arts Center, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY – JUNE 13

CONCERT, St. Croix Chamber Orchestra, St. Stephen Middle School, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 14

FLAG DAY.

CAMPOBELLO ISLAND-WIDE YARD SALE hosted by Campobello Clothesline and Food Bank, maps with list of yard sale addresses are posted on Facebook.

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY, Cobscook Bay State Park, headquarters pond, Edmunds, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY DAY, Eastport Municipal Airport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

CONCERT, St. Croix Chamber Orchestra, Wesley United Church, St. Andrews, 2 p.m.

ANNUAL POKER RUN, Dennysville Snowmobile/ATV Club, meet at clubhouse, Milwaukee Road, 3 to 9 p.m.

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

SUNDAY – JUNE 15

FATHER'S DAY.

CONCERT, St. Croix Chamber Orchestra, Eastport Arts Center, 2 p.m.

FILM SCREENING, St. Andrews Film Society, *Gondola*, W.C. O'Neill Arena theatre, 7 p.m.

MONDAY – JUNE 16

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING to vote on Perry school budget, Perry Elementary School, 6 p.m.

PRESENTATION, Maine author Jane Crosen on history of Washington County cartography, Gates House Museum, 344 Port Road, Machiasport, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 18

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY for all tribal members, tribal office building, Sipayik, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY GATHERING, Eastport Border Historical Society hosts "A Look Back: Sharing Memories of Eastport," Eastport Port Authority Welcome Center, 6 p.m.

SUMMERKEYS CONCERT, John Newell, piano; Ina Litera, viola; and Matt Goeke, cello, Congregational Christian Church, Lubec, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 20 THROUGH 21

MARGARETTA DAYS FESTIVAL, West Branch Farms, Machias, Friday 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY – JUNE 20

ANTHOLOGY READING, from *North Woods at Night* and *Rivers of Ink*, Eastport Arts Center, 6 p.m.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNSET HIKE, Denbow Point Preserve, Lubec, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 21

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

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

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

YARD AND FOOD SALE, North Perry United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VETERANS RECOGNITION CEREMONY, Native American Veterans Day, Veterans Park, Pleasant Point, 11:30 a.m.

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION, artist Kirsten Philippides, "Watercolors of Lubec," Lubec Memorial Library, 12 to 2 p.m.

LAMPS BENEFIT CONCERT, Jean Strazdes' "Singing Through the Storm," Congregational Christian Church, Lubec, 3 p.m.

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

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

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

STORYSLAM, Eastport Arts Center, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY – JUNE 22

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GALLERY SHOW OPENING for the Island Art Show and The Square Foot Show, Grand Manan Art Gallery, 1 p.m.

PERFORMANCE, "Intro to Improv," Eastport Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY – JUNE 23

TIDES AND TEA, Eastport Senior Center, 2 p.m.

JUNE 27 THROUGH 29

DOWNEAST PRIDE, Eastport and Lubec. See list of activities in this issue.

MACHIAS ATV JAMBOREE. See this issue for list of activities.

FRIDAY – JUNE 27

MUSIC AT LIBRARY PARK, Pink Capos, behind Peavey Memorial Library, Eastport, 4 to 6 p.m.

RECEPTION, "George Pearse Ennis: Working on the Water" exhibition, Tides Institute & Museum of Art, Eastport, 5 to 7 p.m.

JUNE 28 THROUGH 29

HAM RADIO FIELD DAY, Alexander Elementary School grounds, begins 2 p.m. Saturday and concludes Sunday at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 28

SARAH GRAVES READING from her latest book, *Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin*, Eastport Senior Center, 2 p.m.

ANNUAL SOLSTICE SUPPER, benefits Roque Bluffs Community Chapel, Roque Bluffs Fire Station, 5 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, Fire and Passion Cello and Piano Duo Concert, All Saints Anglican Church, St. Andrews, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY – JUNE 29

DOWNEAST PRIDE IN THE PARK, Stockford Park, Lubec, 12 p.m.

ROBBINSON RESIDENTS' DAY, all are welcome, Robbinston Community Center, Rt. 1, 1 to 3 p.m.

FILM SCREENING, St. Andrews Film Society, *The Seed of the Sacred Fig*, W.C. O'Neill Arena theatre, 7 p.m.

SummerKeys returns while transitioning

by J.D. Rule

"SummerKeys will soon begin its 34th season," says Executive Director Pat Gunther, who is long a part of the popular music education program located in Lubec. Gunther is taking over for founder and long-time head honcho Bruce Potterton, who is stepping aside. "Probably the only difference people will see," says Gunther, "is that Bruce will not be introducing the program and making announcements" during the Wednesday evening free concerts held at the Congregational Church.

Long operated as a for-profit endeavor, the organization is shifting to a nonprofit status, which Gunther explains does not

happen quickly. Three local properties are owned by the organization, plus a private residence that was owned personally by Potterton, which has been sold. And then there are the pianos, all 24 of them. Four are on loan; the rest are owned. Most are in private residences where the owners welcome participants to practice on everything from an assortment of uprights, some with historic stories, all the way up to a Yamaha grand. An entire orchestra of other instruments can be studied, including by those who just want to try out something new. "All of our instructors will be with us this summer," explains Gunther, with only one exception, who is expected back next year.

While details are not settled, SummerKeys is working on a collaborative plan with LAMPS – the Lubec Area Musicians Philanthropic Society – which hosts a regular series of open-air free concerts on Sundays at Stockford Park or on rainy days at the Old Church.

For more information on SummerKeys, including signing up for individual sessions, check out <www.summerkeys.com> or take a look at Facebook/summerkeys.

Orchestra presents spring concert series

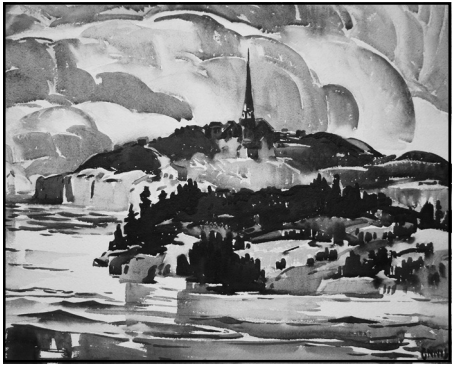
The St. Croix Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) will be presenting its spring concert series in St. Stephen, St. Andrews and Eastport, performing Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Suite and Haydn's "Surprise" symphony, No. 94. Performances will be on Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at the St. Stephen Middle School; on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m. at the Wesley United Church in St. Andrews; and on Sunday, June 15, at 2 p.m. at the Eastport Arts Center.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and free for children under 16. For advance tickets please email <stcroixchamberorchestra@gmail.com> or call/text 905-464-8108.

The community chamber orchestra is composed of over 25 amateur adult musicians devoted to bringing music into the lives of the musicians and residents of Charlotte County and Washington County.

The musicians are from the former Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra and from the surrounding communities.

Under the baton of professional musician and conductor Hok Kwan, the SCCO plays repertoire from classical to jazz and popular music and everything in between.



"NORTHERN LANDMARK," a watercolor by George Pearse Ennis, is among the works in an exhibit titled "Working on the Water" that will be opening at the Tides Institute & Museum of Art in Eastport on Friday, June 27. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Downeast Storytellers is presented in collaboration with *Sipiyak Museum* and *The Quoddy Tides*, with support from the *Maine Humanities Council*.

Visit www.eastportartscenter.org for more info.

Library Notes

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New books at the Lubec Memorial Library include the following.
The Light of Days by Judith Balaton
Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros
Flying Blind by Don Mitchell
A Sanctuary of Trees by Gene Logsdon
What's a Dog for? by John Homans
Fox and I: an Uncommon Friendship by Catherine Raven
Marble Hall Murders by Anthony Horowitz
Detective Aunty by Stanley Uzma
South of Nowhere by Jeffery Deaver
Never Flinch by Stephen King
Personal Injuries by Scott Turow
Big Bad Wool by Leonie Swann
My Friends by Frederik Backman
The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong
Heartwood by Amity Gaige
The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara Davis
Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks
Strangers in Time by David Baldacci
Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton

Storytellers to hold StorySlam June 21

The stage is set, the mic is live and the stories are real. The first event of the Downeast Storytellers season kicks off on Saturday, June 21, at 7 p.m. with StorySlam, featuring true tales from local voices competing for cash prizes. Get ready for an evening of heart, humor and drama as storytellers take the stage for five minutes each to win over the audience – and the judges, who will select the top three winners. Judges will consider the strength of the story, whether it has a good narrative arc and how well it was presented. The first-prize winner will take home \$150, the second-prize winner \$100, and the third-prize winner \$50.

Presented at the Eastport Arts Center in partnership with the Sipayik Museum and *The Quoddy Tides* with generous support from the Maine Humanities Council, Downeast Storytellers invites community members and visitors alike to gather for a night of authentic, live storytelling. The event is free by donation.

To share a story, sign up in person or via email to <eastportstories@gmail.com>. For more information, visit <www.eastportartscenter.org>.

Library Storywalk offers boating book

This June, Porter Memorial Library's StoryWalk features *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen. In this whimsical rhyming adventure, Mr. Magee and his dog Dee head out to sea. Their peaceful day of boating turns into a wild ride when a curious whale appears. With playful illustrations and clever verse, this story captures the fun and unpredictability of a day at sea.

StoryWalk is a literacy-boosting initiative that displays children's illustrated books page by page along community walking routes. In 2023, Porter Memorial Library partnered with Healthy Acadia and Maine SNAP-Ed to bring the StoryWalk project to downtown Machias. A new book is selected each month. As families stroll along the path, they can enjoy the story. At the end of the StoryWalk, visitors will find a healthy, child-friendly recipe inspired by the book's themes, encouraging cooking and enjoying meals at home.

The June book selection is sponsored by Hannaford Supermarket of Machias. To support the StoryWalk at Porter Memorial Library, contact Shannon Cherry at <shannon.cherry@healthyacadia.org> or 207-255-3741.



LILACS BLOOM in the springtime Downeast. (Edward French photo)

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

When the Southern Lights Went Dark

By Mary Louise Clifford and J. Candace Clifford. *Globe Pequot*, 2023, softcover \$24.95.

Review by RJ Heller

Lighthouse history is like most history – it needs to be talked about in order for us to understand our “lot in life” and continue moving forward as an informed people. To do that properly we need to know and understand what we have experienced. I never thought about lighthouses and the Civil War together until I came across the book, *When the Southern Lights Went Dark: The Lighthouse Establishment during the Civil War* by Mary Louise Clifford and J. Candace Clifford.

Much has been written about the Civil War. Thousands of books have focused on every conceivable aspect of the war between the North and the South. I have read many books on the subject and have even more waiting to be read in my library. Reading this latest book by this mother/daughter duo, though, struck a chord in me.

With the passing of her daughter Candace, a prominent lighthouse historian in her own right, Mary Louise Clifford uses her daughter's extensive research and weaves a compelling historical record of a Civil War period overlooked by many historians. Clifford herself has published 26 books, including six she co-authored with her daughter: *Women Who Kept the Light*, *Nineteenth Century Lights*, *Maine Lighthouses*, *Mind the Light*, *Katie* and *Lighthouses Short and Tall*.

Tensions already were rising before the news arrived that Abraham Lincoln won the hotly contested election and would be the 16th president of the United States. The South was not happy, and preparations to show that dissatisfaction began well before Fort Sumter fell.

It is November 1860 and the lighthouse supply vessel *Guthrie*, captained by J.W. Perry and crew, is anchored at Amelia Island on the Atlantic coast of Florida. Perry is given the news of the presidential election. As the ship begins its journey south, the captain and crew see first-hand the unraveling of the country as they deliver supplies to lighthouse stations from Key West to Alabama and Mississippi.

From one port to the next they are alerted that one state after another has seceded from the Union.

“At Biloxi Light in Mississippi keeper Mary Reynolds was anxious about the federal stores in her possession – the sperm oil in the lamps, the lamps themselves and the valuable Fresnel lens that projected her light, her tools for cleaning and maintaining the lamps and lens, and indeed her household furnishings.”

The *Guthrie* is seized in Galveston, Texas, and told they would not be leaving port. Texas had seceded on February 1, 1861.

Previous to the *Guthrie's* plight, in 1860, after South Carolina seceded from the Union, three light tenders at Charleston were prevented from leaving port. It was clear the Lighthouse Board was faced with a critical situation made even more dire with its near completion of a modernization project to replace the antiquated equipment with the new and expensive Fresnel lenses installed in all but a few lighthouses.

Add to all of this the fact that when war finally does break out, the board is faced with a significant dilemma. Who will manage the lighthouses up and down the coast of the country? Prior to the war lighthouses were managed by military personnel, but with the war's onslaught the task fell on the board to find skilled civilians to fill these roles.

Fractured allegiances of the military personnel exacerbated this effort. Federal employment posited a dilemma for the men managing the operations of the southern lights. Do they stand with the federal government or will their allegiance be with the states they call home? Thanks to the abundant details unearthed by the Cliffords, clarity to this complicated story by way of letters, dispatches and newspaper accounts is readily offered.

The war is now fully underway and is told through the historical chronology of its impact on a lighthouse service whose sole objective is to save lives. The newly formed Confederacy races to extinguish as many lights as possible while confiscating as much federal property as it can to help finance its war of secession.

The book covers in stark detail the years that follow once hostilities commence, from the battles for specific points of control by way of seaports to the difficult task of reestablishing aids for navigation up and down the coastline to the ever-changing battle lines as Union forces expand control, subsequently gain victory and bring an end to hostilities.

The narrative then steps into the aftermath of the war, following the lighthouse districts as they rebuild amidst a nation trying to do the same. Both a comprehensive register of federal employees and valuable information contained in appendices complete this superb historical volume.



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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.

Level: Medium.

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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 – JUNE 14

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

MONDAY – JUNE 16

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 – JUNE 17

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

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 18

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 PAN-

TRY, 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 – JUNE 19

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 – JUNE 20

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 – JUNE 26

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

Arts center plans
July 3 Follies show

The Eastport Arts Center’s beloved Follies variety show returns on Wednesday, July 3, as part of the city’s Independence Day festivities. With performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., the Follies will showcase a colorful mix of stage entertainment. Past years have featured singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, theater skits and even clowns.

Anyone interested in performing is encouraged to join the fun. Acts of all kinds are welcome. Performers must be available for both showtimes. To participate, please send a brief description of the act, including estimated length, to Nancy Tintle at <nancytintle@gmail.com>. For more information call Tintle at 207-214-6494.

Improv workshop
to be held at EAC

On Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, improv teacher and performer Jennie Roberson will lead a two-day immersive improv workshop at the Eastport Arts Center, culminating in a free public performance. The Introduction to Improv schedule is as follows: Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 22, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a show at 6:30 p.m.

Trained at the famous Upright Citizens Brigade, Roberson is a fixture in the Los Angeles improv scene. She brings a warm, friendly and inclusive approach that makes learning the basic tenets of improv easy and fun for performers of all levels.

To sign up or for more information visit <www.eastportartscenter.org>.



THE TIDES INSTITUTE & MUSEUM OF ART (TIMA) recently was able to secure this photograph by Lewis Hine of five-year-old sardine factory worker Preston Knowlton for its collections. TIMA located the photograph in Tacoma, Wash., and supporters helped with its acquisition. The photograph is one of a series of photographs Hine took of young sardine factory workers in Eastport and Lubec in 1911. TIMA has two other original photographs from this series in its collections.



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AUTHOR READING: North Woods at Night, Rivers of Ink

Join us 6–8pm for a reading featuring authors Annaliese Jakimides, Catherine J.S. Lee, Twinkle Marie Manning, Amy Ray, Lee Sands, and others.



Downeast StoryTellers: StorySlam

7pm: Kicking off Downeast Storytellers, a five-month series, this event invites storytellers to compete for cash prizes! Do you have a story to tell? Sign up at eastportstories@gmail.com!



INTRODUCTION TO IMPROV with Jennie Roberson

Improve your acting with improv! Trained at the Upright Citizens Brigade in Los Angeles, Jennie Roberson teaches and performs improv around California. This two-day workshop will culminate in a public performance!



PAPER MAKING with Jan Maffett

Learn the basics of paper making with Jan Maffett in this fun two-part course, held on two consecutive Tuesday afternoons: 1–3pm June 24, July 1.



ART RECEPTION: Amy Ray: Maps to Shrines

Join us 4–6pm for a reception for for Amy Ray: Maps to Shrines. This exhibition of rich fabric works will be on view June 28–July 28 at Eastport Arts Center's first floor Washington Street Gallery.

Weekly at EAC

SUNDAYS: 1–2pm, Tai Chi
WEDNESDAYS: 2:30pm, Artful Conversations (online)
THURSDAYS: 3:30–4:30pm, World & Contemporary Dance
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Chamber music festival performances set

The St. Andrews Chamber Music Festival 2025 will be taking place on selected dates from June 28 through July 12.

On June 28, the Fire and Passion Cello and Piano Duo Concert featuring Edward Cho, cello, and Mathilde Handelsman, piano, will be performed at 7 p.m. at the All Saints Anglican Church located at 77 King Street, St. Andrews.

On July 5 at 7 p.m., the Playful Spirit Concert, Mozart & Schubert Piano Trio, will be performed at the All Saints Anglican Church. This concert features Sun Huh, violin, Edward Cho, cello, and

Mathilde Handelsman, piano.

The Playful Spirit Family Concert will be performed on July 6 at 2 p.m. at Wesley United Church. This concert, with fun, music games and storytelling, will feature Sun Huh, violin, Edward Cho, cello, and Mathilde Handelsman, piano.

On July 12, an Exceptional Jazz Experience, Happy Jazzy Birthday, Mr. Ravel! will take place in the parish hall at the All Saints Anglican Church at 7 p.m. featuring world-renowned artists: Jon Handelsman, saxophone, Hilliard Greene, bass, and Michel Lambert, drums.

For more information and ticket details please visit <www.standrewsmusic.com> or send an email to <contact@standrewsartscouncil.com>.

Gates House hosts talk on local maps

The Gates House museum in Machiasport will host a presentation by author and cartographer Jane Crosen on Monday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. Crosen will be discussing the history of Washington County cartography and of the coastal Machias area. She will also be presenting her new book, along with some of her illustrated maps, including ones that attendees can purchase.

Amy Ray to exhibit new works at EAC

by Liliana Stewart

The “Maps to Shrines” show of Amy Ray’s new textile assemblages will run from June 28 to July 28 in the Washington Street Gallery on the first floor of the Eastport Arts Center. A reception will be hosted on Saturday, June 28, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Ray, a visual artist who lives in Eastport, has been creating a new body of work featuring hand and machine stitched tapestries. These tapestries incorporate salvaged textiles from old, unusable and discarded clothing as well as ink painting, embroidery and applique techniques; all of these elements are put together using an intuitive and direct process of assemblage. Ray includes materials from in and around Eastport, grounding the work in her birthplace and giving it specificity.

Boats featured in exhibit at gallery

MOTHERS Art Gallery in Columbia Falls is featuring the show “Boats and Other Things That Float” with new and antique paintings, sculptures and ship models by artists from Maine and away, including Valerie Aponik, Richard Bazelow, Vera Rahn and unknown masters. The show will be up from May 28 to June 28. The gallery is in a 1841 barn located just off Route 1 at 19 Church Hill Circle, Columbia Falls. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, from May 28 to September 13. Learn more at <www.mothersartgallery.com>.

Film group to show movie set in Iran

The St. Andrews Film Society will screen *The Seed of the Sacred Fig* on Sunday, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the W.C. O’Neill Arena theatre. Writer and director Mohammad Rasoulof fled Iran to avoid prison after secretly filming in Tehran. The film revolves around the family of an investigating judge whose gun disappears during a protest of the death of a prominent woman, leading the judge to suspect his wife and daughters.



INKING A COPPER PLATE that she previously etched is StudioWorks artist-in-residence Allison Bianco of Rhode Island during her two week term in May as part of the Tides Institute & Museum of Art residency program. On May 28, Bianco and fellow artist-in-residence Amanda Sisk of Houston shared their backgrounds and their experiences at a well-attended artist talk at StudioWorks.

Poetry anthology features local authors

by Lisa Sarish

On May 25 Evergreen Press of Albion released its new anthology of poems: *DEFIANCE! Maine Poets Protest The Attack on Democracy*, edited by George

Frangoulis, Kristin Frangoulis, Carol Maryan-George and Gerald George. The anthology includes 47 poems and can be ordered from A Boatload of Books on Water St. in Eastport.

Contributors include: Jeremy Chapman of Rockland, a prior resident of Eastport and wooden boatbuilding instructor; Catherine J.S. Lee of Eastport, author, educator and radio DJ; Erine Leigh of Eastport, Portsmouth, N.H.’s, poet laureate from 2015-2017; Amy Ray, visual artist and owner of Bingville Style Shop in Eastport; and four members of the Machias writing group, Porter Poets: Paul V.S. Simpson of Pembroke, co-organizer of Two Bays Poetry Pen-Pals; Dr. Gerard NeCastro of Saco, author, educator and organizer of Porter Poets; Andrea Suarez Hill of Jonesboro, journalist and author; and Les Simon of Jonesboro, author and instructor of writing workshops.

The Belfast Free Library hosted an event on May 24 to celebrate the book’s printing and release. Contributors read their works aloud, and the anthology’s editorial team offered their gratitude.

Island gallery sets art show openings

The opening of the combined Island Art Show and the Square Foot Show will be on Sunday, June 22, at 1 p.m. at the Grand Manan Art Gallery. The Island Art Show is open to any artist to enter. Artworks can be in any medium and any size. The Square Foot Show offers artworks that measure exactly 12" x 12".

For each of these two shows visitors are invited to vote for their three favourite pieces, and cash prizes are awarded to the winning artists. Winners are chosen strictly by viewer. This show runs until July 11 at 6 p.m. More information about these shows and the rest of the summer schedule can be found at <grandmananartgallery.com>.



MAPS TO SHRINES

Textile Assemblages by Amy Ray

June 28-July 28, 2025

Reception: Saturday, June 28, 4-6 pm

Washington Street Gallery, located on the first floor of Eastport Arts Center, is open during Arts Center events or by chance or appointment.



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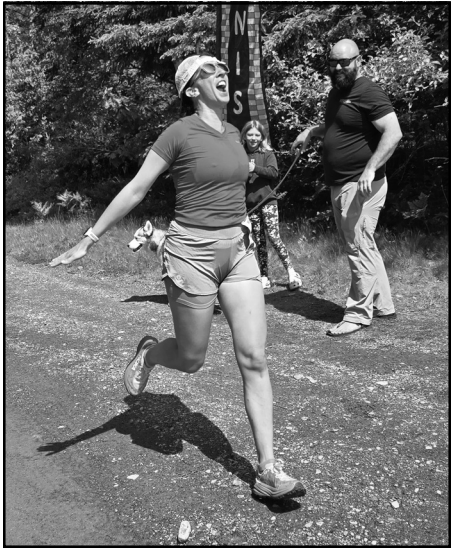
June 4 - July 27



RUNNERS enjoyed scenic views along Leighton Point Road during the 34th Cobscook Bay Road Races held June 8 in Pembroke. (Genevieve Lemire photo)

Cobscook Bay races see ideal conditions

The 34th Cobscook Bay Road Races, held on Sunday, June 8, by Bold Coast Runners in partnership with Down East Hospice Volunteers (DEHV), greeted runners with ideal racing weather featuring cool and crisp 60-degree temperatures under partly sunny skies. The event brought together the community, including runners, walkers, volunteers and spectators, for a memorable morning on Cobscook Bay. The unity on the course was matched only by the generosity off of it, with proceeds going to DEHV to support their vital, cost-free care throughout Washington County. This year's race saw participants ranging in age from 10 to 81 and hailing from as far as New York state and Erving, Mass.



CROSSING THE FINISH LINE is Olivia Fiore of Dennysville, who won her age group with a time of 58.06 in the 10K. (Genevieve Lemire photo)

The morning kicked off with a youth fun run of a half mile with children 3 to 8 years old participating. Each child received a free ice cream at the Polar Treat in Perry. In the 5K Hunter Roberts of East Machias ran away with the win in 19:49, followed by Eli Smith and Michael Hibbits in the men's division. The women's 5K saw first time winner Tamika Matthews of East Machias edge out second place by over a minute in 26:01. Elizabeth Smith and Kait Murphy put on a strong showing.

The 10K, part of Sub5 Track Club of Brewer's race series, saw hot times just like the weather. Brian Jansen of Bangor continued his year in running with a 38:11, leaving Andrew Knightly and Darren Matthews in second and third place respectively. Emily Bishop of Frankfort tore up the field with 45:47. Tricia Farrell took second, followed by Rebecca Happnie-Yoder. Complete results follow.

10K results

1. Brian Jansen, Bangor, 38.11,7; 2. Andrew Knightly, Bangor, 40.18,7; 3. Darren Matthews, Augusta, 42.33,5; 4. Randy Reardon, Bangor, 43.04,2; 5. Joe Roberts, Brewer, 43.24,2; 6. Rick Reardon, Bangor, 45.23,9; 7. Emily Bishop, Frankfort, 45.47,1; 8. Edward Hughes, Bangor, 46.22,7; 9. Gus Marx, Marshfield, 47.35,8; 10. Tricia Farrell, Calais, 48.24,7; 11. Peter Hall, Whiting, 48.53,1; 12. Shane Martin, Orono, 49.00,2; 13. Cedar Lenke-Beeftink, Machias, 49.07,5; 14. Jason McGlaughlin, Baring, 49.23,2; 15. Justin Brenton, Milbridge, 49.34,5; 16. Matthew Booth, Bangor, 50.17,7; 17. Jacob McCurdy, Sabattus, 50.51,5; 18. Rebecca Happnie-Yoder, Pembroke, 51.21,7; 19. Deedra Dapice, Brewer, 51.48,0; 20. Stephanie Allard, Perry, 51.50,8; 21. Leo Whittemore, Robbinston, 53.43,6; 22. Brent Chasse, Bucksport, 54.21,3; 23. Andrew Steinharter, Addison, 56.20,0; 24. Beth Allen, Farmington, 56.54,9; 25. Olivia Fiore, Dennysville, 58.06,9; 26. Jessica Lindsay, Lubec, 58.15,7; 27. Stephen McGinley Jr., Indian Township, 1.00.20,4; 28. James Dorsey, Buxton, 1.01.05,0; 29. Joyce Reardon, Bangor, 1.04.33,1; 30. Bif Churchill, Calais, 1.05.00,3; 31. Mandy Ramsdell, Pembroke, 1.05.42,8; 32. Willson Roper, Bangor, 1.05.48,6; 33. Luke Ireland, Chapman, 1.06.20,4; 34. Debra Hall, Whiting, 1.08.46,1; 35. Jason Leavitt, Columbia Falls, 1.10.26,9; 36. Missy Lawrence, Eastport, 1.10.46,1; 37. Geoffrey Dapice, Brewer, 1.13.22,5; 38. Robert Garnett, Bangor, 1.14.33,0; 39. Brandy Gebo, Holden, 1.15.24,6; 40. Lloyd Harmon, Ellsworth, 1.16.02,3; 41. William Wilson, Portland, 1.16.10,7; 42. Marcy Leger, Bath, no time; 43. Wendy Oram-Smith, Jonesport, no time.

5K results

1. Hunter Roberts, East Machias, 19.49,3; 2. Eli Smith, New York, N.Y., 20.40,4; 3. Michael Hibbits, Franklin, 21.34,1; 4. Ryan Wight, Portland, 23.26,2; 5) Tamika Matthews, East Machias, 26.01,4; 6. Jassad Thornton, Pembroke, 27.05,9; 7. Elizabeth Smith, Pembroke, 27.14,0; 8. Riley Hibbits 27.15,8; 9. Kait Murphy, Portland, 27.25,3; 10. Vanessa Matthews, Augusta, 28.49,2; 11. Scott Fraser, Perry, 29.29,9; 12. Jennifer Geel, East Machias, 30.58,3; 13. Julie Richard, Alexander, 32.50,7; 14. Charlie Moulton-Watters, Eastport, 34.01,7; 15. Elaine McGlaughlin, Baring, 35.45,2; 16. John Churchill, Robbinston, 37.37,4; 17. Paul Roche, Spring, Texas, 38.20,5; 18. Diane Murphy, Pembroke, 39.03,1; 19. Samantha Small, Eastport, 40.36,2; 20. Michael Gralenski, Erving, Mass., 47.38,3; 21. Linda The Perfect Linda Gralenski, Erving, Mass., 47.43,8; 22. Lauren Simpson, Calais, 54.02,8; 23. Arielle Richardson, Eastport, 54.03,1; 24. Kathleen Dunbar, Eastport, 54.03,3; 25. Ann Simmons, Calais, 58.52,4; 26. Lou Esposito, Calais, 58.52,7.

Bay of Fundy marathon set for June 22

by J.D. Rule

The eighth running of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon is set for Sunday, June 22, following a five-year hiatus. One of only a few cross-border foot races, the 26.2-mile event begins at West Quoddy Lighthouse, crosses the international bridge to Campobello Island on the way to the Head Harbour Light, where it reverses, heads back over the bridge and ends on Lubec's Water Street.

In the past, Lubec's Flatiron Park has been a favorite vantage point where many creative signs are held by spectators with messages like "Run, random stranger, you've just begun!"

Runners will start at 6:30 a.m. ET. As the current marathon record stands at 2 hours and 40 minutes, front runners will begin approaching the finish line sometime around 9 a.m., with most contestants completing before noon. Since the route is the same as earlier races, the existing records stand – unless this year's challengers best them. The marathon route, while never rising far above sea-level, includes more vertical rise than either the Boston or New York races. Most of it is in the northern stretches of Campobello Island.

The half-marathon route has changed, thus existing records are no longer applicable. That race is set to start at 8:45 a.m. ET, also at West Quoddy Light, and end on Water Street. Using the old record as a

guideline, front runners should be expected a bit after 10 a.m.

Both races are capped at 250 runners; the day also includes a 10K with an additional 100 runners. Access to the marathon start line is limited, as passenger cars are banned during the start-up from the farther reaches of South Lubec Road and the north end of the route approaching the turn-around.

Lubec's Dan DeLuca is credited with taking on race organization, following the shutdown caused not only by COVID-19 but also the departure of the previous race director, John Hough, who has returned to his home in Scotland. DeLuca recruited many of the previous staff members but had to begin much of the planning from the get-go, conducting meetings since last fall.

While the front runners get the most attention, those who finish later are challenging themselves to do something few people accomplish.

Runners wear an electronic trigger that has been recorded by customs officials on both sides of the bridge; pre-registration prior to race day is required. This device allows contestants to cross the border without pause and also records their time at the turn-around at the north end of the route. Parking is expected to be tight.

More information can be found on the race website that is located at <www.bayoffundymarathon.com>.

Independence Run to be held on July 6

The 56th year of the Charles E. Davis Independence Run will take place in Eastport on July 6. At 9 a.m. the horn will sound near Perry corner to start runners on their 7-mile run, while walkers will begin their 4-mile trek from Carlow Island. The finish line this year will be in front of Moose Island Marine Supply in Eastport.

Please join the thousands of participants who have helped to make this event one of the most famous road races in the state of Maine. Started in 1970 by Dale Lincoln

and developed by Charles Davis, the race has also featured many U.S. Navy personnel from the ships that have made a port-call in Eastport – a traditional highlight of July 4th festivities.

To register online, go to <runsignup.com/eastport7miler> or show up on July 6 at Shead High School between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. All runners and walkers will be bused to the start lines at 8:45 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for runners and \$20 for walkers.

Greenland Point camp offers scholarships

University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Greenland Point in Princeton recently received funding from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, Onion Foundation and Kate Svitek Foundation to support summer camp scholarships for youth. With this donation and contributions from the Penobscot County Conservation Association and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Greenland Point can offer scholarships for youth.

Camp consists of weeklong overnight camp sessions which focus on interests such as art, science, wilderness survival and hunter safety. A typical routine includes hiking, swimming, canoeing,

campfires and outdoor skills development. Most sessions are geared toward youth ages 7 to 15, with a day camp for ages 5 to 9. New this year is a counselor-in-training program for youth ages 16 and 17.

Greenland Point also hosts a UMaine Early College Outdoor Intensive program for 16- to 18-year-olds. This course centers on canoeing, bouldering, climbing, hiking and orienteering with instruction in wilderness medicine. Students who complete the course receive Wilderness First Aid certification and four college credits. Tuition is free for Maine public high school students, and scholarships are available to help offset the residential fees.

To register and learn more about camp, visit the Greenland Point website. To request reasonable accommodation and for additional questions, please email <ryder.scott@maine.edu> or call 207-665-2068.

Moosehorn to hold spring nature walk

A nature walk will be held on Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Baring. The group will meet at the upper parking lot next to bathrooms.

Join naturalists while exploring the refuge trails and following the arrival of late spring wildflowers and wildlife. Binoculars will be provided. Participants are urged to dress for ticks. The event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

For more information, call Bill Kolodnicki at 904-7023 or check the Facebook pages of the Moosehorn Friends or Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge for events and wildlife sightings. Sponsors are the Friends of Moosehorn, Fundy Audubon and Maine master naturalists.

State park to host youth fishing derby

The 26th annual Children's Fishing Derby will be held at the Cobscook Bay State Park headquarters pond in Edmunds on Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children ages 16 and under can fish to win prizes at this derby. Admission is free.

Participants are urged to bring their own gear. Poles and bait will also be available. Free food and drinks will be provided by Friends of Moosehorn.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The derby will occur rain or shine.

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Shed Tigerettes win second softball game

by Craig Cushing

On May 26 the Shed Tigerettes got outplayed by the Machias Bulldogs, losing 18-2.



KEARAH BARNES of the Shed Tigerettes winds up to deliver a pitch during a game against Machias on May 26. (Don Dunbar photo)

On May 27 at Narraguagus, the Tigerettes were playing great defense, but the Knights slipped away, winning the game 9-0.

On May 28 the Tigerettes did a great job against the Schenck Wolverines, getting their second win of the season with a nail-biting game. The final score was 9-8.

On June 2 the Shed Tigerettes played two good games against the Jonesport-Beals Royals. Both teams got runs on the boards, but the Royals went on a run with the score. The final score for both games was 12-2.

On June 3 the Tigerettes played great against the Calais Lady Blue Devils. Both teams did well on both sides of the ball, scoring with good defense. The Lady Blue Devils were getting great hits and scoring to close the game with a final score of 10-4.



SLIDING SAFELY into third base during a game against Calais on June 3 is Shed Tiger Ellis Sanchez. (Don Dunbar photo)

Shed baseball team finishes its season

by Craig Cushing

On May 26 the Shed Tigers played at home against the Machias Bulldogs and lost 20-0.

On May 27 the Tigers played the Narraguagus Knights. Shed started with a great game, making plays, but lost by a score of 16-5.

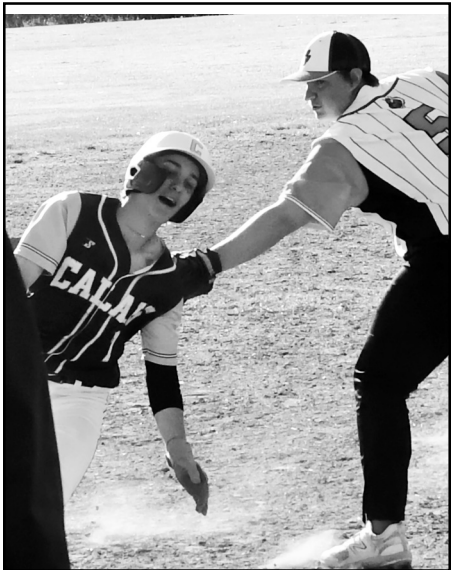
On May 28 Shed played against the Schenck Wolverines, but they let off for one inning on defense, letting the Wolverines score some runs. The final score was 16-3 with the Wolverines taking the game.

On June 2 the Tigers took on the Jonesport-Beals Royals in a double-header. In the first game, both teams played a good game. Each inning both teams were scoring a run or two. Unfortunately for Shed, the Royals got one more run, with the Royals winning the game 7-6.

In the second game, the Tigers let the Royals get a couple runs, but Shed quickly picked it up, getting on the board. The Royals kept going and scored some runs to make the score 11-5. In the sixth inning, Eastport scored 6 runs, tying the game at 11-11. The Royals answered with two runs in the seventh inning. The Tigers got up to bat and unfortunately for them couldn't get some runs. The Royals won 13-11.

On June 3 Eastport played the Calais Blue Devils. The Shed team played their

most intense game of the season, making plays while also getting hits. The Tigers were down in the third inning 3-1, but changed that with only a couple batters, tying the game at 3-3. The game went on for a few innings with neither team scoring. Both teams eventually started scoring again, but the Blue Devils had some huge hits. The Blue Devils got the win with a final score of 7-5.



CALEB JAMIESON of the Shed Tigers tags out a Calais runner at third base on June 3. (Don Dunbar photo)



GUIDE DOUG HITCHCOX of Maine Audubon points out a black-throated green warbler to Downeast Spring Birding Festival participants.

Spring birding festival a flying success

The 22nd annual Downeast Spring Birding Festival at Cobscook Institute in Trescott was a flying success the weekend of May 23-26. In the history of the festival it is the first to have started with a northeaster.

Despite the weather, registrants were rewarded with over 100 species sightings, including spruce grouse and a sandhill crane.

There were 103 people registered for the festival, traveling from as far as Texas, Florida and Utah to participate. Offering their expertise were 18 guides from all over Maine and Campobello Island, with representatives from Downeast Coastal Conservancy, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Maine Audubon, Maine Sea Grant,

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Cobscook Shores and Audubon Seabird Institute.

Activities included many birding walks, a birding trivia event, least tern decoy painting, yoga, a paddle on Dennys Bay and boat trips to Machias Seal Island, Petit Manan and Head Harbour to view birds and other sea life.

The Downeast Spring Birding Festival takes place every year on Memorial Day weekend. Registration for the 2026 festival will open in January. To learn more about the festival or to download the "Self-Guided Birding Explorations" booklet, visit <<https://cobscookinstitute.org/birdfest>>.



HOLDING UP their recently painted least tern decoys, created with the help of Laurie Bragg from National Audubon's Seabird Institute, Wabanaki artist Norma Randi Marshall and sketch biologist Abby McBride, are these young participants in the Downeast Spring Birding Festival held at the Cobscook Institute from May 23-26. (Cobscook Institute photo)

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THE CAMPOBELLO MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM received new uniforms this year. Coach Ryan Martin and the team are grateful to Fundy Contractors for their donation of the uniforms. Team members are Aidyn Brown, Riley Brown, Sydney Malloch, Makenna Brown, Rosie Reimer and Olivia Martin.

Athletic awards banquet held at CICS

by Dorinda Davis

Campobello Island Consolidated School held its annual Athletic Banquet the evening of June 3. After a buffet banquet meal for the players and parents, the awards were handed out as follows.



VARSITY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR at the Campobello Island Consolidated School are Eden Searles and Branson Matthews.

Varsity boys soccer: Junior All Star – Bennett Anthony; Fancy Footwork Award – Kolin Barker; Team Player – Sawyer Chute; Most Improved – Greyson Cosman; Golden Leg – Meriner Cosman; Best Ball Handling – Kai Daye; Best Defensive Player – Rowan Fehr; Junior MVP – Asher Henderson; Endless Energy – Dominic Lewis; MVP – Rylan Martin.

Varsity girls soccer: Junior MVP – Shiloh Henderson; Rookie Award – Sutton Jackson; Rookie Award – Rosalind Parker; Golden Boot – Ava Smart; MVP – Eden Searles.

Varsity girls basketball: Rookie of the Year – Shiloh Henderson; Coach’s Award – Shylyn Smart; Most Improved – Bree Williams; Clutch Player of the Year – Ava Smart; MVP – Eden Searles; Outstanding Achievement Award dedicated by Kim Farmer – Ava Smart.

Varsity boys basketball: Hustle Award – Kolin Barker; Sixth Man Award – Greyson Cosman; Unsung Hero – Rowan Fehr; Best Shot Blocker – Dominic Lewis; All Star – Rylan Martin; Top Rebounder – Wyatt Matheson; Best Defense – Branson Matthews; Hot Shot – Lincoln Matthews; Most Improved – Devon Preston; Graham Newman Coach’s Choice Award – Brody McKinney-Cole; Bobby Jackson MVP Award – Meriner Cosman.

Middle school girls basketball: All Star – Andi Calder; Outstanding Effort – Allie Gallagher; Teammate of the Year – Lillian Greenier; Grit Award – Shiloh Henderson; Rising Star and Defensive Player – Azalea Newman; Hustler of the Year – Rosalind Parker; Never Quits – Lilyan Tinker; Positive Attitude Award – Sydney Malloch; Most Improved – Rylee Brown; MVP – Sutton Jackson.

Middle school boys basketball: Defensive Player – Bennett Anthony; Hustler of the Year – Sawyer Chute; MVP – Kai Daye; Offensive Player – Asher Henderson.

Middle school girls volleyball: Best Bumper – Aidyn Brown; Best Blocker – Makenna Brown; Top Server – Rylee Brown; Best Spiker – Shiloh Henderson; Best Digger/ MVP – Sydney Malloch; Best Server – Olivia Martin; Rookie of the Year – Rosie Reimer; Best Setter – Lilyan Tinker.

Varsity girls volleyball: Top Server – Mya Jackson; Most Improved – Allie Martin; Coach’s Award – Sophie Mitchell; MVP – Eden Searles.

Varsity athletic letters were given to Bree Williams, Eden Searles, Meriner Cosman and Branson Matthews.

The Principal’s Team/Club Award was presented to S.T.O.M.P. (Students Together Moving to Prevent Tobacco Use).

Middle school athletes of the year are Shiloh Henderson and Kai Daye. Varsity athletes of the year are Eden Searles and Branson Matthews.

Courier returns to newsstands in county

by Derwin Gowan

The print version of a familiar voice for the community has returned to Charlotte County newsstands. The inaugural edition of the new *Courier*, reborn as a free monthly publication supported by advertising and a federal government grant of about \$20,000, appeared on June 1.

The first edition features a picture of the front page of the first edition of the *St. Croix Courier*, which David Main published in St. Stephen on October 14, 1865. The newspaper became a Charlotte County institution and reached across the St. Croix River into Washington County, too. It published twice a week for several decades but reverted to once a week during the pandemic.

Advocate Media based in Halifax announced in a front-page item on May 29, 2024, that it would suspend publication of the *St. Croix Courier* but that the company had already approached CHCO, Charlotte County’s independent television station based in St. Andrews, about buying the venerable publication. CHCO eventually acquired the right to the *St. Croix Courier’s* name, archives and other assets, but not the old newspaper office and print shop in St. Stephen.

CHCO launched the online version of *The Courier* in September as part of the television station’s website, with Nathalie Sturgeon as editor. This Miramichi native has a professional background in community newspapers and television, and she doubles as editor of *The Courier* and senior producer at CHCO. She joined station director Patrick Watt, news director Vicki Hogarth and senior technical producer/journalist Florence Mitchell as full-time staff working out of cramped quarters in the W.C. O’Neill Arena Complex in St. Andrews. Freelance writers, summer students and volunteers round out the crew.

Former *St. Croix Courier* reporter Barb Rayner and cartoonist Ted Michener will return, Hogarth says.

Hogarth credits former St. Andrews town councillor Guy Groulx with landing a grant for programs for seniors, allowing the paper version of *The Courier* to return. He argued, apparently successfully, that a large rural and retired population might not be too keen to log in to get their news. Groulx taught himself the rudiments of newspaper layout, too, Hogarth says.

Under the conditions of this grant, *The Courier* must circulate free of charge, but it can sell advertising.

Watt’s background is in television, but Hogarth and Sturgeon both started in print.

“I believe in local news, and I believe that local news still works if you’re doing proper local news,” Hogarth says, adding, “If you put people before profit and if you really care about your community and live in the community you serve, then people that read it know it and they are willing to support that.”

CHCO decided a revived *Courier* could succeed on a nonprofit model, as does the television station. Under the new arrangement, the organization has someone selling advertisements for newspaper and television, something it lacked before, Hogarth says.

She acknowledges that a monthly publication cannot compete for breaking news, but she contends there is room for deeper investigative stories and community profiles.

Time will tell what happens a year from now when the grant money stops. Whether the *Courier* can ever return to weekly publication, seek paid subscriptions or continue as a free-circulation newspaper will depend on community support, Hogarth and Sturgeon say. They welcome feedback.

CAMPOBELLO COMMUNITY YARD SALE

by Dorinda Davis
Tel. 752-1009

The Campobello Clothesline and Food Bank will be hosting an island-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 14. Maps with a list of yard sale addresses are posted on Facebook.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Campobello Island Consolidated School will hold their 2025 graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 21. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate the CICS seniors: Meriner Cosman, Isaac Martin, Cali Matheson, Branson Matthews, Austin Mitchell, Devan Preston, Eden Searles and Bree Williams.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Kiddie Cove Pre-School is once again offering its summer extension program and will be offering their services throughout the summer. The program start date is June 23. The deadline to enroll is Tuesday, June 17. Please reach out for pricing. If interested please e-mail <kcove_cics@outlook.com>.

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

The Bay of Fundy International Marathon returns to Campobello Island and Lubec this year. The marathon will be held on Sunday, June 22. When travelling to the area on the weekend, allow for extra travel time for expected delays at the Campobello and Lubec border crossings.

The full marathon starts at West Quoddy Head Lighthouse at 7:30 a.m. AT. The half marathon starts at West Quoddy Head Lighthouse at 9:45 a.m. AT. As a reminder to all travelling the area on Sunday, please be aware of the runners as they make their journeys around the marathon course.

CANADA DAY

The Canada Day Committee is in preparation mode, planning the final touches for the 2025 Campobello Canada Day

events. Once the schedule is finalized, it will be posted.

The committee is currently looking for donations, including local gift certificates, free services from a business or cash donations. The committee is also looking for raffle baskets and looking for donations of cases of water, soda or juice boxes for the children, plates, utensils, cups, napkins, paper towels, hot dogs, buns, mustard, ketchup and cases of assorted chips.

Volunteers are always needed to help to cook, sell tickets and organize games and activities. Anyone who wishes to volunteer or donate is asked to please reach out to a committee member.

LADIES NIGHT FOR GOLFERS

Every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Ladies Night is being held at the Herring Cove Golf Course. It is a weekly 9-hole scramble that is open to all ages and skill levels. There is no commitment to play every week, and no membership at the course is required.

NEW SENIORS PROGRAM

The Campobello Senior Programs from the New Horizon for Seniors, run through the Rural Community of Campobello Island, is offering this year a collaboration of events with the Roosevelt Campobello International Park. The events will take place monthly at various areas and venues at the Roosevelt park. The program director is Kathleen Case.

Upcoming events are: Monday, June 16, at 2 p.m., a historic core tour of the park; July 14 at 2 p.m., a natural area tour; August 11 at 2 p.m., a Lower Duck Pond picnic; September 15 at 2 p.m., art in the park; October 6 at 2 p.m., an Eagle Hill bog walk; November 10 at 2 p.m., a sing-along at the Adams Estate; December 8 at 2 p.m., an FDR Happy Hour at the Adams Estate; and January 12 at 2 p.m., a magic lantern slide show.

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Council hears about fire hall expansion

by Arlene Benham

At their June 2 meeting, Grand Man-an’s village council heard a presentation from the fire department regarding an expansion of the fire hall. Svein Sveinson gave an overview of the department’s current capabilities and the reasons a larger building is needed.

They currently have four trucks, with capacities up to 1,500 gallons. The 1,000-gallon primary truck is the newest, dating from 2015. There is a secondary “attack engine” and a drafting engine. The 1985 “forestry truck” belongs to the Department of Natural Resources. A new 1,000-gallon truck is on order and being built now. With all four trucks, they have a capacity of about 4,500 gallons. Sveinson said they can go through 1,000 gallons “in short order”. A 1,000-gallon truck with a single hose applying 80–100 gallons a minute can be empty in 10–12 minutes, and half of that with a second hose. He outlined the steps their drafting engine follows to get water into a portable tank at the scene, which can take 20-30 minutes if all goes well. Mechanical problems or freezing conditions can delay this. There are 15,000-gallon year-round water tanks in North Head, Grand Harbour and Seal Cove. They can use other seasonal water sources like Mill Brook and Long Pond. He noted that electric vehicle fires are a growing concern and may need 40 times more water to extinguish than a gas vehicle – up to 40,000 gallons and 30–40 truckloads.

Sveinson explained that the trucks need electrical and air connections to be ready at a moment’s notice and thus all need to be kept from freezing. Fitting them into the current garage means parking some in the back, which he said could slow response time if trucks have to be moved around to get out. This also takes up storage space and the area they use for training. When the new truck arrives, he said, “We can’t just kick one of the old trucks out of the hall.”

They would like to extend the garage 35 feet, with increased height and additional full-size doors. He showed a proposed design with a four-door facade. This heated storage would house the fleet with room to grow, provide increased water

storage and catchment, and allow for a vertical hose-drying system. Earlier cost estimates must be revised due to the building’s role in disaster management, and he didn’t have a current estimate.

CAO Chris Rayner said the village is arranging meetings with an engineer and architect to start plans. They will consult with firefighters. Mayor Bonnie Morse said the expansion “is definitely on our to-do list.”

Other business

Rayner’s update on the North Head harbour project contained little information. The site is inactive with some large piles of dredged material remaining. The village was told by Small Craft Harbours in February that work by Greenfield Construction would resume in the spring; this has not yet happened. Subsequent inquiries in May didn’t receive a response, and then Rayner was told they were conducting a “storm sewer investigation.” He thought this related to a nearby property. A resident told him they had inquired of MP John Williamson, and councillor Philman Green said Williamson wasn’t getting much information either. An employee in Williamson’s office told the resident to raise any concerns about property damage with the village, but Rayner said they have been told multiple times that crown land was not the village’s business and their bylaws do not apply. “If that’s the case, don’t tell residents to contact the village,” he said. They will send another inquiry to the fisheries department.

Morse reported that the planning committee has “some concerns” about proposed changes to the rural plan and wants a joint meeting with council. The committee is near the end of its 30-day comment period and working on a formal letter. Morse noted that if council goes against the committee recommendation, a higher percentage of their vote would be required. Committee chair Trish Toll said the plan contained some “confusing wording,” and Dan Boyd said “there was a lot” to consider with “a fair amount of work” to do. While the village has 2 1/2 years to comply with new provincial regulations, he advised working on it as soon as possible.

Morse reported briefly on the Regional Service Commission’s recent quarterly meeting, noting that by 2028 the province is aiming to separate organics from garbage. She said the village’s first curbside recycling pickup went “relatively well.”

There was a brief discussion about a proposal for municipalities to keep the full amount of heavy industrial property tax, which Boyd said the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick is “cautiously” supporting. While it could be a significant amount, Morse said it would not necessarily solve municipalities’ fiscal issues, and there are some underlying concerns that the policy could reduce the amount of other grants or funding available to communities.

The operating contract for the ferries will be up for renewal within a few years. Coastal Transport is compiling information on the quality of service they provide in preparation for the province’s request for proposals. Morse said that aside from weather cancellations, the ferry service has a 99.6%-on-time record. While it would be difficult for the village to exclusively support one company, they will ask to be involved in the process as a stakeholder, and councillors discussed the importance of making sure the contract considers the consequences of any changes on the level of service, the importance of having local employees and factors that are important to Grand Mananers.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the village office.

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St. Andrews mayor Henderson resigns

by Derwin Gowan

Brad Henderson has resigned as mayor of St. Andrews effective June 2, after presiding over his final town council meeting. He had already stated via Facebook that he intended to step down a year ahead of next year’s province-wide municipal elections to spend more time with his family. He and his family agreed when he ran in 2021 that he should serve for four years, but the provincial government extended terms of mayors and councillors to five years as part of municipal reform.

The province made this decision “with no consultation or pressing need,” Henderson says online, adding, “And while my family would support me through anything, I know that after well over a thousand nights away from home at meetings, it’s time to choose them first. It wouldn’t be fair to ask for more sacrifice from my family for a provincial government decision.”

Former Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi is now mayor of St. Andrews, and Councillor Steve Neil is deputy mayor. Henderson served one term as deputy mayor before winning as mayor in 2021. The next round of municipal elections across New Brunswick is set for May 11, 2026.

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DEER ISLAND

by Lisa Miner

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ROADS BEING PAVED

After several decades, the roads on the island are finally being tackled. The first step began last year when crews came to ditch all roads and replace culverts. This year the pavement is being spread, to be followed with new chip seal. The roads have been neglected for so long on the island, and residents are pleased to finally have the work being done.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a new business on the island, the Crowded Cupboard, featuring homemade candles, candy and home decor items, including the amazing Fusion Mineral Paint. Jennifer Matthews is the proprietor, and her location is the old Grant home across from Bella’s Country Market in Lord’s Cove. Currently she is only open on weekends.

FERRY UPDATE

The *Abnaki* hasn’t returned from her spring refit yet, but so far the *John E. Rigby* is able to manage the trips.

With paving trucks and road equipment along with increased traffic from the Campobello ferry there can often be a wait time, but to date all transportation needs

are being met with little to no interruptions.

BUSINESSES READY FOR SUMMER

Ocean View take-out is open on weekends, and the Deer Island Point park and campground are hosting campers regularly, along with East Coast Ferries doing their regular trips from that location.

Rumour has it the Capsill will be opening a patio area soon to enable increased seating at the café.

A new whale-watching tour business has opened up on Deer Island. Kohan Frye has started West Isles Whale Adventures to take on passengers. He can be reached at 506-271-6013.

SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

School will wrap up this week, with six students from Deer Island heading off to Fundy High in St. George this fall. Each year, the current Grade 8 class hosts fundraisers throughout the school year so they can plan a trip each June before they enter the high school. This year’s class will be going to Snider Mountain Ranch.

Congratulations to all of the high school graduates but especially the six islanders who have finished Grade 12.

Quoddy Nature Notes



Snakes of Maine

by Fred Gralenski

I haven't seen any snakes yet in Pembroke this year. Now snakes are not often looking for buddies or people to pet them, but sometimes they will get used to you if you bring them gifts of food.

We apparently have at present nine species of snakes here in Maine, the brown, ribbon, smooth green, northern water, milk, northern black racer, ringneck, common garter and redbelly. My *Maine Amphibians and Reptiles*, published in 1999, by Malcolm Hunter and Aram Calhoun, listed a poisonous timber rattlesnake as present in the western mountains of Maine.

A few years ago, I had a garter snake that would tolerate my presence as it expected a nice juicy fishworm as a reward. That was about the friendliest snake I have ever known, but I have had other snakes that seemed comfortable with me handling them.

According to the Bible, the snake was more crafty than any of the other wild animals that God had created. The serpent convinced Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden. The serpent said that eating that fruit gave one the knowledge of good and evil.

Now I find that having that knowledge should not be bad, but that was the test, and the serpent knew it and Eve disobeyed and even convinced her husband Adam. This action caused the expulsion of the first family from the garden of Eden, and because of that we are now required to till the soil and raise our food, all because of the snake.

I'm not sure that we always know the difference between good and evil. Look at some of the politicians we sometimes elect? I would prefer a common snake to some of them. But because of our own imperfections, I think the system that we have now is about as good as it can get.

Obituaries

JOHN JOSEPH WHYNOTT

LUBEC – John Joseph Whynott went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, June 2, 2025, at Down East Community Hospital. He was born on June 1, 1938, to parents Wilbert and Alta (Foss) Whynott in Calais.

John graduated from Machias High School in 1956, continuing on to enlist in the U.S. Air Force as a radio communications specialist and serving honorably for four years. He often fondly recalled his time stationed in Newfoundland as a

memorable experience that he wouldn't desire to repeat. He entered the Maine State Police and faithfully served the people of Maine for 29 years beginning in 1964. He was promoted to sergeant in 1971, lieutenant in 1980 and captain in 1988. As lieutenant, he served as head of the Northern Criminal Investigation Division and later was the first commanding officer for Troop J. Throughout his career, he continuously attained perfect marks on his annual marksmanship requalifications, continuing to hold the record on the force today. He retired as captain,



the highest earned rank, commanding the Northern Division troops C, E, F and J. In retirement, he couldn't remain idle, accepting an appointment as a bail commissioner for Washington County where he continued to exercise his good judgment within the criminal justice system.

John twice served as the past master of Island Falls Masonic Lodge #206 and remained a member in good standing for 57 years. He worshiped faithfully as a congregant at the Lubec Congregational Christian Church, donating freely of his time in many capacities when and where needed – ushering, doing repairs and generally being helpful with his many talents. He was regarded by many in his community and family as an upstanding citizen and longstanding servant leader.

John is survived by his brother, Frank Whynott; son, Jamey Whynott; daughter, Shannon Stull; grandchildren, Joseph, Jean, Daniel, Christopher, Nicole, McKenzie, Calie, John Joseph, Gabriel and Matthew; longtime companion and significant other, Diane Mann, and her children, Sherri Williams and Kimberly Karam, and their children, Dylan, Wesley, Seth, Emma, Noah, Abram and Gabriel, who all treasured John as their Papa. In addition,

John is also survived by several in-laws, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers and sisters, Gloria, Edith, Katherine, Wilbert Jr. (Buddy) and James; and his son, Jeffrey Whynott.

A graveside service will be held at the Jacksonville Cemetery on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 2 p.m. followed by interment with military honors. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Lubec Congregational Christian Church. An announcement with the time and additional details will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in remembrance may be sent to the Salvation Army or another Christian community charity of your choice. Condolences and messages of support may be expressed at <<https://mcclurefamilyfuneral.com/>>.

Semper aequus.

ARLINE M. FLOOD

COOPER – Arline M. Flood, 91, of Cooper passed away peacefully at Calais Community Hospital with her family by her side on June 6, 2025. Born in Casco on August 24, 1933, Arline was the loving daughter of the late Philip and Nellie Day.

She was a compassionate soul whose life was marked by unwavering dedication to her family, her community and her work. Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Cooper, where she attended the Little Red School House and was a proud member of 4-H. Her education continued at Calais High School, from which she graduated.

On September 6, 1951, Arline married the love of her life, Ralph M. Flood, while Ralph was on leave from the Navy. They started their family in Norfolk, Va., and upon the conclusion of Ralph's service they decided to return to Cooper to continue growing their family. Arline was always active and enjoyed the satisfaction of earning her own income. Known as the "Blueberry Queen," she held various roles over the years, from correspondent for the *Calais Advertiser*, to crafting wreaths and working in the blueberry fields with her brothers. However, what she was best known for was her many years as a representative for Avon cosmetics. Arline was civic minded and cared deeply for the people and town of Cooper, serving as an election official, was a member of various Grange offices and a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also an active member of the Meddybemps Christian Association.

Arline was preceded in death by her loving husband of 66 years, Ralph Flood; her son, Ralph Daniel Flood; her brother, Justin Day; sister, Violet Dineen; granddaughter, Amy Jo Flood; and great-granddaughter, Abby Flood. She is survived by her children, Marcia and Paul Wheelock, Ronnie and Ann Marie Flood, Sandra Lyon, Philip and Karyn Flood, and Eric Flood; her brother, Willis Day; sister, Louise Lee; brothers-in-law, Rolfe Flood and Vincent Dineen; along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., with a celebration of life to follow on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Mays Funeral Home, 26 Church St., Calais, with burial to follow at West Ridge Cemetery in Cooper. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home & Cremation Services.



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Obituaries

EDWARD H. EMERY

ORMOND BEACH, FLA. – Edward H. Emery, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, at the age of 85.

Born on May 13, 1940, in Eastport, Eddie had the unique distinction of being the



first baby born at Eastport Memorial Hospital. He spent his formative years in Bangor, graduating from Bangor High School, before attending the University of Maine. He later earned the professional designation of Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), reflecting his dedication to excellence in his career.

Eddie proudly served his country as a member of the Maine Air National Guard and was deeply committed to philanthropy throughout his life. His service began in his youth with DeMolay International and continued with lifelong membership in the Masons and the Masonic Shrine.

Eddie was known for his love of the outdoors, especially his passion for fishing and boating – interests he joyfully shared with his beloved wife, Sally. Together, they created a life filled with adventure and companionship, celebrating 65 inseparable years of marriage.

Eddie’s infectious smile, mischievous charm and outgoing personality brought light and laughter to everyone who knew him. His presence was magnetic, and he will be deeply missed by family and friends alike.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Sally Emery; his children, Shelly Berry, Ann-Margret Emery and Edward Emery Jr.; his cherished grandchildren, Ashley Town, Sarah Berry, Tristan Goldman and Ally Goldman; great-grandchild, Isla Town; and his brother, Ross Emery. He was predeceased by his son, Terry Emery; his parents, Emily and Harold Emery; his sister, Sally Burlock; and his brothers, Bobby and Bucky (Harold) Emery.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Blakey Memorial United Methodist Church, 74 High Street, Eastport. A reception for family and friends will follow in the church assembly hall.

In loving memory of Eddie – may his laughter echo in our hearts and his legacy live on through those who were lucky enough to know him.

DEATH NOTICES

Daryl Edwin Conley, 73, of Hibernia Cove, Deer Island, passed away on May 20, 2025. He was born in St. Stephen on February 14, 1952, the son of the late Ronald and Marilyn Conley. His funeral service was held at the Leonardville Church of Christ on May 24.

Robert Stephen Field, 87, of Grand Manan passed away on May 18, 2025, at the Grand Manan Hospital. He was born in Port Elgin on August 18, 1937, the son of Douglas and Dorothy Field. A celebration of his life will take place at the Lighthouse Church on August 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

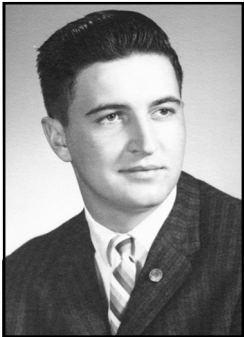
Ashley Suzanne Green, 31, of Grand Manan passed away on May 4, 2025. She was born in 1993, the daughter of the Tracy and Julanna Green. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Gary Bates Young, 81, of Chocolate Cove, Deer Island, passed away on May 29, 2025. He was born on March 27, 1944, in Eastport, the son of Cyril and Mildred Young. A private family service will be held at a later date this summer.

GILBERT F. MURPHY

EASTPORT – Gilbert F. Murphy passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, after a long illness. He was born in Machias on October 17, 1946, to Sheila Fernald Murphy and Steward Murphy.

After his parents divorced, Gilbert



moved to Eastport with his mother and stepfather, Harold Malloch. He attended Eastport schools and graduated from Shead Memorial High School in 1965. He attended Maine Maritime Academy for a year before enlisting in the Navy. He served three tours in Vietnam aboard the USS *Point Defiance*.

After completing his military service, he attended the University of Maine and earned a degree in electrical engineering technology. At various times he was employed by Georgia Pacific, New England Telephone and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He started his own electrical business in the late ’80s and operated it until he sold it in 2015. He then taught the electrical course at WCCC, a job he loved, until he retired in 2023.

Gil was very community minded and supported Eastport in any way he could. He was past president of the Eastport City Council, chairman of the Eastport Port Authority board and served more than 20 years on the Eastport Fire Department and 15 years as an EMT with the last five years as an advanced EMT.

He is survived by his loving wife, Alda Peabody Murphy; his beloved son, Michael (Lindsey), and beloved son, Andrew and his wife Allison, whom he loved as a daughter; and his cherished grandchildren, Liam and Samantha. He held a special place in his heart for the Bartlett family, Chris, Connie and their three children, Mary, Sarah and Katherine – his “granddaughters.”

Gil is also survived by brothers, Scott (Ann) Malloch of Eastport and Michael (Becky) Murphy of Fayetteville, Ga.; brother-in-law, Daniel (Audrey) Peabody of Venice, Fla.; dear cousins, Julia Bates of Bangor and Susan Long of Belfast, along with many Hilyard cousins, too numerous to mention.

He was grateful to have had lifelong friends, Albion and Pauline Huntley of South Portland, Gerald and Bonnie Ellingwood of Taylors, N.C., Sharon Fickett of Perry and Dan and Sonja Fongemie of Fort Meyers, Fla.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a dear brother, Christian Malloch.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Peavey Memorial Library, Helping Hands Food Pantry or a charity of your choice. A celebration of Gil’s life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.MaysFuneralHome.com>.

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JANICE SULTZ

MARION TOWNSHIP – Janice Sultz, née Miller, of Marion Township, acclaimed ceramic artist, teacher and mentor to countless students, passed away on February 27, 2025, at the age of 91 in Wilmette, Ill.

Jan is survived by her daughters, Heather



Sultz and Jennifer Sultz; her cousin, Susan Farrell (Richard); and by many cherished friends and colleagues and generations of students, for whom she was and continues to be a lifelong inspiration.

Jan was born and raised on Staten Island, N.Y., and attended Wagner College there as a painting major under the tutelage of Warren Robinson. She graduated summa cum laude and won the Nicum Prize for highest standing in scholarship. Her earliest exhibits of paintings were at the Contemporary Arts Gallery and the Art Students League, New York, N.Y. Her direction toward clay forms developed as a graduate student at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan under the influence of Maija Grotell and Zoltan Sepeszy. At Cranbrook, she met and married her lifelong love, painter Phil Sultz. She taught in higher education for over 30 years, first at the University of Missouri, then initiating and developing the ceramics program at the Kansas City Art Institute in the late 1950s and later at Webster University, St. Louis, Mo., where she taught alongside Phil in the art department for 24 years.

Some galleries where her exquisite stoneware ceramics have been exhibited include Allan Stone Gallery, New York, N.Y.; Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; University of Maine at Machias; A.J. Bueche Fine Art, Northeast Harbor; Bates College Museum of Art, Lewiston; Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, Ill.; Elliot Smith Gallery, St. Louis, Mo.; Signet Arts Gallery, St. Louis, Mo.; America House, New York, N.Y.; and The XXI Ceramic National, Syracuse, N.Y. In addition, her photography has been exhibited at the Teton County Library, Jackson, Wyo.

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the beautiful sympathy cards, acts of kindness and support during Gil’s illness and passing. We are grateful to family and friends, old and new, who helped ease his journey. Special thanks to the “porch people” for coming for visits and coffee.

Thank you, everyone, for your prayers.

The family of
Gilbert F. Murphy
There will be no reception.

Jan’s pottery is lovingly housed in many private collections.

In addition to her teaching career, Jan worked on a Montana ranch for two summers and was employed as a park ranger for the National Park Service. With her husband Phil, she served as a fire lookout and backcountry patrol park ranger in Grand Teton National Park. After leaving college teaching, she and Phil lived and created art at their studios in Downeast Maine for over 30 years.

Jan was a soft spoken but powerful force of determination. She had a brilliant and inquisitive mind, and she was strongly drawn to the natural world, about which she had great depths of knowledge. Pioneer stock through and through, she was happy and content amid forests, streams and tidepools. She designed and oversaw the building of the home in Maine, which she and Phil loved, planting prodigious gardens, harvesting crops and making maple syrup from the trees on their land every year. To the end, though frail in many ways, she still had an iron will and an iron grip from a lifetime of shaping pottery on the wheel, kneading bread, planting gardens and gently caring for two little girls. She taught her daughters every day how to be in the world, living a full and creative life. She will live on forever in those who loved her and learned from her.

Suggested organizations for donations in memory of Jan are: Natural Resources Defense Council <www.nrdc.org>; Nature Conservancy <www.nature.org>; and the National Park Foundation <www.nationalparks.org>.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Mary Kendall Follis, Perry – A graveside service for Mary Kendall Follis will be held at the Restlawn Cemetery in Perry on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. Rev. Lynn Rutledge will be performing the service.



Card of Thanks

The Cemetery Department and the City of Eastport are very grateful and would like to thank Shead High School students once again for the outstanding job of placing flags on our veterans’ graves.

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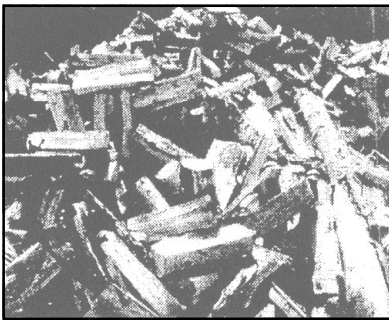
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