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FIRING THEIR MUSKETS are members of the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine during a "Rebels and Redcoats" skirmish at the 19th annual Margaretta Days Festival in Machias. See page 15 for more photos of the festival. (RJ Heller photo)

Lubec allows ATVs if conditions are met

by J.D. Rule

Municipal officers are not obligated to defer to the public when deciding to open municipal roads to ATVs, according to a legal opinion provided by the Maine Municipal Association (MMA). This information was provided during the Lubec Select Board meeting held June 18, during which the board narrowly approved allowing ATVs on certain municipal roads, subject to the local ATV club providing a map showing connected trails where private property owners have granted permission for ATV use. The issue of opening up a portion of the town to ATV traffic previously had been the subject of a contentious meeting held by the board on May 7.

In an email sent to Lubec Town Administrator Suzette Francis on May 12, MMA attorney Sarah Jancarik wrote, "The public may attempt to influence the

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Roosevelt park to operate with fewer staff, citing loss of funds

by Lura Jackson

Roosevelt Campobello International Park (RCIP) is facing a critical funding shortage as a result of an unresolved delay in part of the annual payment from the U.S. National Park Service (NPS). The park has not yet received around 60% of its funding from the NPS, leaving a shortfall of just over \$1 million. The park operates on approximately \$4 million a year.

"It's not that we're not getting the funds," says Jon Southern, executive director and superintendent for the park, noting that the funds have been approved. "It's that there's no one in government that knows where we get the funds, how the funds are processed, that sort of thing." Typically, once the funds are approved by Congress, the U.S. Department of Interior assigns them to the National Park Service for distribution. "There's no staff left in key positions that know the process," says

Southern.

The RCIP received 40% of its payment from the U.S. government in January, Southern says, along with the full payment from the Canadian government. Normally, the remainder of the funds from the U.S. government would come no later than mid-May. "So here we are in the middle of June, and they're not here."

RCIP is particularly affected, as it is the only jointly-managed international park in the world. It was established by treaty and managed by a commission, and part of the agreement between the two countries covers cost sharing. As such, the funds contributed by the U.S. government in one year are matched by the following year by the Canadian government. "So any funding we're lacking from the U.S. side will hit us next year," Southern explains.

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Lawful asylum seeker in Calais detained by ICE

by Edward French

A Venezuelan asylum seeker who was lawfully working on a drywall job in Robbinston ended up being detained by U.S. Border Patrol agents and spending over two months in immigration detention after a "concerned citizen" of Calais twice called the Border Patrol about a van with "illegal aliens" being seen at the Irving gas station on North Street and then at the Calais Motor Inn. A federal judge was sharply critical of the actions by both U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in arresting Flores Salazar in early March and then jailing him at correctional facilities in Vermont and Massachusetts. The actions by the agencies have become a pattern during the recent crackdown by the federal government on immigration, with similar cases being challenged in the courts over due process rights being violated.

In his June 11 ruling on Salazar's petition for release from detention, Judge Leo Sorokin of the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts wrote, "Put simply, the evidence overwhelmingly establishes,

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Robbinston weighs cost of school choice

by Lura Jackson

The June 13 meeting of the Robbinston School Committee saw a review of two prospective budgets, only one of which maintains school choice for Robbinston students. The separate budgets were requested for comparison purposes in the face of a \$230,392 shortfall caused by the sudden and unexpected loss of Robbinston's ability to place tuition caps for its students. Parents at the meeting voiced their concern about the potential loss of school choice, something some assert was a condition of the closure of the Robbinston Grade School in 2015.

"For my oldest son in particular, it would be absolutely devastating," says Michelle Hagar. Her son, who has special needs, is going into the second grade in Pembroke, where he has built supports and resources, she says. "For any kid, special needs or not, to rip out their support network and force them to a new environ-

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Airport community day celebrates new terminal

by Edward French

The inaugural Eastport Airport Community Day was celebrated by crowds who watched skydiving demonstrations, listened to music and speeches, and viewed a Black Hawk helicopter, vintage aircraft and classic cars, all under clear skies and amid a buoyant atmosphere. The June 14 event at the Eastport Municipal Airport marked the opening of the spacious, new terminal building, along with the completion of major upgrades, including a new runway and lighting and infrastructure improvements. The upgrades are part of a long-term plan to attract commercial flights to the airport.

In her remarks, U.S. Senator Susan Collins stated, "Eastport Municipal Airport helps connect Downeast Maine to the world. Just as important, and to the benefit of those not fortunate enough to live here, it connects the world to Downeast Maine. Maine's smaller airports are vital pieces of our state's infrastructure that promote job creation, tourism and economic development throughout the surrounding communities."

"For more than 80 years, Eastport and neighboring communities have worked to build this vital link," she stated, with the new terminal building helping to make those connections more secure and ac-

commodating.

As chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Collins has worked over the years to secure funding for the airport, with nearly \$7 million in federal funding having been awarded to Eastport in 2019 and 2024. In addition, a recent Federal Aviation Administration grant of \$150,821 will fund the rehabilitation of the existing parking area.

The new \$1.12 million terminal, built by King Construction Services of Machias with Aviest Engineering of Woodland providing project management and engineering services, is a major step toward

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Fundy marathon returns 33



A BALD EAGLE flies away with his catch of an alewife as other eagles look on at the Pennamaquan River in Pembroke on June 15. (Don Dunbar photo)

Body of missing Milbridge clammer found

At approximately 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, the body of Alton Wallace, 51, of Milbridge was recovered by Maine Marine Patrol officers from the western shore of Foster Island in Narraguagus Bay. He had been missing since Sunday, May 18, when he failed to return from harvesting clams, prompting a search of the bay and surrounding islands.

Wallace's body was located by a fisherman near the high-water line. The fisherman reported it to Marine Patrol officers who quickly responded and were able to

The Maine Office of Tourism is seeking input from Maine residents.

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confirm his identity by his driver's license, which was found in his pocket.

The search for Wallace had continued since he was reported missing, initially involving members of U.S. Coast Guard, the Maine Warden Service, the Maine Forest Service, the Underwater Recovery Team, local fishermen and community members.

The Marine Patrol had continued the search effort on the water and by plane, focusing on the area near Fickett Point at the mouth of the Narraguagus River where responders were able to determine Wallace's last cell phone ping had occurred. Foster Island is approximately one mile to the east of Fickett Point.

Wallace's body has been transported to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Augusta for an autopsy.

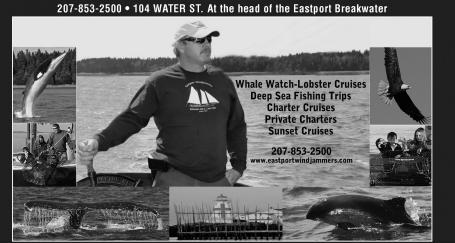


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Delegation seeks delay in buoy removal

A bipartisan cohort of the New England Senate delegation is urging the U.S. Coast Guard to delay the removal of navigational buoys off the coast of New England. In a letter to Coast Guard Commandant Kevin Lunday, the senators ask for USCG to extend the comment period for public input, undertake more extensive outreach and enhance the compilation of data before making any final decisions on the removal of the navigational buoys.

The USCG launched the Coastal Buoy Modernization Initiative in April. This initiative proposed the discontinuation of 351 coastal buoys across New England, with Maine accounting for the largest share at 145 buoys. In parallel, an additional 2,349 buoys and beacons are under review for future removal.

The senators state, "We write regarding our concerns with the First District Coastal Buoy Modernization Initiative and related efforts. Principally, we have reservations about how this would affect the safety of mariners throughout District One, the timeline the agency is proposing and the sufficiency of the agency's communications with stakeholders of the proposed changes. We understand the need to modernize the Aids-to-Navigation (ATON) system, and we commend the agency for proactively initiating a program to assess current systems and to propose appropriate changes. However, we urge the agency to slow down this effort to ensure that the agency understands the needs of the communities and mariners in our states. Therefore, we urge you to extend the public comment period and increase public and congressional engagement as outlined in this letter."

"We understand that Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), Electronic Navigation Charts (ENC), Electronic Charting Systems (ECS) and smartphone navigation applications have changed many facets of navigation," they continued. "However, prudent mariners continue to depend on non-electronic and traditional means of navigating, including charts and visual navigation aids like buoys and related ATON."

The senators concluded, "With respect to the First District Coastal Buoy Modernization Initiative, we are troubled that the current proposal would discontinue 916 buoys and beacons (309 coastal and 607 harbor buoys) in District One as soon as this year and into 2026. We appreciate the need to modernize, but the Coast Guard and other stakeholders need to maximize navigation safety utilizing all available means – electronic and visual. As you are well aware, mishaps continue to show the need for mariners to competently pilot their vessels, and effective coastal piloting relies on GPS, radar and visual navigational aids including buoys, beacons, lights, ranges and lighthouses."

Rockweed coalition offers local events

The Maine Rockweed Coalition (MRC) offers several fun and educational events this summer around Cobscook Bay.

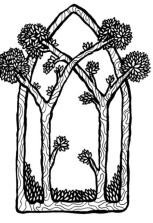
On Saturday, June 28, a low-tide shore walk focusing on brown seaweed identification and unusual marine animals found below the low tide line will be held at Reversing Falls in Pembroke.

On Wednesday, July 2, a picnic/social/ low tide walk will be held at the Center for Ecological Teaching and Learning in Edmunds.

On September 9 and 11 a rockweed class is offered through the University of Maine at Machias' Sunrise Senior College. All events are free, except for a nominal fee for the Sunrise Senior College class. Details can be found on the MRC event page at <mainerockweedcoalition. org/events>.



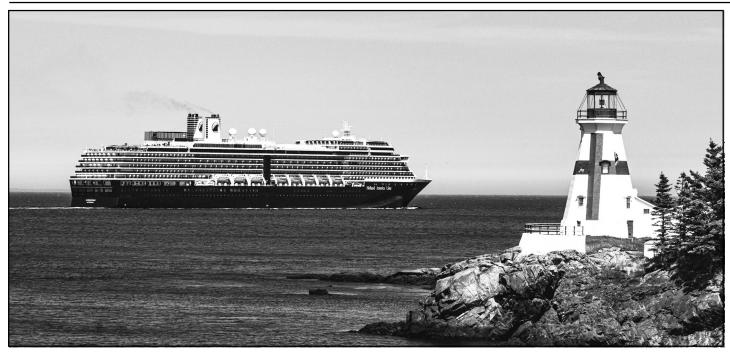
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HEADING OUT past Head Harbour Lightstation on Campobello is the Zuiderdam after the 936-foot cruise ship made a port call at Eastport on June 16. (Brian Flynn photo)

Weather Report

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

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Tide Table

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

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SAT.	2:24 am	27.2	8:46 am	2.3	SUN.	9:28 am	22.1	3:17 am	6.2
June 28	2:57 pm	25.3	9:08 pm	4.3	July 6	9:46 pm	23.3	3:34 pm	6.9
SUN.	3:16 am	26.2	9:37 am	3.1	MON.	10:18 am	22.3	4:07 am	5.9
June 29	3:48 pm	24.9	9:59 pm	4.6	July 7	10:33 pm	24.1	4:23 pm	6.9
MON.	4:07 am	25.6	10:26 am	3.9	TUES.	11:05 am	22.6	4:54 am	5.2
June 30	4:38 pm	24.6	10:51 pm	5.2	July 8	11:19 pm	24.3	5:09 pm	6.6
TUES.	4:59 am	24.6	11:16 am	4.6	WED.	11:49 am	23.1	5:39 am	4.9
July 1	5:29 pm	24.1	11:43 pm	5.6	July 9			5:54 pm	5.9
WED.	5:51 am	23.6			THUR.	12:02 am	24.9	6:22 am	4.3
July 2	6:21 pm	23.6	12:07 pm	5.6	July 10	12:31 pm	23.6	6:37 pm	5.6
THUR.	6:45 am	23.1	12:36 am	6.2	FRI.	12:44 am	25.3	7:03 am	3.9
July 3	7:13 pm	23.3	12:59 pm	6.2	July 11	1:12 pm	24.1	7:18 pm	5.2
FRI.	7:40 am	22.3	1:30 am	6.2	SAT.	1:25 am	25.6	7:44 am	3.6
July 4	8:05 pm	23.3	1:52 pm	6.6	July 12	1:52 pm	24.3	7:59 pm	4.9
SAT.	8:35 am	22.1	2:24 am	6.2	SUN.	2:06 am	25.9	8:25 am	3.3
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Shipping activities: Eastport & Bayside

Bayside

The Canmar arrived at the Port of Bayside on June 8 and loaded 1,000 metric tonnes of fish feed before sailing on June 10 for Newfoundland.

The 360 Supplier arrived on June 10 and loaded 1,920 metric tonnes of fish feed, sailing on June 12 for Newfound-

The Nordnes arrived on June 12 and loaded 24,069 metric tonnes of aggregate rock, sailing on June 13 for a wind farm off New York state.

Eastport

There have been no ships at the Port of Eastport since May 27.

Cruise ships

The 780-foot cruise ship Volendam is scheduled to be docked at the Eastport breakwater on Sunday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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QUODDY OPINION

Legislative changes urged

With the Maine Legislature wrapping up its latest session, once again lawmakers faced having to deal with a great many bills in little time, tempers became frayed and few seemed happy with the process. How can the legislature make changes so that there can be a more expeditious process with less acrimony, while still being deliberative?

Numerous suggestions have been made, and the legislature needs to enact some of the recommendations. With more than 2,000 bills being introduced during this session, lawmakers should place a limit on the number of bills that each legislator may sponsor. There's no need for lawmakers to introduce measures that they know have little chance of being passed. They also should move up the deadline for introducing bills so that sufficient time is allowed for each measure to be adequately considered.

Concept drafts, with only a bill title and no legal language, should not be permit-

ted, as they do not provide the public with sufficient information about what a bill proposal may do so they can testify in a meaningful way during a public hearing. And public hearings should be held on any significant bills, with sufficient notice for citizens to weigh in during a hearing.

In addition to these suggestions, we urge legislators to make a sincere effort to avoid the dysfunction of Congress. They should not demonize those across the aisle or with whom they disagree, and there's no need to make exaggerated claims about the impact of bill proposals. Lawmakers may strongly disagree on principle about particular bills, but they do not need to question the motivations of those who take a different position. Instead, legislators can focus on working for the common good of all Maine citizens.

We urge the legislature to act on some of these changes so that the next session can be more amicable and productive.

Edward French

MAILBOAT REX IV

WHO ARE WE NOW?

To the editor:

We all know that line, right: "If you build it they will come." You might not know what iconic sports movie it comes from or the meaning behind the statement. But on June 11 it was clear the attitude of the public is: "If you build it, they [the children] will come."

I hate to be "that person," but I was a child once (a long time ago). I have kids. I'm soon to have grandkids. Most of the people my age are worried about greatgrandkids because their grandkids are "that age."

When I was a kid I didn't grow up in Eastport. I grew up in a "small town" of 250,000 declared people. We were known for three things: lemons, movies and being stubborn. As kids we had one complaint: "There's nothing to do around here!" It is the mantra of every child. It doesn't matter if you live in Eastport or Boston, you will say that and believe it. You are a kid, what do you know? You go where your parents tell you to go, not eat what your parents tell you to eat, and goof around most of your day.

Speaking of parents, where are the parents? Ideally, child-bearing age of parents is between 15 and 35 for a first child; the average is approaching 27. What is the one demographic shrinking rapidly in the City of Eastport? 20 to 35 year olds.

Who are we kidding? If you build it the seniors may use it, but there's a whole demographic of Eastporters who have no intention of being here longer than they have to – all less than 200 of the nearly 1,250 residents.

Clarification

The article in the June 13 issue of *The Quoddy Tides* about the salmon farm discussion at the June 4 meeting of the Lubec Select Board requires some clarification. Cooke Aquaculture representatives have cited a two-year licensing process during previous meetings but now say the process takes three to five years. Also, during the June 4 meeting a Cooke representative stated, "We do not plan on utilizing the Johnson Street location before 2027" but did not state a specific year for when that site would begin to be used to raise salmon.

As the youngest generation shrinks, the oldest generation moves on; the population goes from several thousand to under one thousand, and that's not including the "lived here all my life" and "aways" (you know, people like me who have lived here a decade).

"If you build it they will come" doesn't mean the kids that moved away. It means the people from away and people in tune with a different vision than the one you may be building. I love Eastport, its people and all the little quirks. But what got us in this mess was doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result, having the same leaders not preparing for the future but letting people do the same old thing.

We need to recognize who we are, look at the numbers of who we are, and then figure out who we want to be.

> John Morton Eastport

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED FOR MARATHON SUPPORT

To the editor:

On behalf of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon organization, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support for this iconic event.

The return of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon was made possible entirely through the efforts of a dedicated, grassroots, volunteer team. From the earliest planning stages through to the final execution, this group of hardworking individuals brought the event to life through their passion and commitment.

We are especially grateful to our many municipal partners on both sides of the border – including emergency management teams, law enforcement, border agencies, medical personnel, town councils, local businesses, transportation services, schools and our generous sponsors. Your collaboration and support were instrumental in the success of this event.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the ninth running of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon on the third weekend of June 2026.

Once again, we are grateful to everyone involved. The return of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon would not have been possible without you.

Dan DeLuca Lubec



Across Your Editor's Desk

BENEFITS OF GROWING KELP

The benefits of growing kelp in Maine's waters are outlined in a recent article in The Guardian newspaper. Ocean acidification has been affecting the Gulf of Maine for some time, with atmospheric carbon dioxide from fossil fuels being the main driver of declining pH in the waters, with the acidity of the world's oceans increasing by over 40% since the preindustrial era. Ocean acidification can impede shell development in mussels, clams, lobsters and oysters. In addition, with carbon runoff from coastal communities and other factors, the Gulf of Maine is warming three times faster than the global average, resulting in key economic resources being under threat.

Kelp, though, has been found to change water chemistry enough to lower the levels of carbon dioxide in the immediate vicinity. A recent paper published in the journal *Nature Climate Change* documents that seaweed farms also can contribute to the health of oceans by trapping carbon at the bottom of the sea. In addition, the kelp is helping mussels, causing them to grow faster and larger, with thicker shells and of higher quality. Some companies are now growing kelp alongside mussels in an approach known as integrated multi-trophic aquaculture.

Matt Moretti, co-owner of Bangs Island Mussels, notes that climate change and ocean acidification are global problems, but farming kelp provides local-scale mitigation. "It's something we can do here that can help the waters around us that actually has a significant impact," he states.

ADDRESSING ISLAND HOUSING CRISIS

The housing crisis is affecting communities throughout Maine, with some municipalities taking a proactive approach to finding solutions. In its May 22 issue, the Island Ad-Vantages newspaper features an article on the report issued by the Deer Isle-Stonington housing task force that has compiled data on all types of housing on the island. The task force conducted an inventory of the housing, surveyed local employers, looked at the feasibility of constructing a small manufactured home park and reviewed local land use ordinances. Stuart Kestenbaum, a co-chair of the task force, noted that it is not one answer to addressing the issue, but rather a number of different strategies that can be implemented. Or as another member of the group stated, "It's not silver bullets, it's going to be like silver buckshot."

The survey of employers found that one of the biggest housing hurdles is a lack of entry-level homeownership and that many people commute an hour or more to work on the island. "If housing is developed locally, the shorter commute could give employers an edge when it comes to attracting a workforce," the article by Will Robinson states. The survey also indicated that employers are concerned about the health of the local school system, as employees with children move off-island to find housing.

A significant consideration going forward will be whether the municipality will be able to subsidize housing development, either through donating land or establishing a cash fund.

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The Cove

WHALE-WATCH

The tide is right to hail the whirlpool... Rampage of currents and quickly changing depths,

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Lie where they fell in times past, Bleached as bone across lichen'd stone, Wave-swashed, salt-lashed, Isolate, but for soaring seabirds; Eagle, gull, the rare razorbill. Mysteries of wild summer whales,

Their migrant return to northern waters, Nutrients within the fathoms. Mid-June. Passengers talk wonders, stalk

minke, Watch their dark arcs, distinct dorsal fins,

Eyes trained on dives,
Where they may surface again.
We are intent, while we also register
The East Quoddy light, now close.

The Canadian isle of Campobello,
Maple Leaf flag on a nearby whale-watch
vessel

Old Eastport folk often note changes in their region.

Like the wake behind our boat as we speed to seal cove,

Not all that makes a mark stays in place. Sea captain slows engines to idle. He moves among us, happy within himself, As we can't help but exclaim... Awe for bobbing faces of the pinniped

Their lacquered coats and whiskered snouts.

First mate recalls relevant stories, colloquial shares.

Standing, as the boat roars homeward, Knees flexed, spray in my face, a wide grin.

Unknowing of all but the claim of the sea, The intimate way it infiltrates my being. Erine Leigh

E**rine Leigh** Eastport

Thought for a fortnight

In summer, the song sings itself.

William Carlos Williams

MAILBOAT REX IV

FIFTEEN MILLION PEOPLE MAY LOSE HEALTH INSURANCE

To the editor:

If you are getting healthcare insurance through Medicaid or through the Affordable Care Act you may be one of over 15 million Americans who will lose it.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has analyzed the current legislation being considered by the U.S. Senate right now and published their results on June 4. The CBO is a nonpartisan agency tasked with the work of informing the Congress, and by extension the public, of budget and economic information.

It has made the following conclusions.

- 1. 10.9 million Americans will lose their healthcare insurance, largely because they will no longer have Medicaid by 2034.
- 2. Almost five million Americans who have healthcare presently through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will lose their subsidies in January 2026, seven months from now. Note: Some people may have these subsidies and not even know it.
- 3. \$2.4 trillion will be added to the national debt.

In addition, more than 300 rural hospitals, including two in Maine, could close if the federal budget includes proposed deep cuts to Medicaid, according to new analysis by the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The report names Northern Light A.R. Gould Hospital in Presque Isle, formerly Aroostook Medical Center, and Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth among 338 hospitals across the country that are either unusually reliant on Medicaid or reported operating losses over the past three years. Both Maine hospitals are included for their recent record of operating losses.

This bill has already been approved by the House of Representatives! The Senate is now reported to be considering even further cuts in the Medicaid program.

If you are against this bill, the best way to negatively affect its passage is to notify your U.S. senator by telephone or email. Here is their contact information: Senator Susan Collins, telephone 207-945-0417; email form <www.collins.senate.gov/contact/email-senator-collins>; Senator Angus King, telephone 207-945-8000; email form <www.king.senate.gov/contact>.

Bob Rossow East Machias

SENATOR COLLINS AND THE BUDGET BILL

To the editor:

Senator Collins has said that there is much to like in the budget bill that is before the Senate, like tax cuts to small businesses and low- and middle-income taxpayers. However, her statement is contradicted by the government's own Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the annual effect for the lifetime to the bill.

In the analysis, American households' income is reported in 10 separate divisions from lowest to highest. To show the true effect, not only is earned income counted but also the income derived to households by government benefits including Social Security, minus the taxes that each household has to pay. The budget bill would have the effect of decreasing the available income to our poorest households and delivering the benefit to the wealthiest.

Under the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) formula, the lowest 10% of households have a yearly available income of \$39,364. For those in the 50% bracket, they have available income of \$105,066, and for the top 10% of households their available income is \$517,103.

For Maine families that make less than \$39,500, they can expect a yearly decrease in disposable income and benefits of

\$1,559. For families making less than \$76,500, they will lose \$312 under the bill. If you are in the 50th percentile and make a little over \$105,000, you will receive less than \$10 a week under this bill, hardly the tax relief for "low- and middle-income taxpayers" that Senator Collins claims. And who will benefit the most? The upper 10% of taxpayers making over a half a million dollars will get a \$231 tax break each week. The CBO does not break the figures down more than by decile (10 equal divisions), but if it did, the figures would show that the vast amount of this tax cut goes to the upper 1% of taxpayers.

Why do figures matter? Because Senator Collins wants you to believe that you will benefit from the proposed tax cuts. If you make more than a half a million dollars, she is correct. However, if you make less than \$76,000, you will lose under this bill, and if you, or someone in your family, makes less than \$39,500, the loss will be a hardship or worse.

Jeffrey Lovit Addison

TIME TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

To the editor:

Elections must be decided by people who live here, not by corporations who don't breathe our air, drink our water or eat food raised on our lands.

It was once said that corporations are people too. This is false. What corporation ever mourned a loved one lost to cancer? What corporation ever served in combat? What corporation had to work time into their day to attend a teacher conference involving their child? People do things corporations can't, and people vote. Corporations don't have voter identification cards and should not be able to influence elections.

If we are truly a country where each individual matters equally, folks like Elon Musk should not be able to purchase elections with \$300 million donations.

In 2023, Maine passed a historic referendum to ban foreign government spending in state elections and called on Congress to pass the "For Our Freedom" amendment. The referendum passed with 86% support, the largest margin of victory of any initiative in state history.

Mainers have expressed their desires. We want to live in freedom, and that includes freedom from unwarranted corporate influences. Much of America believes as we do. One person, one vote – the way life should be without corporate interference.

Celebrate our independence with a vow to maintain it.

Keith Newman Addison

TRUMP'S UNETHICAL CHAOS

To the editor:

I admire the largesse of the rank-and-file Republicans who willingly submit to bullying and hardship in the present on the vague promise that life will get better sometime in the future. At the same time, their leader is receiving gifts like a \$400 million airplane and hosts \$1 million-a-plate banquets so people can buy "get out of jail" cards for their relatives, among other things. It takes special people to be so understanding.

What happens to a society when money becomes the end all and be all of decision-making? Do compassion and respect for fellow human beings no longer bear consideration? Do people no longer care enough to imagine what they would do if put in someone else's shoes? Is there no place for moral and ethical standards? If moral and ethical standards are for sale, who can be trusted?

The current Trump administration makes no bones about the fact that they

think they are above the law and the rules and regulations that govern the rest of society. As a reward for the loyalty of those who voted Republican in November, they have been relegated to the same fate as the rest of the 99%.

If there is a midterm election, it will be interesting to see how many Republican voters will continue supporting an egotistical bully and sharing the responsibility for the implosion of the U.S., and how many will try to reverse the trend. There is no excuse for anyone to claim they didn't know what they were voting for in November. The evidence was clear for those who bothered to open their eyes. The old saying that "if one doesn't learn from history one is doomed to repeat it" is very applicable to the current situation in the U.S. The book Strongmen by Ruth Ben-Ghiat shows very clearly that history is repeating itself. A quote from the book states, "Authoritarian rulers promise law and order, then legitimize lawbreaking by financial, sexual and other predators. They use masculinity as a symbol of strength and a political weapon, and they use propaganda, corruption and violence to stay in power. [Examples of other leaders] and the relentless barrage of misinformation utilized by the former Trump administration all show how authoritarian rule, far from ensuring stability, is marked by destructive chaos."

Wayne Sabine Tilley, N.B.

SHAME ON YOU

To the editor:

(The following letter was sent to U.S. Senator Susan Collins and Congressman Jared Golden.)

When will you do something about ICE and CBP acting as a Gestapo? Wearing masks? Sweeping up legal residents and citizens? Terrorizing immigrant communities? Refusing congressional oversight visits?

Arresting a senator who wanted to question [Homeland Security Secretary Kristi] Noem? Shame on you for not standing up to this lawless regime!

Kendall Zeigler Eastport

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR NEW UNDERWATER FILM

To the editor:

The Maine Rockweed Coalition is thrilled to be hosting underwater wildlife photographer Keith Ellenbogen this summer for a project titled "Seaweed Forests." Ellenbogen is an associate professor of photography at SUNY/FIT, visiting artist at MIT Sea Grant and a senior fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers. He presented his new film, Space to Sea: The Gulf of Maine's Ocean Wilderness, earlier this month at Boston's Museum of Science.

Ellenbogen will be in Washington County mid-summer, shooting an underwater film celebrating the marine biodiversity of Cobscook and Passamaquoddy bays. The film and photos from this trip will be exhibited locally in 2026 when he returns.

The Maine Rockweed Coalition, as Ellenbogen's host, is fundraising for local boat charter costs; other project needs have already been covered by in-kind donations from the community.

Anyone interested in supporting this project can donate to the 501c3 Maine Rockweed Coalition using information and links on the website <mainerockweed coalition.org>. MRC will be having an interactive event for donors during Ellenbogen's midsummer visit at the Center for Ecological Teaching and Learning in Edmunds

Robin Hadlock Seeley Pembroke

PROTESTS TO CONTINUE

To the editor:

Over 200 people came to the Flatiron in Lubec on "No Kings" Saturday, June 14, to give voice to their concerns about the Trump administration's policies with the following messages: "No kings in a democracy," "Stop the fellow in the Oval Office," "This aggression will not be tolerated," "Rule of law," "The law ought to be king, no other," "Resist," "Hands off Medicaid," "Trump is definitely no king, he is just a bully and grifter!" "No kings, no dictators, no oligarch," "Impeach," "All my outrage does not fit on this sign," "Nothing is more American than opposing a tyrant," "Will someone please take away his Sharpie?" "No kings in USA," "Democracy dies in silence," "Trump makes America cringeworthy," "America has no kings and never will," "Dump Trump," "ICE, identify yourself," "I like my ICE crushed," "Not paid to be an antifascist just an American," "Nobody paid me to demonstrate, I dislike Trump for free," "Respect our constitution," "Abide by the rule of law," "Peace on Earth, no war," "Kindness," "In America the law is king," "No king," "SOS," "Due process for all," "Families over millionaires," "Hands off veterans," "Morons are governing America" and "We the people."

A peaceful gathering is planned for every Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon.

Gretchen Mead Lubec Heidi Herzberger Trescott

HUNGER GAMES

To the editor:

As Israel bombs yet another of its Middle East neighbors with American-made weapons and Donald Trump keeps doing his childish best to remain the center of attention, the Israeli-American hunger games continue apace in Gaza. After getting rid of the well-run, international aid agencies - having, long ago, banned the international press from Gaza - Israel (backed, as usual, by the Israel-lobby-controlled U.S. government) set up its own food distribution scheme, whereby desperate Gazans must compete, en masse, for whatever food they can grab to feed their families, families that Israel began intentionally starving (again) this past March, after Trump backed Israel's unilateral breach of what had been a successful ceasefire. The scene from *The Hunger* Games movie this most reminds me of is when all the reaped children from the "rebellious" districts must risk being killed as they run to the Cornucopia – as cynical a symbol as that of an Israeli food program for Palestinians - to get what they need to stay alive.

Every day, the IDF kills or injures many Gazans running for food – as of June 20, more than 450 had been killed and more than 3,000 wounded since this sketchy food program was launched several weeks ago – with what Israel calls "warning shots." (If you believe that, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you.) When confronted with the evidence, the Israeli government always says they will "look into it." (Ditto the bridge comment.) These obscene deaths represent only a third of the Gazans Israel has recently annihilated, according to NPR, as part of its ongoing genocidal massacre.

In the cinematic *Hunger Games*, President Snow vengefully obliterated District 12, just at Israel has vengefully obliterated Gaza. But the audience kept rooting for the rebels, who just wanted to live in freedom and peace on their own land. That's exactly what the Palestinians want. But Israel has stolen their land. More and more of it every day.

Melodie Greene Calais

Quoddy Nature Notes

Turtles in Maine

by Fred Gralenski

We have nine species of turtles that are here in Downeast Maine. The most common turtle is the snapping turtle, and he should be handled carefully. The common musk turtle is a small turtle less than five inches long but can live up to 50 years. One of its attributes is that it can climb trees to avoid predators.

The Blanding's turtle grows up to eight inches long but can live up to 80 years, and its population is scattered so it is hard to find. The spotted turtle lives up to 50 years, and their unique shell pattern makes them a favorite species of pet turtle. The spotted turtle is also pretty smart, with the same brain capacity as a mouse.

The wood turtle grows up to eight inches long with a lifespan of 60 years. The painted turtle grows to about six inches

long, and apparently they are clever enough to stomp their feet on the ground and trick earthworms to the surface, where they become dinner for the turtle.

The eastern painted turtle can survive for four months in freezing cold water. The eastern box turtle grows to about seven inches long and feeds on a variety of foods from vegetation to insects and meat.

The Atlantic ridley is the smallest sea turtle in Maine, and a mature animal weighs over 100 pounds. The leatherback sea turtles grow up to six feet long and can weigh up to 540 pounds. They are highly migratory and have been known to travel 10,000 miles in a year and dive up to 4,000 feet.

If you are trying to catch a turtle, don't be like the hare and take a nap, because he can sneak away.

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Life Downeast

Liberty Hall, a sense of place

by RJ Heller

A long time ago in Machiasport there was a building that reflected the true character of what "a sense of place" means to a town. Liberty Hall was once the hub of town activity. It served a vibrant fishing and maritime community and was the cultural center of the area. Over time, as those industries floundered and eventually went silent, so, too, did Liberty Hall.

Built in 1873, Liberty Hall stands tall, welcoming travelers into the villages of Bucks Harbor, Larrabee and Starboard. The building shares its place in Machiasport opposite the Gates House, home of the Machiasport Historical Society.

Liberty Hall was a symbol of beauty, strength and vision back then – a time when anything was possible and fishing, canning and lumber industries thrived. Today the area has changed significantly, as have the demographics within a town of just a little over 900 residents.

The building was saved from dereliction by a successful public-private partnership, and the Friends of Liberty Hall in collaboration with the Town of Machiasport are seeking funds to complete the building's restoration and return it to community use.

This jewel of a building that overlooks the Machias Bay – site of the first naval battle of the American Revolution – is hoping for purpose once more. A complete interior renovation is the last step in the building's transformation. When completed this place would foster new possibilities for both young and old to share within a community that embraces its past while moving forward.

William Prescott Jr., who recently passed away, lived a life of experience by teaching and serving his community. He was an educator his entire life, even when not in the classroom. He was a long-time resident of Machiasport, and many of his memories about Liberty Hall remain within that old building waiting for daylight to bring them out of the shadows. Today is that day.

"When I was in seventh grade attending the one-room school house on the corner, my teacher Adelaide Kilton would encourage us to attend town meetings and then report back to class. A large set of stairs led up to this large wide room. The room was setup with long benches for the town meetings and downstairs on the right as you entered is where the suppers were

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS held. I remember each room would be crowded with people."

"One windy night when I was leaving a town meeting, I remember the large, fortress-like front door being caught by the wind as I pushed it open. The heavy door came slamming back closed, breaking my nose!"

Prescott recalls attending a special town meeting held at Liberty Hall with his father. His father was on the school board. "The room was full. We sat on long benches, and there was to be an important vote on whether Machiasport should join the SAD 77. I remember my dad raising his hand and saying, 'Mr. moderator!' The vote ended up being a squeaker and winning by a single vote in favor of joining the district."

Town suppers are ubiquitous to this area, and Prescott recalls that Liberty Hall town suppers were popular social events. "I remember many plays being held in the big room on the stage – human interest type plays that some community members would participate in while others broke bread and got caught up on all the news and gossip."

"I remember many of the town elders back then such as Len Libby, Ed Bodwell, Harvey Libby and Joe Hall. Joe Hall in particular all the boys remember as a very tall, slender man. We would follow him to the store reciting: 'Joe Hall is so tall a rat could eat him hat and all!'"

Basketball games were another popular event at Liberty Hall. Prescott recalls two basketball hoops attached to the side walls and watching some of the locals play. He and his friends would secretly unlock the door upstairs so they could sneak back in to play basketball the next day.

Prescott's last memory he shared is that of the childlike wonder still harbored in Liberty Hall and of the endless possibilities waiting to be found. "There was always an aura of secrecy in this big building. I would always wonder what was behind so many doors – the nooks and crannies were endless. I loved that old building, and I truly hope it can once again become a community gathering place to recreate and learn lessons that will keep our sense of place intact."

Liberty Hall will hold an open house on Saturday, July 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Featured will be an exhibition titled "Meeting Halls: Inspiring Maine's Collective Futures." The program will conclude with the unwrapping of recently rediscovered backdrops from some of Liberty Hall's historic theater performances.

For more information about Liberty Hall go to <www.libertyhallmaine.org>.



Downeast Reveries

The journey upta camp

by Margie Whalen

As those who spend their winters elsewhere begin returning to Washington County, I find myself remembering the long drives of my childhood from northern Florida to Maine, with our little family of four – Mama, Dad, David and me – tucked for three full days into whatever heap of a car we had at the time. Of all the menagerie of clunkers they could afford on their teachers' salaries, I remember most clearly the brick-red and cramped Volkswagen Beetle.

Honestly, though, it seems cramped only in retrospect. I was happy in that car, content in the safety of Dad at the wheel and Mama beside him, with David by my side, all of us eager to be upta camp, where we could begin the rituals of summer. Admittedly, David and I fought sometimes, in the way that siblings do. There was that memorable time somewhere in Virginia, maybe Connecticut, when Dad wrenched the car to the side of the road to stop us from an interminable bout of pinching and squabbling; Mom climbed into the back with me, and David shifted to the front next to Dad. I know now how tired they must have been.

I remember other snippets of those long car rides like some disjointed slideshow. I remember, for instance, early morning fog and a diner in New Jersey, the kind that had booths and Formica tables and tabletop jukeboxes with those alluring glassed-in menus of song listings, which David and I flipped through with longing, knowing that they were not an option at that early hour.

Dad ordered a Western omelette, which seemed exotic to me at the time; now, whenever I order a Western sandwich for breakfast at the WaCo, I think of him. There are darker memories, too. I remember the quiet in the car when we rode into a town in the Carolinas one night, with a parade of flaming torches of the KKK all along the roadside; my father, his jaw set, drove on and on through the night, not stopping there but moving on to stay at a place far from that town and those torches.

But next to that dark memory is this one. Whenever we were nearing New York and riding over the famed George Washington Bridge, which Google tells me is the most heavily trafficked bridge in the world, my Mom would burst into song: "George Washington Bridge, the George Washington, Washington Bridge," she'd sing at the top of her lungs. It was not until I was well into adulthood that I realized that it was an actual song, not one of her improvisations. (She could make up a song about anything – and

did.) You can listen to it now. Don't confuse it with the William Shulman orchestral composition about the bridge; look instead for Bert and Ernie (or Forgetful Jones) of Sesame Street belting it out with the same joy Mama had all those years ago. If you do, you'll be humming it all day. Once we were in the city – there was not a straight shot of freeways that skirted urban traffic in those days – I remember gazing at the highrise tenements in New York with laundry flapping from the windows and balconies and wondering about the lives of the people there, so remote from my own.

I'm always loath to turn into one of those cranky "back in my day" folks, but I do think there was something good about not having screens readily available to counter those long days in the car. Without movies and games to lull us, there was lots of time for gazing out the window, watching the landscape shift from scrub pines and palmettos to fir trees and birches. There was time to get glimpses of other people who lived so differently from me. We sang together. We talked. We played games together – shouting "Beaver!" whenever we saw another Volkswagen Bug, or "Beaver Cleaver!" when we saw a coveted red one. I know other families played a "Slug Bug" version of this, with the chance to punch each other in the arm upon sightings, but the aforementioned pinching episode meant that we played for points, not punches.

I remember, too, playing the license plate game, ever on the lookout for a plate from a new state, with faraway places like Nebraska or the Dakotas being especially prized. We read billboards, which now seem like a scourge on the landscape but which entertained us then – especially the campy and colorful South of the Border signs that went on for miles and signaled that we were shifting from one Carolina to the next

I don't know that we ever stopped at their advertised hotel-restaurant-tourist spot, but those billboards helped us count down the miles. I also read a lot, apparently not susceptible to the car sickness that would likely flatten me these days.

If I had to do that drive now, I'd probably cue up a good audiobook for the ride. But I hope, at the very least, that I'd pause it long enough to sing a rousing version of "George Washington Bridge" to celebrate the long journey home.

The next issue of The Quoddy Tides will be published Friday, July 11.



What's Cookin'

UNCLE KURT'S CAMPGROUND FIXIN'S

by Sue Moore

Hurrah! Camping season is finally upon us along with sunny blue skies and salty ocean breezes. Our favorite place to be, after Eastport of course, is Sunset Point Campground in Harrington. Proprietor Kurt is more of a curator than a business owner, taking true pride in making this campground a serene and peaceful experience. Although the area has yummy restaurants and food trucks, we often opt to cook at least a couple of our meals over the campfire. Sure, we have roasted our Reds, charred our cheese dogs, melted our marshmallows, but how about an elevated culinary camping menu? Challenge accepted with a savory appetizer followed by fire-cooked meats and sides and a scrumptious dessert to finish. These recipes in my opinion are better over the campfire, but should rain put out your proverbial fire, fear not, they can also be prepared using your RV or cabin stovetop. Let's begin.

Smokin' Savory S'mores

1-inch cubes of a firm cheese such as aged cheddar or Babybel

Thinly sliced pepperoni, salami, prosciutto or ham

Firm crackers such as water wafers, charcuterie crackers or Triscuits

Hot pepper jelly

Skewer the cheese cubes and roast over the fire until gooey and assemble the s'mores using the above-listed ingredients. For an added taste explosion drizzle a smidge of honey over the cheese before topping with the second cracker. Don't let the name fool you; these aren't your grammy's s'mores

Roasted corn on the cob

Ears of sweet corn, still in the husk Water

Milk, optional

Soak the ears of corn while still in the husks for a minimum of 30 minutes. For creamier corn, add milk to the water before soaking. Place the wet corn still in the husks directly on the grate over your campfire or to the side of your fire in the glowing embers for a minimum of 15 minutes or to desired doneness.

For the roasted peppers

Shishito peppers

Olive oil Sea salt and pepper to taste Brush peppers with olive oil and lightly dust with salt and pepper. Place the peppers on the campfire grate and blister until charred to desired doneness. Note: Shishito peppers are zingy and flavorful without being super spicy and can be eaten alone or with the sausages.

For the brats or sausages

Place sausages directly on the campfire grate or skewer and roast until desired doneness. Fill a fireproof pot with the beer of your choice; no-alcohol or "near beer" works as well. Place your grilled sausages in the pot of beer and place the pot on your fire grate or in the embers. Allow the sausages to boil for 15 to 30 minutes, watching that your liquid doesn't evaporate, adding more liquid if needed. Adding your grilled shishito peppers to the sausages really amps up the flavor.

Raye's Maple-Horseradish Chicken Raye's Maple-Horseradish Mustard Chicken wings

Thoroughly dry the chicken wings and slather them with Eastport's own Raye's Mustard. The wings may be skewered, placed in tin foil packets or placed directly on the campfire grate. Be sure that you are not cross-contaminating your cooking area by disinfecting your skewers, grate or pan if you will be cooking anything else after the chicken. If using foil packets, adding the peppers to the packets ramps up the flavor of the meat. If using the foil packets cook the chicken thoroughly and when done open the top of the packets to crisp the skin if desired.

For the finale, Bananamania

Bananas Marshmallows

Chocolate chips

Graham cracker pieces

Peel the banana skins back without separating the peel from the banana. Top each banana with the above-listed ingredients, close the peel and wrap each banana separately in tin foil. Place the packets on the campfire grate for 10 to 12 minutes or directly in the embers to the side of the fire for 5 to 8 minutes. Open the packets carefully as the insides will be hot and gooey. Bananamania is only limited by your imagination: strawberries, caramels, pieces of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, hot fudge sauce, peanut butter, whatever your decadence calls for. If you can dream it, you can make it. Happy 4th of July, and if you are heading upta camp I hope you enjoy!





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Peavey library to host upcoming events

Upcoming events being hosted by Peavey Memorial Library in Eastport include the following.

Thursday, July 3, at 1 p.m. – Strawberry Shortcake Sale, while supplies last.

Tuesday, July 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. – George Pearse Ennis: On the Water, for all ages. Participants will meet at the library, then visit the Tides Institute & Museum of Art across the street to explore the works of the artist, then return to the library to create their own watercolor seascapes.

Friday, July 11, from 1 to 3 p.m – author talk with Marilyn K. Blair, who is launching the book *Before I Go*, the third novel of The Eastport Series. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Friday, July 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. – Music at Library Park presents Contrails, an electronic music trio from Portland.

Tuesday, July 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Clay Rattles with Stephanie Thomas, for

all ages. Participants will create a clay rattle that will be fired and available 10–12 days after the workshop.

Friday, July 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Sketching with Chickens II! with Sue Riddle. Participants will practice drawing or painting skills with several live feathered models.

Tuesday, July 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. – Crystal Sun-Catchers with Sue Riddle, for all ages. Participants will make suncatchers with glass crystals and beads. Limited to 15 participants. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, July 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. – Charles Cantalupo presents Versions of Koluskap/Visions of Clooscape. This program will explore the stories of the first peoples of northern New England and eastern Canada.

Friday, July 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. – Music at Library Park presents singer/songwriter Oen Kennedy.



EASTPORT RECYCLES opened on June 14 at its location behind the fire station. Among the volunteers who were helping that day were Michael Shyka, Sally Claroni and Chip Hammond, who are standing by the cardboard baler. The recycling center accepts flattened cardboard boxes, office paper, shredded paper and newspaper and is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone interested in helping out can email <eastportrecycles@gmail.com>.

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 reacquaint ourselves with as many individuals as possible this July. Bill Altvater 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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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. 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 senior 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

New to You, the church thrift shop, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located at 9 Brighton Avenue behind the IGA in Eastport, the shop has clothing, shoes, toys and household items at a reasonable price.

The silent peace vigil continues every

Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants are invited to light a candle and stay as long as desired. All are welcome at Sunday church services at 9:30 a.m. followed by a coffee hour at 10:30 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The remaining active members of the congregation continue to meet for worship while working through the ongoing steps required before the church can be closed.

Correspondence for the membership can still be sent to the church at PO Box 176, Eastport, ME 04631.

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>.



CELEBRATING their successful graduation from Eastport Elementary School are (left to right) Harrison Newcomb, Izzabella Clark, Cassandra Burse, Lilian Ford, Aubree Trott, Artemis Doten, Wyatt Beers, Bryson Walker, Fulton Newcomb, Aralyn Myrick, Joseph Embry, Graeson Newcomb, Silas Socobasin, David Thomas and Jace Seeley.

Methodist pastor to serve three churches

Pastor Sharon Stevens-Grant has been assigned by the United Methodist Church to serve the three churches of the Sunrise United Methodist Cooperative Parish, which is comprised of Blakey Memorial in Eastport, North Perry and Pembroke United Methodist churches.

Beginning on Sunday, July 6, the time of worship for each of the three churches will change to 10:30 a.m.

On the first Sunday of each month, the three congregations will meet together for a joint service, which will include Holy Communion and will rotate between the three churches.

Other Sundays, Pastor Stevens-Grant will be in the pulpit of one church each week, on a rotating basis, assisted by clergy and laity who will lead services in the other churches.

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committed team to help lead this newly-formed cooperative parish into a new chapter," says Stevens-Grant. "There is a wonderful collaborative spirit at work in the life of our Downeast churches." The clergy-laity team will continue to serve the churches with the formation of a formal Sunrise United Methodist Cooperative Parish Council.

Pastor Stevens-Grant, who begins her responsibilities effective July 1, will also continue to serve Calais United Methodist Church, which meets at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday.

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PICNIC CAFÉ & BAKERY owners Richard Sullivan and Jared Hagan are offering home-made pastries and sandwiches at their downtown eatery. (Lora Whelan photo)

Eastport café offers breakfast and lunch

by Lora Whelan

Picnic Café & Bakery in downtown Eastport has been bustling with business since their opening in mid-June. The cozy eatery features handmade pastries and sandwiches, with Johnson & Wales pastry chef Jared Hagan in the on-site kitchen in the wee hours every morning proofing dough for croissant and cinnamon buns and whipping up batches of scones, cookies, muffins and more.

With Hagan's partner, Richard Sullivan, and three part-time employees, the kitchen and counter are well positioned to serve the hungry hordes with sandwiches such as the breakfast Myrtle, with scrambled eggs with arugula, tomato, avocado and cheddar on a wrap, or a Shackford for lunch, with ham and Swiss on toasted rye with local mustard Raye's Down East Schooner. For those who need healthy versions, Hagan has been creating yoga parfaits, chia pudding and more.

Hagan and Sullivan were born and raised on Cape Cod and had careers in the theater and restaurant management. Their life journeys took them on separate paths around the country, eventually returning to Cape Cod.

They were both actors, with Hagan also working in theater development and Sullivan managing a successful restaurant. They met on a theater project, and 16 years later decided that their life in Massachusetts, while fulfilling, had run its course. They began the search for a place that they could call their own and found Eastport. "We wanted our own dream," explains Sullivan.

The island city community has been "so delightful," says Hagan, describing the friendly and helpful support they have received from neighboring businesses. They bought the building at 82 Water Street, in part because the kitchen and front retail counter space were complete and ready to

go and the second-floor apartment provided immediate living space for them and their dogs. Eventually they'd like to have a separate home and rent the apartment, but one step at a time, they say.

They stress that they are committed to the community. It's how they think and operate, with Hagan and Sullivan packing up end-of-day unsold treats to bring to the Eastport Memorial Nursing Home or the Labor of Love Food Pantry on a regular basis.

"That's always been our goal, and very much our mindset to help, to be involved," explains Sullivan.

The café is open every day except Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., although they may change their hours slightly as they learn what the community needs. They plan to be open year-round with a change in days and hours in late fall, and with a slight change in menu options to include warming options such as soups. The café has a social media page, a website at picniceastport.com and can be reached at (207) 853-7363.

Craig Clan Reunion

Friday, July 4, 2025
Eastport Arts Center
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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.

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June 27-29 lubec

June 27 - Peavey Library 1-3 pm All-ages rainbow art activity 4-6 pm Pink Capos, music

June 28 - Water St, Eastport starts at 12 pm All-ages art activities, craft fair, advocacy tables, Little Chair Printing

1 pm - Rexy Dinosaur, music
3 pm - Curbside Queens!
4:30 pm - Happy Hour with the
Queens at Horn Run Brewing

June 29 - Stockford Park, Lubec starts at 11 am Craft fair, advocacy tables, Little Chair Printing

11:45 am - Walking parade
12 pm - Curbside Queens!
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Thanks to Eastport Artfests Downeast Pride financial sponsors: WaCo Diner, White Birch Exchange, David Oja's Bazaar, S.L. Wadsworth & Son, Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank and Wealth Management, Maine Community Foundation, Maine Arts Commission



ATTACHING POWER LINES to new utility poles in the North End of Eastport are workers with Sargent Electric Company of Lewiston. The company, which was contracted by Versant Power to do the work, has replaced over 60 old poles in the city, with work completed this past week. Sargent will be returning later this year to replace more poles in the rest of Eastport. (Edward French photo)

Governor, premier reaffirm friendship

On June 24 Maine Governor Janet Mills concluded a successful two-day visit to New Brunswick that was focused on strengthening Maine's historic relation-



HANGING NEW BANNERS on the lampposts in the Eastport downtown historic district are members of Coast Guard Station Eastport. The Area Chamber of Commerce recently invested in the new banners with updated designs. (Don Dunbar photo)

SBDC recognizes certified advisors

The Maine Small Business Development Centers, a statewide program that helps entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses, recognized six business advisors who received their Core Competencies Certification from the New England Professional Development (NEPD) group on May 14. Among the newly certified advisors is Dan McDonald, who is located in Eastport and serves small businesses in Downeast Maine.

The NEPD program provides a comprehensive, core knowledge training program and is a key element of the SBDC's ability to provide valuable and high-quality services to clients and meet the needs of stakeholders.



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ship with its Canadian neighbor and promoting Maine as a great place to visit and do business. The governor's visit to New Brunswick was highlighted by a bilateral meeting with Premier Susan Holt. The governor and Premier Holt also participated in a discussion hosted by the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce on federal tariffs, the importance of crossborder tourism, and economic opportunities between Maine and New Brunswick.

"At a time when U.S.—Canada relations are being tested by harsh rhetoric and harmful policies coming from Washington, the centuries-old friendship between Maine and New Brunswick remains strong," said Governor Mills. "I am deeply grateful for the warm hospitality shown by Premier Holt, her staff and the people I met with across the province. I leave New Brunswick confident that our partnership—rooted in mutual respect, regional strength, and economic cooperation—will only grow stronger in the face of these challenging times."

"New Brunswick and Maine have always been and will continue to be great neighbours and trading partners," said Premier Holt. "I want to thank Governor Mills for coming up to New Brunswick to check out our beautiful province and for her continued leadership in speaking out against tariffs."

Before leaving Fredericton, the governor – who has encouraged Canadians to visit Maine this summer, and Maine people to visit Canada – visited the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. The Beaverbrook, officially designated in 1994 as the official provincial art gallery of New Brunswick, is home to a permanent collection of over 5,000 objects.

On June 23, while traveling to Fredericton, the governor visited Saint John to meet with businesses with a significant presence in Maine, including Irving Oil, J.D. Irving Limited and Cooke Aquaculture. The governor toured J.D. Irving's research lab in Sussex, which develops cutting-edge tree improvement techniques, as well as its Saint John westside pulp mill.

The governor concluded her visit to Saint John at a roundtable discussion hosted by the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce.

Canadian visitors are an important part of Maine's tourism economy. In 2024, nearly 800,000 Canadian visitors spent approximately \$497.7 million in Maine, according to the Maine Office of Tourism. Overall, the state welcomed 14.8 million visitors, who spent more than \$9.2 billion, supporting 115,900 jobs and generating \$5.4 billion in wages.

Old Home Week to feature Navy ship, parades, contests

by Lura Jackson

Few things are as evocative of tradition in Eastport than Old Home Week, spanning Tuesday, July 1, through Sunday, July 6, and offering a plethora of activities and attractions for the whole family. This year's festival will feature the USS *Farragut* DDG-99, an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, since the USS *Graveley* DG-107, which had been scheduled, was unable to come to Eastport. The ever-popular Grand Independence Day Parade's theme is "Remember the Good Times!"

From Tuesday, July 1, through Friday, July 4, there will be vendors aplenty in downtown Eastport with a wide assortment of crafts, wares and food trucks for visitors and residents to partake in. The vendor fair begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Also available for viewing each day during that time frame is the George Pearse Ennis exhibition, "Working on the Water," at the Tides Institute & Museum of Art at 43 Water Street. Keeneyed wanderers who happen to find one of several specially-marked 4th of July rocks between July 1 and 4 will be treated to a \$10 gift certificate at Sweeties Downeast.

Tuesday, July 1

Opening day of the festival will see the first of many athletic competitions underway, with a frisbee contest beginning at 1 p.m. on the lawn at Peavey Memorial Library and a limbo contest directly following it. At 3 p.m., a bike race will be held along Deep Cove Road, with ages 2-4 testing their mettle on trikes at the Fire Station parking lot.

Steel drummers Pan Storm will set the tone for the rest of the festival with a steel drum concert at Overlook Park beginning at 5 p.m. Beginning at 7 p.m., everyone is invited to boogie down at a street dance in the same location, with family-friendly music played.

Wednesday, July 2

Wednesday will mark the arrival of the USS *Farragut*, DDG-99, with its 290 officers and crew warmly welcomed by the community. The ship, named for Admiral David Farragut and christened on July 23, 2005, with Senator Susan Collins as her sponsor, is anticipated to remain in the port through July 7.

Tours of the vessel will be offered, with the schedule to be determined closer to the ship's arrival.

Children and families will be well served by Wednesday's events with a cupcake decorating contest to get the day started at 10 a.m. and a watermelon eating contest at 11 a.m.

A pageant for Little Mr. and Miss 4th of July, for ages 2-4, begins at 1 p.m. in Overlook Park, with a pet show celebrating the cutest, most patriotic and most unusual pets in the area at 4 p.m.

All ages are invited to showcase their personal skills at the talent show at 5 p.m. Musicians Doubleshot will reunite for a one-time performance in the park at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 3

Thursday's events kick off with the Dale Lincoln Kid's Fun Run for ages 13 and under at 9 a.m., with the race starting at the Boat School and continuing to the former Dead River office on Key Street.

At 9:30 a.m., the Tiny Tots Fair starts on the lawn of Peavey Memorial Library with children's games and face painting fun, while at 12 noon the Miss 4th of July contest, with brackets for ages between 5 and 18, will begin at Overlook Park. Be sure to register beforehand to participate.

The history-minded will enjoy an auction supporting the Border Historical So-

ciety at the port authority's Welcome Center starting at 9 a.m. and continuing to noon, while strawberry fans shouldn't miss the strawberry shortcake sale at the library at 1 p.m.

After that, the firemen's muster will be held on Water Street at 2 p.m., and the comedic theatrics of the Moose Island Follies will be held at the Eastport Arts Center at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The legendary codfish relay, which sees teams of participants both local and from afar competing to race with increasingly deteriorating fish – will be held beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Those wishing to honor and welcome the sailors and officers of the USS *Farragut* – at least those who make it through the fireman's muster and codfish relay – can do so at a public reception held at the port authority's Welcome Center at 5 p.m.

Sanchez and Friends will provide musical accompaniment to the waning day from 6 to 8 p.m. at Overlook Park, with a rousing Torchlight Parade beginning at the post office to conclude the day's events at dusk

Friday, July 4

On Independence Day, the celebration begins bright and early with the 65th annual raising of the flag at the breakwater at dawn. From 7 to 11 a.m., you can find a classic Downeast breakfast at the Eastport Municipal Airport, where the 40th annual blueberry pancake breakfast awaits you.

Children should get their racing shoes ready for games held on Water Street starting at 9 a.m. with the famed penny scramble, held in memory of Reid F. Craig, directly following.

At the same time, car fans will find a showcase of classic cars, trucks and bikes to enjoy at Bank Square.

The morning's offerings also include capture the flag beginning at 10 a.m. on the breakwater, where brave souls will test their ability to balance on a greasy pole in pursuit of a flag on the end of it – winding up in the water one way or another – and a rubber ducky race launched from the fish pier around 10 a.m.

Those who didn't get enough blueberries at the pancake breakfast can get their fill at the blueberry pie eating contest at Overlook Park at 11 a.m., while those looking for an alternative can choose crab rolls and a bake sale in the same area.

The day's parades kick off at 12 noon with the Doll Carriage, Wagon, Bike and Trike Parade starting at the post office. The Grand Independence Day Parade will raise a rumpus at 2 p.m., beginning at the youth center and continuing down Washington and Water streets.

After the excitement of the parade has calmed, Skye's Hope will provide musical accompaniment starting at 6 p.m. and continuing to just before the typically magnificent fireworks display at dusk.

Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6

The weekend holds some treasures for those looking to continue the festivities. On Saturday, July 5, there will be a community softball came behind Eastport Elementary School starting at 2 p.m., while a basketball game between the U.S. Navy team and the Shead High alumni team is planned the same day at 5 p.m. at the high school.

End the day with a concert featuring cellist Dan Allcott and pianist Greg Biss at the Eastport Arts Center at 7 p.m.

The week's events officially end on Sunday, July 6, with the Charles E. Davis Independence Run and Walk. Those interested in a 7-mile run or a 4-mile walk can register the day of the event at Shead High School or online in advance at <runsignup.com/Race/ME/Eastport/CharlesEDavisIndependenceRun>.

Cruise ship season begins in Eastport

by Edward French

The successful start of the cruise ship season was reviewed during the Eastport Port Authority's board meeting on June 18, following the visits by the 780-foot *Volendam* on June 14 and the 936-foot *Zuiderdam* on June 16.

Chris Gardner, the port authority's executive director, reported that he heard from passengers on the two ships "many testimonials on the friendly and positive experiences" they had in Eastport. One passenger on the *Zuiderdam* said that this was her third trip to Eastport and that she only took the cruise because it was coming to the island city.

Two of the port authority's three buses were used to transport passengers to the Roosevelt Campobello International Park. Along with transporting cruise ship passengers, they are also being used for bookings such as class trips and the Bay of Fundy International Marathon.

While the *Zuiderdam* had to be at anchor, with passengers tendering in to the breakwater, the new ramp to the breakwater's inner basin that was used by cruise ship passengers heading out on excursions allowed for less congestion on the north side of the breakwater for passengers being tendered to and from the cruise ship.

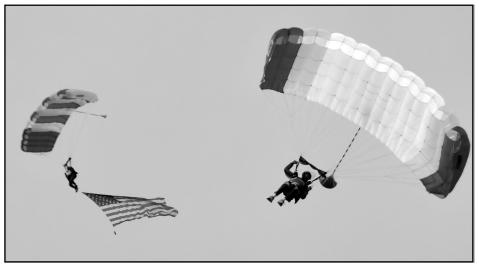
Since it is difficult to dock ships that are longer than 800 feet at the breakwater, because of the water depth, Gardner has reached out to the Maine Department of Transportation about having some main-

tenance dredging done so that larger ships can be at the breakwater. Not having to tender passengers in from ships at anchor allows for better passenger flow, and "people like to see the ships at the pier," he notes.

Gardner reported on the Cruise Canada New England Symposium in Halifax, which he attended earlier this month. He stated that Eastport "is a very popular destination with all of the major lines" and that the island city "continues to rate extremely high in customer satisfaction." The limit on the number of passengers that can come ashore at Bar Harbor each day also is contributing to the cruise lines deciding to come to Eastport. Gardner noted that the city may be adding some more calls this year "to assist lines in need of alternative ports." During the board meeting, though, the port authority's position to take a metered approach to cruise ships and only allow one vessel a day was reaf-

Also during the meeting, the board remembered Gilbert Murphy, who recently passed away. He was the chair and one of the original members of the port authority board

The board voted to recommend to the city council that Chris Bartlett, who has been the chair of the harbor committee for many years, be appointed to fill the board seat held by Murphy until the next municipal election. Vice chair Earl Small will chair the meetings.



SKYDIVERS were among the attractions featured during the Eastport Airport Community Day. (Don Dunbar photo)

Thank You

Thank you, Eastport and the WaCo Diner, for your generous donations to PALS SkyHope benefit dinner totaling \$10,406.

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Cards of Thanks and In Memoriams are charged at the rate of \$5.00 for 20 words or fewer, and 10 cents for each additional word. The charge for committal notices is \$7.50. The Quoddy Tides charges a flat rate of \$35 for obituaries, plus \$5 for a photo. The newspaper reserves the right to edit obituaries for style and accuracy.

Class of 1985 Reunion

All Shead High Class of '85 alumni are invited to attend our 40th class reunion. Dedicated to our classmates of 1985 who are no longer with us.

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CELEBRATING after cutting the ribbon for the new airport terminal building on June 14 are (left to right) Barbara Hayslett, district director for Congressman Jared Golden, Eastport City Council President Billy Boone, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Maine Senator Marianne Moore, Victoria Ganz, vice chair of the airport advisory committee and Rep. Artie Mingo of Calais. (Edward French photo)

AIRPORT COMMUNITY DAY (from page 1)

attracting commercial air service to Eastport, she noted. And having a courtesy car and so many volunteers helping with the airport "sends a message that Eastport welcomes visitors." She added, "This airport is evidence of the strong spirit that brings people together as a community for a brighter future."

In her remarks, State Senator Marianne Moore of Calais said the airport opens "the door to new possibilities," with the terminal project showing that "the most ambitious goals can become a reality." The new building provides a warm and ADA-compliant space for pilots and people who are traveling and "sets the stage for what's next" so that commuter air service can now be considered.

State Rep. Artie Mingo of Calais noted that the airport project will lead to "a more connected future for Eastport and surrounding communities" and provides "a chance to create a hub of opportunity." It will help bring more visitors and business opportunities and thus more jobs for the area, he said. "Welcome to an era of small-town America moving forward."

City council President Billy Boone noted that the council has supported the airport over the years and that many volunteers "have put their heart and soul into this airport." In particular he recognized Victoria Ganz and Chester Jenkins, along with all of the Eastport Airport Ad-

visory Committee members and Airport Manager Peter Lehmann.

Ganz, the vice chair of the airport advisory committee, which organized the celebration, with Bob Chieffo putting it all together, outlined some the current developments at the airport. They include the building of three private hangars, breaking ground for a new taxi lane in July, the starting of flight lessons for a certified flight instructor who can then train people for obtaining a pilot license and exploring the formation of a Civil Air Patrol that would provide flight lessons for middle and high school students. "As you see, the airport is having a bit of a growth spurt," she noted.

Ganz thanked the local community in supporting the recent PALS benefit dinner at the WaCo Diner, which raised over \$10,000 in donations for patient airlift services. Both PALS SkyHope and Angel Flight East provide free air transportation to patients who need to travel long distances for medical treatment. So far this year there have been 37 PALS flights from the Eastport airport. Ganz also expressed appreciation to Tessa Ftorek and the Eastport bakers who bring cookies, water and Raye's mustard to the volunteer pilots and patients. Gratitude was also extended to Ross Furman for loaning photographs of the first terminal building and aircraft at the airport in its early days.



A WIDE VARIETY of aircraft were on display during the inaugural Eastport Airport Community Day on June 14. (Edward French photo)

Your forum for expressing your views – letters to the editor in The Quoddy Tides



GEORGE EATON, adjutant of Lubec's American Legion Post, photographs the bingo staff during a June 15 celebration of their contribution to the post's financial health. Bingo operations, which draw about 40 participants each Sunday afternoon, cover the legion's electric, fuel and snowplowing expenses, says Linda Robinson, program manager. Post Commander John Wentland is depicted on the far right. (J.D. Rule photo)

Lubec library to host summer activities

Lubec Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing, offering activities for all ages. Throughout the summer both children and adults are encouraged to enjoy reading and attend library programs. Participants will receive a free ice cream cone from Love at First

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Wiggles & Giggles Story Time for infants, preschoolers and homeschoolers will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Eleanor's Tea will be held at the library on Wednesday, July 2, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. One of the most popular Roosevelt Campobello International Park programs will be especially designed for young people, with tea, ginger cookies and a look at the life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Colorful Caterpillars will be held at the library on Wednesday, July 9, at 1:30 p.m. Caterpillar stories will be read, and caterpillars will be crafted using natural dyes.

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, as well as mugs, T-shirts and canvas tote bags bearing the library logo.

LUBEC

by Susan Reilly ______ Tel. 733-2840

CRAFT FAIR AND CONTESTS

The Lubec Celebration Committee is sponsoring a craft fair, junior and adult cornhole contests and a horseshoe tournament on Saturday, June 28, beginning at 9 a.m. at Stockford Park.

ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Mulholland Gallery will hold an artists' reception for Debra Olsen and Heidi Herzberger on Saturday, June 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit of Herzberger's watercolors and Olsen's landscapes and sculptures runs through July 15 at the Gallery.

PRIDE IN THE PARK

LAMPS and the Downeast Rainbow Alliance will hold Pride in the Park with the Curbside Queens, Cindy Jollotta and Hot Velvet on Sunday, June 29, at 12 p.m. at Stockford Park.

WOMAN'S CLUB YARD SALE

Items for the Lubec Woman's Club Whale of a Yard Sale can be dropped off at the Lubec school cafeteria on Tuesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held on Thursday, July 3, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the school. Proceeds from the sale benefit scholarships for local students. The free day of the sale will be on Saturday, July 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the school.

FISH CHOWDER & BAZAAR

The West Lubec Methodist Church will hold a fish chowder and bazaar on Wednesday, July 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. There will be haddock chowder, hot dogs and pie slices.

KIDDIE DAY

A day of contests and games for children will be held on Wednesday, July 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stockford Park.

TEA WITH ELEANOR

The Lubec Celebration Committee and Roosevelt Campobello International Park will hold Tea with Eleanor on Wednesday, July 3, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Christian Temple Church.

SUMMERKEYS CONCERTS

On Wednesday, July 2, SummerKeys will present Gregory Biss on piano and

Dan Allcott on cello. On Wednesday, July 9, Halycon Consort performs. The concerts are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church.

LCOC WORKSHOP

LCOC will offer a gel printing workshop with Sara Myrick on Wednesday, July 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 44 South St. Suggested donation is \$15 per person; teens ages 12 and up may attend for free.

MAKE AND MEND

The LCOC Common Threads Fabric Studio and the art space will both be open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 44 South Street. Cool drinks and light nibbles will be offered.

LIONS CLUB BARBECUE

The Lubec Lions Club will hold their annual chicken barbecue on Friday, July 4, starting at 11 a.m. at the Masonic hall on Main Street. All are welcome.

BRAIDED RUGS WORKSHOP

LCOC will offer a braided rugs workshop with Anna Williams on Wednesday, July 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 44 South Street. Suggested donation is \$15 per person; teens 12 and up may attend for free. Please register by calling 733-5262.

LAMPS WORKSHOP

On Monday, July 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. LAMPS will host a Discover Your Voice workshop with Celia Slattery. The workshop will be held at 6 School Street. Register at <LubecAMPS@gmail.com>.

LUBEC MARKET

The Lubec Market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Water Street, opposite the Peacock building. Vegetables, cheeses, meats, eggs, baked goods and crafts, all by local growers and producers, will be available.

MASONS' COOKOUT

The Lubec Masons hold Thursday evening cookouts every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Masonic lodge on Main Street. All are welcome.

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EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES of Lubec Elementary School are: Ben Blake, Sean Sprague, Oliver Klekotta, Tyler Lyons, Connor Haskins, Elan Zanoni, Brady Huntley, Antonio Hererra-Denbow and Jade Wolf. (Wendy Black photo)



Lubec voters pass school budget with 9% increase in local share

by J.D. Rule

On June 12, Lubec residents passed the 2025–2026 school budget for MSAD 19 by a substantial margin. The referendum, which attracted 70 registered voters, was the first try at passage for the upcoming school year. The local share of the budget totals \$2,658,468, an increase of 9% over the previous fiscal year. The total budget is \$3,304,403, with the cost partially offset by unspent funds from prior years totaling \$305,000. The meeting, which included votes on 19 articles, took approximately one hour.

Before Article 2 was read, a floor motion asked that all articles be voted upon by written ballot; this motion failed by a 51–16 vote, following moderator Harold Bailey's comment that requiring written ballots would "add significantly to the time." Following that, each article passed on voice votes, with a few 'nays' on each except Article 4, for career and technical education, which had a zero dollar sum.

Article 14, which was for the additional local funds and requires a paper ballot, passed 53–13. No article was disputed; however, clarification was requested on several. The resulting passage was despite the efforts of one voter, Christopher Sarao, who wore a front-and-back sign-board urging voters to reject the proposed budget. Sarao did not participate in the three earlier budget workshops where the public was invited to review the draft budget and make suggestions.

During the preliminary workshops, which began in March, committee members and public participants discussed recommended expenditures, and many items were pared down. During these discussions it became clear that minor changes would insignificantly reduce local taxes and that many expenditures were mandated by state law, such as special education. Additionally, these reductions could jeopardize the future fund balance forward – often seen as a "piggy-bank" – thus driving up future taxes.

Two areas where a significant change may have been possible were rejected. These include elimination of a portion of the educational process, which would leave Lubec students at a disadvantage as they moved forward; the other would be to discontinue high school bus transportation, thus failing to keep a promise made at the time the Lubec High School was closed. As has been noted by the last two AOS 77 superintendents, state law does not mandate municipally funded transportation except for elementary schools.

An earlier study has concluded that reopening the high school is impractical and would likely result in higher costs and reduced educational opportunity. A similar study regarding withdrawal from AOS 77 failed to produce a conclusion. Voters will have the opportunity to view the town portion of the municipal tax prior the town business meeting, set for August 6, by studying the annual town report.

LUBEC ATVS (from page 1)

board's decision, but the municipal officer's choice is not delegable to the town meeting or subject to override by the voters, regardless of the municipality's form of government." Jancarik preceded that comment by pointing out the board's obligation when they designate a public way to "determine that ATV travel on the extreme right or within another specified portion of the right-of-way may be conducted safely and will not interfere with vehicular traffic."

During the June 18 meeting, Selectman Daniel Daley updated the board on the newly formed Lubec ATV Club, of which he is listed on social media as administrator. The club, according to Daley, is attempting to gain cooperation from property owners who will permit the construction of connecting trails, allowing travel across their property to Boot Cove Road and Maple Tree Drive, with the intent to allow ATV travel as far as McFadden's Variety, a convenience store that sells gas at the intersection of Maple Tree and Route 189. ATVs would be permitted

Water district plans rate increase of 4%

The Lubec Water District has announced a proposed rate schedule change with most rates increasing by 4%. The district has not adjusted rates since March 1, 2019, while operating expenses have increased. The increase to rates, which would be effective September 1, will enable the district to continue operating without experiencing deficits. The metered rates for residential, commercial, public authorities and private fire protection are proposed to increase by 4%. The rate for public fire protection would be increasing by 20% in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission, which recommends that public fire protection revenue be set at 30% of total operating revenue.

A public hearing on the rate changes will be held on Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lubec Water District Office located at 157 Pumping Station Road.

to cross Route 189 but would not be allowed to travel on the state road. "We don't plan on using South Lubec Road," Daley added.

"I don't think the traffic will be that much," he said concerning the number of ATVs, triggering Selectman Nancy Harrison to respond, "That's what you think."

Select board Chair Carol Dennison moved that these municipal roads be opened for ATV travel, "contingent on if and when the club produces a map" showing connections agreed to by the relevant property owners. This motion passed by a 3-2 vote, with Dennison, Daley and Selectman Mark Kelly voting in favor, and Selectmen Dan Wagner and Harrison voting against.

Other business

In other business, Richard Huntley of the public works crew brought up the question of parking, noting that this is a perennial summertime question. The suggestion was made to ask merchants fronting Water Street, and their employees to park off of that street, but the issue would not be resolved, as adequate space elsewhere will remain scarce. "Parking is a major issue in this town," remarked Dennison, prompting Daley to ask Huntley, "What do you suggest?" Huntley replied, "I really don't know." The board voted 5-0 to close certain streets for a portion of one day during the upcoming Bay of Fundy International Marathon; the finish line is on Water Street.

Following the select board meeting, three public hearings were held, discussing the proposed Land Use Ordinance; updates to the state-mandated Shoreland Ordinance, including the recently recreated map showing different protection zones; and the newly prepared town Comprehensive Plan. All three are to be presented for a public vote during the town's business meeting, set for August 6. For each item, these hearings were the second of a required two. Planning board Chair John Nielsen observed that a number of comments received during the first set of meetings resulted in adjustments.



SATURDAY, JUNE 28

At Stockford Park, Lubec

9:00 a.m.
Lubec Craft Fair
9:30 a.m.
Junior Cornhole Sign Up and Tournament
10:30 a.m.
Adult Cornhole Sign Up and Tournament
Adult Horseshoe Sign Up and Tournament

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

2:00 p.m. Bingo at American Legion #65

TUESDAY, JULY 1

Canada Day events at Herring Cove Park, Campobello Island (Atlantic Time)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

8 a.m.–12 p.m. Whale of a Sale at Lubec School Cafeteria, Sponsored by Lubec Woman's Club
9 a.m.–1 p.m Fish Chowder at West Lubec Church
9 a.m. Events at Stockford Park, Lubec

Musical Chairs, Rock Painting and Hiding, Donut Game and

9 a.m. Events at Stockford Park, Lubec
Baby Beauty Contest (Ages to be Posted)
10–11 a.m. Red, White, and Blue Stars!! Sponsored by Norm and Barbara

11:30 a.m.

Ice Cream Sundae Bar
1:30–2:30 p.m.
Tea With Eleanor at Christian Temple (Pike Hall)
Mason's Barbecue at Masonic Hall: Jim Backhaus Music
7:30 p.m.
SummerKeys at Lubec Congregational Church: Greg Biss,

piano & Dan Allcott, cello 7–11 p.m. DJ Kendall at American Legion

FRIDAY, JULY 4

At Lubec School Grounds:

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Chinese Raffle
8:30 a.m. Doll Carriage Line-up (Ages to be posted)
9:00 a.m. Doll Carriage Parade

10:00 a.m.
 Sully's By The Sea Barbecue, Meatball Sandwiches and More
 Foot Races at Lubec Soccer Field: 3-Legged, Sack Races and more (Ages to be posted)

10:00 a.m. Water Tent (Sponsored by Ridge Baptist)
Traditional Skippy Cups at Foot Races by McCurdy Family
in memory of Suzanne McCurdy

10 a.m.–2 p.m. Lubec Memorial Library Annual Book Sale
11:00 a.m. Bubble Gum Contest and Watermelon Eating Contest

11:00 a.m.
Lions Club Barbecue at Masonic Hall
11:30 a.m.
Frog Jumping Contest at School Grounds
12:30 p.m.
Grand Parade Line Up at School Grounds
1 p.m.
Grand Parade
2 p.m.
Pet Show at Soccer Field
Shirttail Parade Line-up

5:30 p.m. Shirttail Parade Line-up
6:00 p.m. Shirttail Parade
Dusk Fireworks! Johnson's Bay

SATURDAY, JULY 5

8 a.m.–12 p.m. Whale of a Sale Free Day at the Cafeteria 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Lubec Memorial Library Annual Book Sale

10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Lubec Landmarks Show July 5-15, Mulholland Gallery, Artists:
Heidi Herzberger & Debra Olson, McCurdy Smokehouse
Museum Hours: Thursday–Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4 p.m. Class Reunions of 1969, '70, '71 Legion
Dusk Fireworks by Brownville Bombers. Bring dish!

Essay for children, "What July 4th Means to Me," 2 prizes, drop-off box at Lyons' Market by July 3.

Rubber Ducky Book at McFadden's, Chinese Raffle and Seafood Raffle by Lubec Celebration Committee; be sure to purchase your tickets. Thank you to our town for your support! The raffles, Ducky Race, Shirtail Parade and essay prizes will be drawn at Lubec school grounds after Shirtail Parade.

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BETSY FITZGERALD moderates Machias's 2025 annual town meeting on June 11. Machias voters approved all 47 articles on the warrant in less than an hour. (Nathan Brimmer photo)



MACHIAS SELECT BOARD member Ben Edwards responds to a constituent's question during Machias' 2025 annual town meeting on June 11. (Nathan Brimmer photo)

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

Immaculate Conception Church, 31 Calais Ave., Calais – 8:30 a.m. St. James Church, 60 Summit St., Baileyville – 10:30 a.m. St. Anne Church, Peter Dana Point Rd., Indian Township – 5 p.m. (May–Sept.)

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Lubec to host events for Fourth of July

Lubec will kick off its multi-day July 4th celebration, themed as A Day At The Shore, on Saturday, June 28, beginning at 9 a.m. at Stockford Park with a craft fair, cornhole tournament and a horseshoe tournament. Bingo will be held on Sunday, June 29, at the American Legion #65 at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 1, Canada Day events, including games, parades and fireworks, will take place at Herring Cove Park and other locations on Campobello Island.

On Thursday, July 3, don't miss the Whale of a Sale happening at the Lubec School Cafeteria sponsored by the Lubec Woman's Club or the fish chowder at West Lubec Church. Also on Thursday, there will be a baby beauty contest, Red, White, and Blue Stars, and fun family events such as musical chairs, rock painting and hiding, donut game and an ice cream sundae bar, all happening at Stockford Park. Other events happening at various locations

will be Tea With Eleanor, a Masonic lodge barbecue, a SummerKeys concert and DJ Kendall.

Friday, July 4, brings many family-friendly events at the school grounds such as a doll carriage parade, races, book sale, bubble gum contest, watermelon eating contest and frog jumping contest. The Grand Parade will begin at 1 p.m., followed at 2 p.m. by the pet show and the Shirttail Parade at 6 p.m. and fireworks at dusk.

Events conclude on Saturday, July 5, with the Whale of a Sale Free Day at the cafeteria, the library's annual book sale and a Lubec Landmarks show. Class reunions for 1969, 1970 and 1971 will also be taking place.

Finishing off the festivities will be fireworks by Brownville Bombers; don't forget to bring a dish.

For more event and time information, please see the full event schedule in this issue of *The Quoddy Tides*.

Cutler to host July 4th parade, crate race

Cutler's July 4th celebration will start at 8 a.m. with the Captain Andy's Cutler Harbor 5K, the 40th running of this race. Registration forms are available at the town office; the cost is \$25. Registration on the day of the race is from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at the Bay Ridge Elementary School.

The Grand Parade will be at 10 a.m. Participants should line up at 9:45 a.m.; children riding bikes and scooters should line up on Wharf Road, and floats, trucks and ATVs will line up by the town office. There will be cash prizes for floats. The parade's grand marshals will be Cutler's youngest and oldest citizens.

After the parade there will be a flagraising ceremony at the town circle, and Christine Moulton will sing the national

Lubec Elementary School honor roll

The Lubec Elementary School honor roll for the third trimester is as follows.

Grade 3: Honors – Fox Beisel, Matthew Goggin, Julian Luloff-Nolan, Tate Matthews, Brenna Newman.

Grade 4: Honors – Nora Blake, Brantley Lehman, Danielle Pike, Nolan Robinson

Grade 5: High honors – Brady Lyons; honors – Rebecca Huntley, Kaylee Lyons. Grade 6: High honors – Taylor Tinker; honors – Reese Bowen, Kyle Grant, Brynn

Grade 7: Honors – Ryan Greenlaw, Vanessa Huntley, Hayden Lyons, Reid Matthews, Kira McMahon.

Grade 8: Honors – Connor Haskins, Jade Wolf, Elan Zanoni.

Perfect attendance: Aleigha Hatt, Brady Lyons

Good behavior: Kindergarten – Martin Cheney, Lucas Lehman, Raven Lyons, Madeline Mathews, Sophia Matthews, Mia Ross, Grace Sergi, Lexington Shaw; Grade 1 – Elsie Wasson; Grade 2 – Maria Blake, Sawyer Lehman; Grade 3 – Fox Beisel, Matthew Goggin, Julian Luloff-Nolan, Tate Matthews, Brenna Newman; Grade 4 – Nora Blake, Brantley Lehman, Danielle Pike, Gail Wasson.



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The Washington Academy basketball teams will be selling lunch at the baseball field. At 12 noon games will start, including cracker eating, Coke drinking, bubblegum chewing, running, three-legged and sack races, plus new events such as a lobster-banding contest and an anchorthrowing contest. Games for preschoolers will be under a tent.

The crate races will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Signup will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ballfield. The races will be held between the Cates and Porter wharves. A parent's signature and footwear are required, and only one run is allowed. The prize is \$20 and a T-shirt. Children ages 5 and under can get help across but will only get a T-shirt. Priority is given to participants under 18; adults will have a chance, time permitting.

On Sunday, July 6, a baseball game will be held at the town ballfield at 1 p.m. The concession stand will be open. Participants are asked to bring a glove.

The lobster boat races will start at 4 p.m.

CUTLER

by Renee Patterson

TOWN BOARDS, OFFICE NEWS

The July select board meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, at the town office, and they will be holding a visioning session from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, at the Bay Ridge Elementary School. The planning board will be meeting on Monday, July 7, at 3 p.m.

Currently the town of Cutler has the following open stipend positions for the 2025-2026 year: code enforcement officer, licensed plumbing inspector and animal control officer. Applications are also being accepted for a part-time office clerk. For more information please call 207-259-3693.

One-room school open to the public

The Starboard Schoolhouse is open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays during all of July and August from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This one-room schoolhouse on Rt. 92, Port Road in the village of Starboard in Machiasport showcases a 19th century classroom with student desks and the original schoolmarm's desk.

Offered for purchase are handmade gifts, books and dessert. Admission is free, but the schoolhouse gladly accepts donations to go towards continued restoration of the school.

Senior college to offer class on scams

by Thiela Schnaufer

Sunrise Senior College is offering a series of four classes on fraud awareness and prevention. Elaine Abbott from the Sunrise County Economic Council will give a series of presentations on the risk of scams that target all citizens but especially seniors.

In the first session on July 16 from 10 to 11 a.m., "Red Flags of Frauds & Scams," Abbott will give an overview about the most prevalent online scams in investments, tech support, romance, impersonation and the lottery.

In the second session on July 23, "Digital Safety for the Real World," Abbott will enlighten participants about cookies and how they are used to make browsing sessions more interactive, about private browsing, password management, two-factor authentication and how to quickly identify a scam email or text.

The third session, "Scam-proof Your Accounts," will meet on July 30. Abbott will give tips and demonstrate ways to protect private financial information both online and on conventional paper. Participants will learn about common financial frauds, including check washing and check fraud. She will also share components of keeping accounts secure, including password management and freezing one's credit.

In the fourth session, on August 6, "Phishing, Smishing, Vishing and OH MY!," Abbott will give valuable tips on understanding ways to identify various frauds and scams with unique properties such as phishing, vishing, smishing, skimming, shimming and e-pickpocketing. For this session participants should have previous knowledge of the basics of frauds and scams that have been discussed in her prior sessions.

Each session in the series is a standalone class, and all are free and open to the public. The classes are hybrid, held inperson in at the University of Maine at Machias' Science Building room 102 and via Zoom. To register and for more information, go to the website at <machias.edu/ssc/>

Gates House set to offer daily tours

From July 8 through August 29, walkin guided daily tours are offered at the Gates House and Cooper House museums at 344 Port Road by the Machiasport Historical Society. Donations are appreciated. The tours are offered Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The last tour each day is at 4 p.m. For more information, call 255-8461 during open hours or (813) 707-3819 or 255-8860.



AT THE MARGARETTA DAYS FESTIVAL, large crowds were in attendance to see the British and American patriots battle with skirmishes performed by the Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine, accompanied by the Piscataqua Rangers Jr. Drum & Fife Corps. The expansive hillsides with Little Kennebec Bay as a backdrop brought a sense of realism to the events.



CARLENE HOLMES wearing a 2005 festival shirt like the one removed from the time capsule was thanked by members of the Machias Historical Society for her years of service and devotion to managing and growing the Margaretta Days Festival to what it has become today – a touchstone of history for both residents and visitors to the Machias area. The festival was celebrated on June 20 and 21 this year. (RJ Heller photos)



A SURPRISE at this year's Margaretta Days Festival held for the first time at West Branch Farms did not disappoint. Many were in attendance and saw the opening of a time capsule, sealed and buried in 2005 in the Old Cemetery located behind the house once owned by Rev. James Lyon. The capsule commemorating the 230th anniversary of the Battle of the Margaretta was to be opened on the 250th anniversary. Inside were various documents, a T-shirt from the 2005 festival, commemorative coins, photos, advertisements and videos. Shown are Michelle Wilson Stanhope, Chris Sprague and Joseph McBrine.





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STEVE LAIL, CEO of Down East Community Hospital and Calais Community Hospital, and board Chair Jacqueline O'Clair are shown with outgoing trustees Corey Schwinn and Mike Hennessey.

DECH and CCH release annual report

Down East Community Hospital (DECH) and Calais Community Hospital (CCH) held their annual meeting of the corporators on June 11. CEO Steve Lail reported that CCH ended the year with a gain of \$733,011 and that DECH ended with a gain of \$4,277,557. More information is available in the 2024 annual report, which can be found on the DECH and CCH websites.

Board Chair Jacqueline O'Clair provided a message from the board and thanked the administration, staff and trustees for their hard work. She welcomed new board member Megan Walsh, dean and campus director of the University of Maine at Machias, and new corporator Sharon Hext, who served as volunteer coordinator for many years and is currently a DECH volunteer. She also paid tribute to Mike Hennessey, who served on the board for 13 years, and Corey Schwinn, who served

for nine years. They were termed off the board this year.

This year two physicians, Dr. Rathod and Dr. Gaddis, passed away. Lail stated, "Dr. Rathod was a urologist at DECH for 12 plus years. He was such a warm and nice man who always had interesting stories to tell. We missed him when he retired and were saddened to hear of his passing. We also lost Dr. John Gaddis. Dr. Gaddis had served several roles inside and outside of the hospital over his long career of practicing in Washington County." He added, "He was definitely a local institution and will be missed."

Current members of the board are Chair Jackie O'Clair, Vice Chair Judd Bragg, Secretary Nate Martell, Treasurer Ian Pratt, John Corrigan, Betty Marshall, Julie Jordan, Jody Dennison, Rita Ten, MD, Raymond Howard, MD, Megan Walsh, Dwight Perkins and Steve Lail.

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Bill to split DA district fails in legislature

by Edward French

Legislation to divide Washington and Hancock counties into two prosecutorial districts has once again failed in the legislature, this time with the bill dying in nonconcurrence between the Senate and the House. The legislature's Judiciary Committee had split on the measure, with a majority voting to not recommend the legislation and the minority report favoring an amended version of the bill.

A similar bill was brought forward in 2020, with advocates arguing that the proposal would give the county a greater voice in who will serve the county as district attorney and would provide greater access to justice for those facing charges, because of the high caseloads of prosecutors. It also would assist those in jail for drug crimes get more quickly into recovery programs and help address the rising cost borne by Washington County residents of drug-related crimes. That bill, though, ended by dying in 2021, following some behind-the-scenes political manipulation that angered Washington County legislators.

State Senator Marianne Moore of Calais, who sponsored the bill this year, recently pointed out in an op-ed that defendants have a constitutional right to a speedy trial, but the only court in Washington County that handles criminal cases

currently has a backlog of 256 defendants awaiting their first court appearance. That case backlog could take up to 15 years to clear. "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," she wrote.

Moore added, "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."

During the legislative hearing on the bill, Washington County Sheriff Barry Curtis had noted that, with the district attorney's office in Ellsworth, hands-on handling of the caseload is difficult. As a result fewer cases are being prosecuted and more are pled down or dismissed. "Having a district attorney dedicated to the people of Washington County would allow better management of the offices, caseloads as well as allow more time to work hand in hand with law enforcement," he stated.

Of the effort to split the prosecutorial district, Senator Moore says that Rep. Will Tuell of East Machias is promising "to continue the fight in the next legislature if he's reelected."

Legislature kills credit card surcharge bill

by Edward French

A proposal that would allow Maine business owners to impose a surcharge on credit card transactions, as is allowed in most states, was killed in the legislature, after it was amended and a legislative committee then voted not to recommend the bill. The Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee voted unanimously on May 21 to give the bill an ought-not-to pass recommendation.

State Senator Marianne Moore of Calais, one of the co-sponsors, says she and Rep. Will Tuell of East Machias, the sponsor, were "very disappointed at the direction the committee chose to take our bill, to the point where they were strengthening enforcement of the current statute to our dismay." Republicans on the committee then proposed the ought-not-to-pass recommendation in order to kill the bill. Moore adds, "Our hope is to try and do

something different in the future to provide our small businesses relief from these continued credit card charges."

During a legislative hearing on March 25, a number of Maine small business owners testified in support of the proposal. Heather Henry, owner of C&E Feeds in Calais and Calais Package Hub, told the committee that in 2024 her businesses paid \$11,334 in credit card fees, which could have been used to cover other business costs. "Every penny that I can save I desperately need it to keep my doors open," she said. "Bottom line is: Maine is one of the toughest states to do business in. Please help make it a little bit easier to keep our doors open."

Rep. Arthur Mingo of Calais, a cosponsor of the measure, had testified, "Credit card companies essentially have been free to amass major profits from the imposition of swipe fees, arguably at the expense of merchants, for more than a century." He cited research indicating that swipe fees are the second largest expense for small business operations.

The bill was opposed, though, by the Maine Credit Union League, with Krista Simonis stating that it would harm consumers, who are struggling to pay off their credit cards in full each month. She pointed out, "Currently the law permits merchants to offer a discount for customers who wish to pay with cash or check, but it prohibits a surcharge for card usage." And Josh Steirman of the Maine Bankers Association stated, "Surcharges are simply extra cost for consumers and an increase to a merchant's bottom line." He added, "People across our state do not need further price hikes – so please, do not create more price inflation with these bills."

Maine is one of four states where it is illegal to surcharge credit card transactions.



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Bills affecting county face uncertain fate

by Edward French

With the Maine Legislature wrapping up its session this week, as of June 24 there were still 292 bills on the special appropriations table with a total cost of more than \$2.7 billion over a four-year period. However, only \$7 million is currently available in the state budget for funding any of the bills, according to Senator Marianne Moore of Calais, so many of those bills may not become law.

One the bills that was on the special appropriations table is LD 461, which would fund four positions for the Maine State Police to increase their rural patrol coverage in Washington County, following the pullback in their coverage in 2023. The two-year cost for the four additional troopers under the bill sponsored by Senator Marianne Moore of Calais is over \$986,000. Rep. John Ducharme of Madison also submitted legislation to provide funding for 24 state police positions to enhance public safety in all of the rural counties of the state, with a cost of over \$6 million. Both bills have passed the House and Senate, but of the likelihood that the rural patrol bills will be funded Senator Moore comments, "This is probably not a priority for the Democrats, but it is possible that a position or two can get funding."

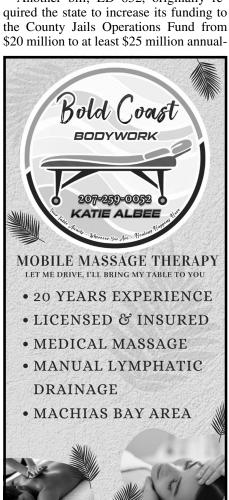
During the legislative session last year, three bill proposals to provide more funding for rural patrol in Washington County failed, and additional funding for the Maine State Police that could have helped beef up rural patrol coverage in the state ended up being cut significantly.

County jail funding

Along with the rural patrol bills, county leaders were also closely watching the fate of bills that would increase the state's share of funding for county jails. The cost of operating the Washington County Jail is a significant portion of the county budget, which saw a 22% increase in the amount raised by county taxes for this

LD 719 would have raised the state's share of the cost for county jails from approximately 20% of the cost to 35%, but the bill was amended and is now a resolve directing the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to look at funding and reporting requirements. The bill was signed into law on June 12.

Another bill, LD 852, originally re-



ly. It also required that, starting next July, the state must fund 90% of the costs incurred by county and regional jails the prior fiscal year. The bill, which was on the special appropriations table, was amended so now it will now provide only \$4 million to the County Jail Operations Fund annually. "With only \$7 million in total, there is basically no chance it will be funded entirely but could be amended," says Senator Moore.

Sunrise Trail extension bill

A bill to extend the Down East Sunrise Trail to Calais has been passed by the House and the Senate, and it was expected to be signed into law. The original bill sponsored by Senator Moore ended up being incorporated into another rail-to-trail bill concerning the state-owned rail corridor from Brunswick to Gardiner. During the April 4 hearing on the Sunrise Trail bill, more than 30 people offered testimony in support of the legislation, which would direct the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to extend the trail from Pembroke into Calais. The 12.2-mile extension on the existing rail line would pass through the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, where ATVs are not currently allowed, and some concerns were expressed about possible issues that should be addressed. The Maine Department of Transportation has noted that, with an estimated cost of between \$13.9 million and \$18.1 million, the extension could take many years to complete, because of limited state and federal funding.

Funding for veterans' homes

Another bill affecting Washington County is LD 182, An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of the Maine Veterans' Homes, which would establish a per diem amount to be paid to the Maine Veterans' Homes facilities for each MaineCare member, in addition to the regular reimbursement for a MaineCare member in a nursing facility or residential care facility. Among the veterans' homes affected is the one in Machias. "Unfortunately, the fiscal note is a little pricey," at over \$11 million over two years, Senator Moore notes. She adds, "I did try to put a floor amendment to the supplemental budget to fund this bill along with the rural patrol bill. The majority voted to 'indefinite postponement' on both

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NEARLY 200 "No Kings" protesters gathered at Lubec's Flatiron Park on June 14 to express their feelings about recent positions taken by the Trump administration. The demonstration was peaceful and included singing of the national anthem. Most passersby expressed support of those gathering; those in opposition were few. (J.D. Rule photo)

Over 800 take part in No Kings protests

On June 14, more than 800 people took part in No Kings protests in Washington County. Approximately 150 people attended the rally in Calais, about 200 in Lubec, over 300 in Machias and 175 in Cherryfield. People of all ages were in attendance, from children to senior citizens in walkers and wheelchairs. There were quite a few dogs as well. There was music, singing and chanting. Some rallies invited people to speak.

Many attendees said it was their first protest. One of them, an 85-year-old grandmother, said it felt wonderful to be there doing something important. She said contributing to changing things is better than just complaining.

The four Washington County locations were part of more than 2,000 No Kings protests held across the country. The attendance counts are still being compiled, but estimates are in the millions. They

were all there to voice their opposition to the president.

Protestors said President Trump and his enablers went too far in putting on a multimillion-dollar birthday parade, disguised as patriotism, while at the same time trying to pass bills that cut Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and veterans' benefits. Protesters were also angry that President Trump was sending the military into American cities and conducting ICE raids. One Vietnam Air Force veteran and retired intelligence officer shared that he was "disgusted with his guys" for not speaking out.

Many motorists expressed their support with waves, thumbs up, smiles and horn honking. Other motorists expressed their displeasure in negative ways. But rally organizers said this is what democracy looks like: people having differing opinions and expressing themselves peacefully.

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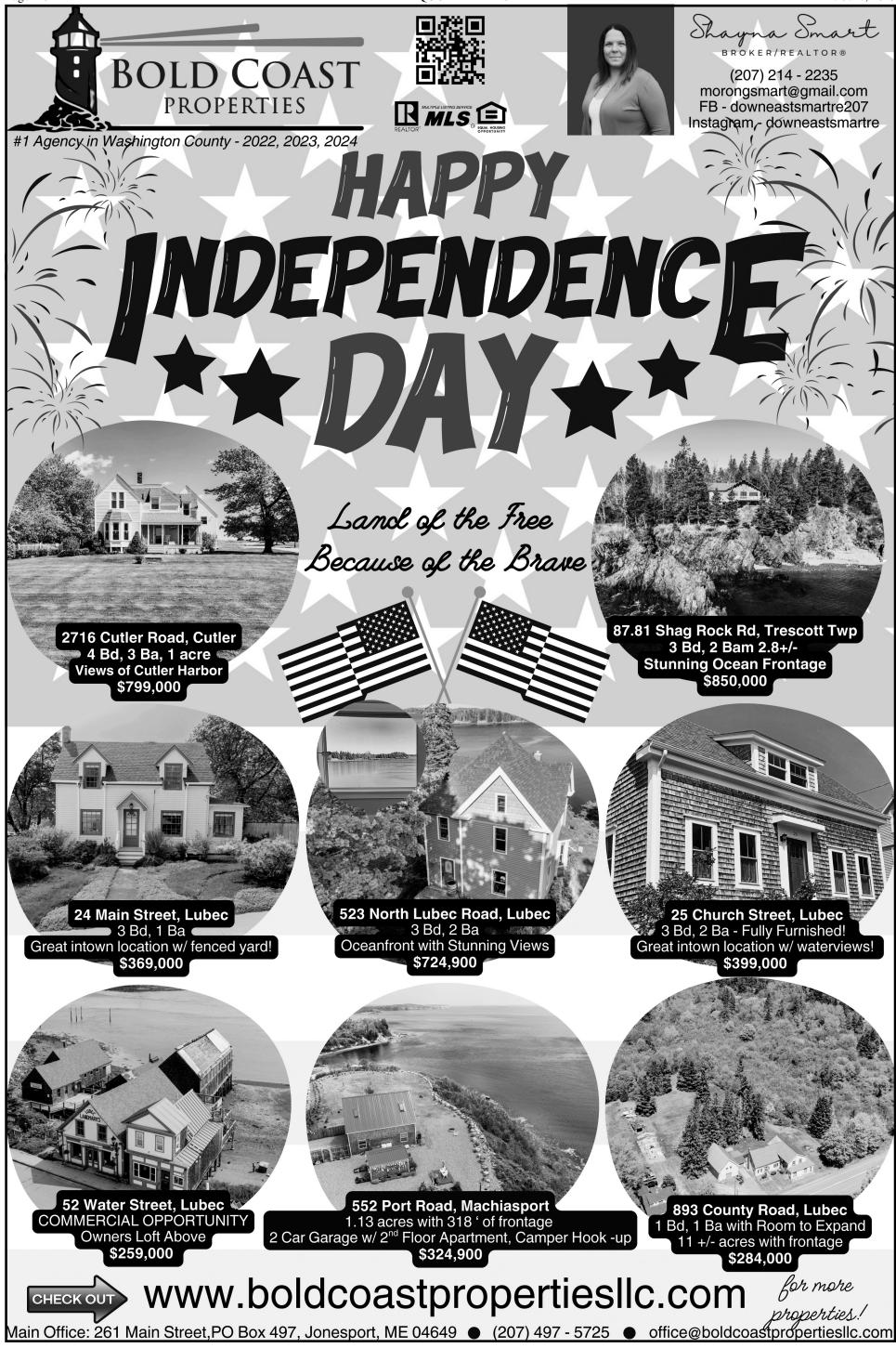
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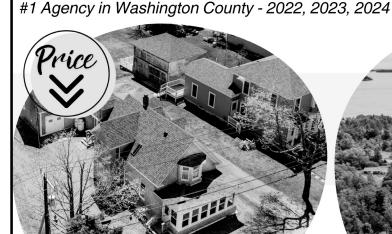








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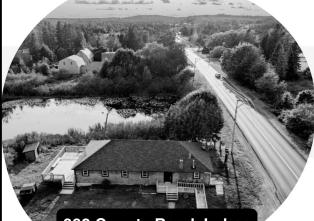
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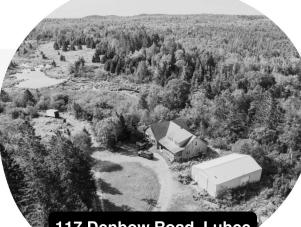
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EDMUNDS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL eighth grade graduates are (left to right) Ruth Bell, Kaleigha Poor and Wesley Jones.

Three Edmunds school students graduate

by Mary McFadden

The Class of 2025 at Edmunds Consolidated School held its graduation exercises on June 12. The theme of the occasion was "Enchanted Forest."

Marching to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," the three graduates, Ruth Bell, Wesley Jones and Kaleigha Poor, were led in by Class Marshall Parker Jarrett. Principal Trudy Newcomb reminded the graduates to always be their best, be honest and make good friends. She told them that, no matter where they went, they would always "be a Jet," and she then read to them from the book "Will the Pi-

geon Graduate?" Wesley Jones gave the student welcome, and then the three classmates recited the class prophecy. Ruth Bell led the class will, followed by class gifts, which were T-shirts of each graduate's favorite thing. Parker Jarrett gave the farewell speech, and Kaleigha Poor introduced the guest speaker, Alison Archer. She told the graduates to be proud of who they are and to celebrate getting this far on their educational journey.

After a slideshow, Chris VanOrmer led the students in honoring their parents with flowers. He and Principal Newcomb then presented awards and diplomas.

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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

Members are encouraged to attend the ATV Jamboree in Machias on June 27, 28 and 29. More information and other events can be found on the club's Facebook page.

The club will sponsor a public breakfast at the clubhouse on Milwaukee Road on Sunday, June 29, in conjunction with the jamboree. It will run from 7 to 9 a.m.; adults pay \$10 and children eat for free. The next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m. A public breakfast will be on Saturday, July 19, from 7 to 9 a.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A group travelled to Machias to tour the Burnham Tavern and explore the historical sites marking the 250th anniversary of the capture of the *Margaretta* and the return of the British Navy to protect the colony of Nova Scotia from further attacks.

On July 23 the Dennys River Historical Society will lead a tour of the Holmes Cottage and Museum at the St. Croix Historical Society in Calais. Members and friends are welcome to meet at the Lincoln Memorial Library in Dennysville at 9 a.m. and bring a lunch to enjoy a picnic at the St. Croix Island Historic Site at noon. For more information go to <www.dennys riverhistory.org/events> or call (207) 726-3905.

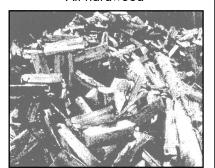
LINCOLN LIBRARY

Summer children's sessions will begin on Wednesday, July 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The helpers will include Alyssa Schmitter, Katie Jumper, Kasha Hill and Ann Carter. Children of any age are welcome, but the program will be planned for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 to explore picture books through chapter books and enjoy crafts, dramatics and energetic activities. For information or to assist, contact Ann Carter at 214-4540 or <ahcheaver.

Also on Wednesday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the library will be the much anticipated author readings with Catherine J.S. Lee and M.P. Greene reading stories from their respective books: Lee's *A Place to Land: More Stories from the Coast of Maine* and Greene's *Eddie and Me: Romancing the Wild Maine Woods*. Books will be avail-

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

About 55 people enjoyed the baked bean supper with door prizes at the parish hall on June 21. The next baked bean supper will occur in September. There will be no supper in July because of the annual Summer Festival. The next public supper in the parish hall will be the annual chicken barbecue on August 16. All suppers begin at 5 p.m.

The next public breakfast in the parish hall will be held on Saturday, July 5, from 7 to 9 a.m. Adults pay \$10 and children eat for free.

The annual Summer Festival will be held at the parish hall on Saturday, July 19, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Featured will be a tag sale, book sale, food sale, Chinese raffle, Clyde's famous hot dogs, outdoor flea market, silent auctions, raffles and more.

Contact the following people to donate items: Linda at 450-7872, tag sale; Janice at 726-9585 or Ruth at 726-5536, book sale; Mary, at 726-4676 or Sandra at 726-4287, food sale; Roberta at 726-4674, Chinese raffle; Scott or Mary at 853-4175, flea market, silent auctions, raffles.

The chancel choir will not hold rehearsals during July and August. Rehearsals will resume in September, and new singers are welcome. Contact Colin Windhorst at 726-3905 for more information. The Dennysville Festival Choir will resume rehearsals in October.

The annual meeting was held on June 18. Scott Jones was elected as moderator. Reports were presented by Linda Seeley, treasurer; Scott Jones, fundraising committee; Rick Chaffey, trustees; Roberta Seeley, deacons; Colin Windhorst, music committee; and Ron Windhorst, pastor's report. During his report, he asked the question, "Where are the people on Sunday morning?" Although the congregation has grown from the seven who were at church 46 years ago when he first became pastor, more would be welcome.

The office of Christian education chair is vacant. Cindy Joyce was recognized for her work on the chancel committee and for starting Bible Island, a Sunday school program for children. Kasha Hill has taken over as director of this program. Officers elected for two-year terms are Barbara Ward, trustee, and Roberta Seeley, deacon. Other officers' terms will expire in 2026.

TOWN OFFICE

The town office will be open on Tuesdays from 12 to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 12 to 4 p.m.

The town is grateful for the American flags along the streets of Dennysville and Edmunds. This program was begun by Chris Gardner and Molly Calder three years ago and is helped by Amanda Gardner and Howard Calder. All flags are purchased through donations.

The town also thanks students in grades 5-8 from Edmunds Consolidated School, led by Mrs. Calder and Mr. VanOrmer, for placing American flags on veterans' graves in the Dennysville Cemetery.

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SPRING FAIR

Maritime Munchkins will be holding a spring fair on Saturday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will have a bounce house with slide, food stalls, face painting, concessions, carnival-style games, music and more.

CRAFT FAIR PLANNED

Charlotte Fire and Rescue Auxiliary members will be meeting on Monday, June 30, to continue planning the annual craft fair to raise money for CVF&RD. The fair will be held on Saturday, July 12, at the fire station from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Members will have a bake sale, lunches, a raffle table, a craft table and will be selling hot dogs. Tote bags will be sold commemorating the 200th birthday of the town of Charlotte with proceeds going to support CVF&R.

Anyone interested in obtaining a craft space may contact Betty Close at <roundpondlane@aol.com> or at 454-7254. Craft tables will be available, but space is limited.

The group will be asking the community for help with baking and donating items to sell. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings or come to help at the craft fair.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) will be held at the church each evening from 6 to 8 p.m. for one week starting on June 23. All children are welcome. Sonia Seeley directs DVBS assisted by several teachers and helpers. During the last evening, Friday, June 27, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come for a pizza party at 7 p.m.

All children are invited each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school for songs, a Bible story, crafts and snacks. Morning worship service is held Sunday at 11 a.m.

Bible study, led by Sonia Seeley, is held each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the church but will not be meeting again until July 17 due to several events.

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Members Noah Curtis, Vinny Day and John Sawyer have now passed their Firefighter I class. Noah Curtis has passed the Firefighter II class and the other two will be taking the Firefighter II exam as soon as it becomes available. Sawyer is an EMT with the department. Day and Sawyer had previously attended the Junior Fire Department program, and when they became 18 they joined the regular department. CVF&R members are grateful that these young men have been willing to take the many hours of training to help in the community.

Members hold monthly business meetings the first Tuesday of each month and training on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. They are planning an open house

in August.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Selectmen's meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the town hall at 7 p.m. Since the building is being used on June 23, the next meeting will be held on Monday, 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. If there are no items on the agenda for the meeting, it will be cancelled for the month.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members met on June 18, and president Ken Carter thanked everyone that help make the Memorial Day ceremony a success.

Eileen Clark announced that the pens that had been ordered to honor of the 200th birthday of the town have arrived and are available for sale. The pens have writing on them that 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.

Lyle Furlong related another story that took place during his time of growing up in Charlotte for everyone to enjoy.

Eileen Clark and Sandra Sawyer, editors of "The Loon II" newsletter, would appreciate written memories of things that have taken place in Charlotte or any 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 July 16. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Welcome back to their summer home on Morgan Point at Pennamaquan Lake to Merrily and Al Sparling of Florida. John Bibber of Manassas, Va., and Matthew Pomeroy of Scottsville, Va., are spending several weeks at the Bibber cottage at Pennamaquan Lake.

Anita and Steve Clark of Hermon visited over the weekend with their parents Joan and Bill Tracy and Eileen Clark. They were here to attend the graveside service of her father, Dan Lee, in Calais. Two weeks later they came to celebrate the 96th birthday of her grandmother, Mary Donovan, in Calais, the birthday of his mother, Eileen Clark, and to celebrate Father's Day.

The painted and snapping turtles have been observed moving about looking for places to lay their eggs. Several people have been excited to see a newborn deer just starting to wobble about after being born. The wildflowers are in full bloom, and it is a wonderful time of year of see all the different birds.





PAUSING FOR A MOMENT during the assembly of a wattle fence in Calais is Trescott native Crow Boutin.

Trescott native weaves wood into fences

by Lura Jackson

The traditional skill of wood weaving – no longer a common art despite humanity's long reliance on wooden structures – is being brought back one garden at a time as Trescott native Nicholas "Crow" Boutin works his way throughout New England and beyond. Boutin, who retired from a career in cage fighting to pursue the art of wattling, recently completed a wattle fence in Calais to the delight of the property owner.

Raised in Trescott by his grandparents in a "very old farmhouse" that lacked electricity and running water, Boutin gained his nickname from Crows Neck Point, where he often escaped to as a young child. Accustomed to drawing water from a handmade well, using kerosene lamps and eating "right out of the garden," Boutin describes his family as being "extremely hard workers" as well as talented artists.

"The most important skill that I learned growing up was wreath-making," Boutin says. "Not only did it teach me a lot about wood and how to navigate the forest, it also exposed me to the business side of handcrafted items."

While he was growing up, Boutin's life was marked with challenges. At school, he was frequently picked on. "As I became an adult, I found myself getting in lots of trouble and making stupid decisions," he says. "Alcohol and jail became revolving doors for me. Eventually, I got sick of that life and moved to southern Maine." It was there that Boutin saw the opportunity to pursue a lifelong goal – becoming a fighter and learning how to protect himself. In his late 20s, Boutin found the opportunity to start training and competing at cage fighting at the Choi Institute of Martial Arts in Portland.

For the next eight years, Boutin excelled at cage fighting in what he calls an "amazing" career. "It taught me so much, about others and myself, and connected me with people who are lifelong friends." In 2014, Boutin was recognized as New England Fights Mixed Martial Arts Fighter of the Year after an undefeated season that saw two first-round knockouts.

During his time as a competitive cage fighter, Boutin had his daughter, Iola. "From very early on, I encountered challenges while trying to establish my relationship with her and knew I would need to start making more money in order to afford the things required to protect her," he recalls. Cage fighting "can be a selfish sport," he says, and he was "just ready to give all my attention and time to my daughter and her needs."

And so, after eight years as a cage fighter, Boutin turned to his roots. Applying the experience he gained in his youth, Boutin looked to the woods for his next career, finding the art of wood weaving as he did so.

"Besides the ticks, I love everything about what I do," Boutin says of his work with his company Woven Wood, now in its eighth year. "My work brings me out into the forests on my terms and allows me to be with my dogs all day. It keeps me physically strong, and it allows me to provide for my daughter in ways I wouldn't be able to otherwise. It checks all the boxes." While far removed from the competitive ring, Boutin's time as a cage fighter was invaluable for his work as a wattle maker, he says. "I apply Choi Shin Do, which translates to 'highest new way,' to my wattling."

Boutin's work has taken him all over New England and down the East Coast. One memorable project was at the Kennedy family compound on an island in Massachusetts where Boutin and the nephew of President John F. Kennedy bonded over their "mutual admiration for garden space design." The Kennedys were celebrating a wedding and were hoping to grow all of the flowers themselves but needed a way to protect the garden from the wild rabbit population. "The wattle fence I built was designed to keep the flowers safe," Boutin says.

Not all of Boutin's projects take him to faraway places, and sometimes Boutin gets to work on more familiar ground. Such was the case with a recent project completed for Tanya Zivkovic of Calais. Zivkovic, whose father was from the former Yugoslavia, finds appeal in the style of fences that Boutin builds. "The old world look of the weave is beautiful to me. Whenever I see it I am drawn to it."

After reading about Boutin's work in an online article, Zivkovic reached out to him with a request for a special project. She had previously shared her Calais home with her partner of 25 years, Preston Eliot Frenkel, and her mother, Barbara Ann Stepan, but both passed away last year. "The garden in my front yard is a memorial to them and the home we created together here in Calais."

In memory of her loved ones, Zivkovic asked Boutin to build a residential garden fence with an arbor and two gates, and she "could not be happier with the results," she says. Describing Boutin as "a master of his craft," she says she has been touched by his artistry. "It feels like sitting in a basket, being hugged by woven arms in my front yard."

Along with "making the place look better," it has brought people to Zivkovic's door who have never stopped by before. "That piece of connection is part of the magic of creative work," she says. "Please ask questions, stop and say 'hi,' and know that the people of Washington County are resourceful and ingenious. While there are echoes of Europe in this, there are roots of wisdom from the northern woods of Maine as well."



JUDSON MCBRINE, Washington Academy head of school, presents Arlene Porter with a rocking chair retirement gift and a bouquet of flowers from the Washington Academy board of trustees.

Washington Academy librarian retires

Arlene Porter has been the Washington Academy librarian for 15 years, but her history with WA almost spans a lifetime. She and her husband, Scott Porter, former assistant head of school and athletic director of Washington Academy, lived in the same house she used to play in growing up, which is now the Cates Dormitory.

After graduating from Washington Academy, Mrs. Porter earned a degree in education from the University of Maine at Machias. Subsequently, she completed a degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina. Her work as the school librarian has evolved over the years to include serving as a media specialist, creating an online library and establishing a space for handson activities.

Her passion for library science has adapted to educational trends, including the importance of early college course offerings to WA students. In her role as the online college course coordinator, Mrs. Porter has provided support and guidance to students taking early college courses. Her knowledge of the University of Maine and Maine Community College systems has been an invaluable resource. Her popularity as a mentor has more than tripled

the early college enrollment. The Larson Library has become a hub for students learning to work independently with online classes. Crystalann Kloeber, Class of 2024, warmly remarks, "Mrs. Porter is very supportive. She has helped countless students, including myself, get through and conquer classes that seemed impossible at times."

At the end of the school year, it is not uncommon to see alums visiting with Mrs. Porter after returning to the area for the summer. The Larson Library is often one of their first stops. Mrs. Porter shares, "Retiring might seem like goodbye, but it is not. I will continue to maintain relationships with WA graduates, going out to lunch and catching up on their accomplishments. Now, I will have more time to partake in Washington Academy's extracurricular activities, including Raider athletic events. WA is part of my heart!"

Head of School Judson McBrine states, "I know I will miss Mrs. Porter's support, her professionalism and the care that she showed for everyone. She showed a commitment to helping others, whether it was supporting her early college students, students coming to the library for assistance or encouraging her peers."

Washington Academy posts honor roll

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

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

Grade 10: High honors - Eleanor Ampuja, Eysan Ayvaz, Alyssa Beam, Payton Bulmer, Teles Dana-Callejas, Emma Do, Jhonny Flores, Alyssa Greenlaw, Tina Le, Son Le, Shepard McCall, Coburn Morris, Camren Mumme, Baylei Newman, Lucas Scoville, Acadia Thimlar, James Welch, Isla Wood; honors - Alonso Alcala Olalla, Candela Alvarez Clotet, Jack Caricofe, Jayden Corey, Pablo Cruz Parra, Nate Dana, Nguyen Dinh, Naroa Echeandia Arias, Aubrey Faulkingham, Lillia Gove, Lara Guedes Maciel Dos Santos, Kensie Hicks, Cecilia Hopkins, Alex Jordan, Alp Kucukkebabci, Alan Lassen, Junjie Lin, Noah Marshall, Brylee McConnell, Ricard Mesas Sole, Phoenix Meyer, Thomas Molinski, Crystal Nguyen, Mylene Palomo, Carlos Perez Barbadillo Rinaldi, Gehrig Renaud, Grady Renaud, Elina Smith, Minh Tran.

Grade 11: High honors – Bradley Austin, Cali Cole, Lucas Cushing, Lucinda Dao, Samuel Davidson, Hadley Davis, Sam Dedmon, Logyn Dempsey, Hannah

Dudley, Aria Lombardo, Juan Lopez Garda, Jayden Mahar, AJ Marx, Alex Mo, Colby Moholland, Michael Neptune, Lan Nguyen, Marin Norton, Maja Pflaum, Selina Phan, CJ Ramsdell, Meadow Rohde, Kellan Schwinn, Elliana Snider, Arden Sowerby, Nam Tran; honors -Blake Archer, Lucca Assad Pontes Costa, Gabriel Baker, Kiley Bauman, Javier Berdar Segura, Sarah Brown, Gabriel Browne, Matthew Bryant, Breonna Caler, Parker Cates, Anabella Cirone, David Garcia-Sanchez, Jayden Gardner, Addisen Goodwin, Lily Hennessey, Grace Howard, Linda Jessiman, Dakota Jordan, Taehyun Kim, Minna Koppetsch, Tai LaRose, Arden Luuring, Georgia Marsceill, Hanna Megno, Ben Mubang, Victor Nascimento Ramos, Danaeh Neptune-Miliano, Jonah Nicholas, Palmer Pham, Theodore Reimer, Urko Reino Pardo, Cooper Robinson, Dylan Robinson, Nathaniel Rose, Hal Samatiwat, Nolawi Thedros, Arthur Trindade Umeda, Giovanni Trinidad, Carter Wannemacher, Jayden Wright, Jose Zabala Melgar.

Grade 12: High honors - Emmanuel Albee, Aiden Albertson, Hayden Alley, Arhan Ayvaz, Autumn Balyint, Myla Bartko, Ryan Boyle, Lily Cao, Avery Cates, Miranda Cheney, Reese Crosman, Ethan Cummings, Maximus Curtis, Alayna Dana, Abigail Dorsey, Ian Eyerman, Naomi Eyerman, Olivia Feltner, Jacopo Ganni, Victoria Garza, Jadalyn Graham, Jade Greenlaw, Colin Hallowell, Donald Hatton, Rachel Keeton, Johanna Kiland, Alex Look, Taylor MacDonald, Kim Nguyen, Lin Nguyen, Skai Olivares, Kha Phan, Arianna Pighi, Finlay Ramsdell, Kiet Tran, Keeley Trott, Evelyn Vu; honors - Noah Arruda, Alaina Berry, Brendan Bragg, Anna Brown, Lucy Bui, Pablo Castell Bover, Ethan Cates, Paige Cates, Susanna Consonni, Jackson Cote, Grace Dennison, Dered Diaz Santana, Ava Fitzhenry, Benjamin Hennessey, Jaden Hoa, Daniel Khuong, Mike Le, Gabriel Leighton, Coleman McCall, Abigail Montemaggi, Jeremiah Myers, Dorothy Nguyen, Landy Nguyen, Truc Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Nhi Quach, Isabelle Roos, Lola Smith, Kisuhs Stevens-Dinsmore, Dennis Tran, Joey Vo.





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Naturalists to lead nature walk July 12

Maine Master Naturalists Kris and Allison Paprocki will lead a nature walk on Saturday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Pembroke Historical Society. The focus of the walk will be the flora of Pembroke. The walk will start at the Pembroke Historical Society museum and will take place at two sites along the Pennamaquan River: the brackish marsh across from the museum and the railroad trestle on the Sunrise Trail. Participants will then gather back at the museum.

There is limited parking at the railroad trestle, so participants are asked to carpool and to bring water, a snack and walking shoes. The walk will cover a little over half a mile on a mostly flat gravel road.

In case of rain, the event will be cancelled. Please check the PHS Events page the day before the event if the weather is questionable at <www.pembrokemaine historicalsociety.org/events>. For questions please contact Kris Paprocki at cprograms@pembrokemainehistorical society.org>.

by Genevieve Lemire <glemire10@gmail.com>

Pembroke Library will present a talk titled "The Northernmost Sections of the Appalachian Trail and Maine's Mt. Katahdin Peak" with Kevin Hartley in the commu-

For more information, events and/or hours, visit <www.pembrokelibrary>.

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

The July 4th T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase at the Pembroke town office during regular business hours.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The fifth Sunday service with the three churches will be on June 29 at 8:45 a.m. at the North Perry church with David Peterson officiating.

Pastor Sharon Grant will assume the pastorship of the Three Church Cooperative Parish on July 6. Beginning on July 6, each church will begin Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The first Sunday of each month, Pembroke, Blakey and North Perry will meet together for a joint service, including communion, led by Pastor Grant and rotating between churches. The July 6 service will be held at Blakey in Eastport. Grant will preach at Blakey the second Sunday of each month, at North Perry the third Sunday and at Pembroke on the fourth Sunday. On months with fifth Sundays, each church will meet separately, and Pastor Grant will rotate between them. Laity/clergy team members will preach at services in Grant's absence.

The Pembroke UMC Bible study meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Regular church services are at 10:15 a.m. until July 6, when they begin at 10:30 a.m.

THE EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES at the Pembroke Elementary School are (left to right) Calli Grey, Kendall Clement, Hailey Brown, Lelia Trask, Danicka Painter and Ami Griffin.

Pembroke to host July 4th parade, events

Pembroke's 4th of July celebration, with a theme of "Under the Stars and Stripes," will include a breakfast at the American Legion hall from 6 to 8 a.m., a parade, games and food.

Registration for the parade will be at the town office from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m., with judging ending at 8:45 a.m. There will be cash prizes for floats, ATVs, bicycles and walkers. Ribbons will be given for antique cars and trucks. The parade will start at 9 a.m. at the town office and proceed down County Road, turning left

onto Front Street and ending at the American Legion Post 59. Shiners' small vehicles and bagpipes will be in the parade.

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance will follow at Legion Post 59. Events for children will include Dumpster Dive and a bouncy house, and hot dogs, Lakeside Lemonade and Wesley's Wonderous Cotton Candy will be available.

The Paint 'n Place artists will be displaying their talents at the Legion, and the Pembroke Historical Society will be serving strawberry shortcake at the museum.

Pembroke school students receive awards

The Pembroke Elementary School held its third trimester awards assembly on June 13, with the following students being recognized.

Third Mid Trimester: PreK, Rylynn Fenderson; K, Stan McBride; Grade 1, Dorothy McBride; Grade 2, Alice Lingley; Grade 2, Kaylee Matthews; Grade 3, Reed Townsend; Grade 4, Matthew Beal Jr.; Grade 5, Paul Ross; Grade 6, Landon Neptune-Cushing;.

Third Trimester: PreK, Huxley Cushing; K, Owsley Cushing; Grade 1, Tripp Hagar; Grade 2, Bristol Hennequin; Grade 2, Lillianna Knight; Grade 3, Brady Smith; Grade 4, Axel Ashby; Grade 5, Harold Hawkes VI; Grade 6, Brookelynn Greenhalgh; Grade 7, Layne Fairy; Grade 8, Lelia Trask.

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Honor roll: Grade 5 - Nora Brown; Grade 6 - Darby-Ann Downes, Derrick Smith, Ava Wentworth; Grade 7 – Roman Brown, Kaydence Bulmer, Theo Messin, Delanna Smith; Grade 8 - Kendall Clement, Calli Grey, Ami Griffin, Danicka Painter.





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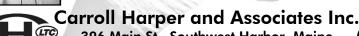
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Veterans honor guard seeks members

by Edward French

The United Veterans Honor Guard of Washington County is looking for more members, as its ranks are diminished but the demands for its services continue. The honor guard members participate in numerous funerals of veterans and during public events, including for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Passamaquoddy Days and the Fourth of July. They also make visits to veterans in hospice care.

Vince George, a member of the honor guard, notes that recently they were at a funeral for a veteran where the only honors that the veteran received were from the honor guard, since this area is so remote. He also notes that during this past

Births

Indian Township

Sasha Elizabeth Lacoote and Daniel Richard Smiley became the proud parents of a daughter, Aubrie Elise Smiley, who was born on May 29, 2025, at the Down East Community Hospital (DECH) in Machias and weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz.

Machias

Rachael and Andrew Seeley became the proud parents of a son, Theodore Andrew Seeley, who was born on May 26, 2025, at the DECH in Machias and weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz.

Pembroke

Autumn Francis and Joseph Fredette became the proud parents of a son, Canaan Anthony Fredette, who was born on May 26, 2025, at the DECH in Machias and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Jennifer and Timothy Morgan became the proud parents of a son, Anderson Paul Morgan, who was born on June 4, 2025, at the DECH in Machias and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz.

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year three members of the honor guard passed away. "There are more passing away or moving away than are coming in."

If an honor guard member wants to take a break or go on a trip, the others all have to check their calendars to make sure enough members will be around if needed. If there were more members, that pressure to always be ready if called upon would be reduced. "At some point, we'll have to miss a funeral," George notes, if the group does not find more members.

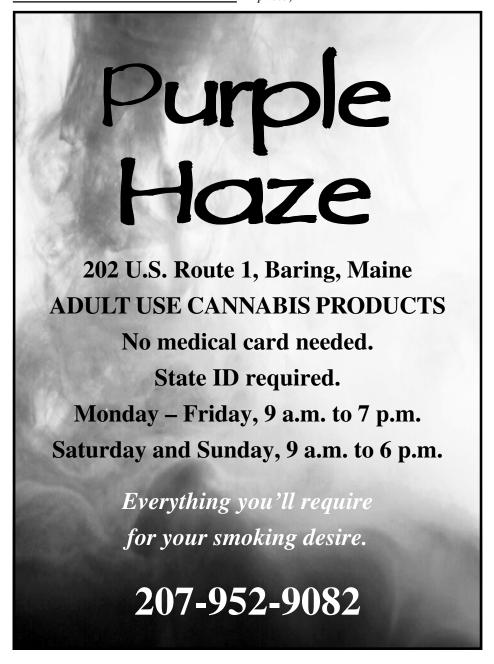
He notes that Washington County has been very fortunate to have an honor guard that performs a full display at funerals and public events, with flags, the firing of rifles, the folding of the U.S. flag and the playing of taps.

To become a member, there's no requirement that a veteran still have their uniform. "Being there is the most important part, and just a veteran's hat is enough."

Anyone interested should contact Andy Pottle at 853-0946. "We'd welcome any people who want to join up," George says.



JOSIAH GUILTNER of Perry, a homeschool student, graduated from high school in May. He plans to attend Washington County Community College in the fall to pursue an associate's degree in mechanical technology. (Sarah Guiltner photo)



Extension association honors volunteers

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension hosted its annual meeting of the Washington County Extension Association (WCEA) on May 31 at the University of Maine at Machias. The program featured highlights from national 4-H trips and a volunteer award ceremony.

During the annual meeting, members and residents voted on the 2026 budget and officers, who include Nicholas Mc-Donald, president; Robin Pinto, vice president and secretary; and Lisa Hanscom, treasurer.



PRESENTING Cindy Griffin with a legislative sentiment is Rep. Will Tuell. Griffin was the 2025 recipient of the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award.

Staff presented program highlights, speaking about the Eastern Maine ROOTS Conference, 4-H clubs and activities and the Master Gardener Volunteer program. Kai Bauman shared details from her trip to Washington, D.C., for the National 4-H Conference. This annual event brings hundreds of 4-Hers to the nation's capital. Delegates become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. Soren Danielson gave his Speak Up 4-H! public speaking illustrated talk on what should be done with the Machias marshlands. Soren received a blue ribbon for this presentation at the state event.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of two community-focused awards: the University of Maine Pen Award and the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award. Recipients of the University of Maine Pen Award were Dr. Eric Jones and Kyle Winslow. This award is presented to volunteers who make significant contributions in one program area of Extension. Both Jones and Winslow were honored for their volunteer work with the Washington County Extension Associa-

Cindy Griffin of Whiting was the recipient of the Norman W. Duzen Community Service Award. Inez Lombardo, who presented the award, stated, "Cindy contributes in ways, large and small, to the life of Porter Memorial Library. She never stops thinking about the next improvement that might make the library a better place."

Perry residents pass school budget

Perry residents voted to pass the proposed 2025-2026 school budget during a special town meeting held on Monday, June 16. The voters unanimously approved the budget, which calls for an increase of 11.5%, or \$27,225, in local share. The overall budget will decrease by 3.1%, or \$72,647, to \$2,012,701.

To limit the amount required from local taxation, \$230,000 will be drawn from the school's fund balance forward, leaving \$106,374 in that balance.

The town will be holding its annual budget meeting on Tuesday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at the municipal building.



EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES at the Perry Elementary School are shown at the June 10 graduation ceremony. Left to right are Jesse Gower, Carson Malone, Lilliana Tomah, Layni Harkins, Tansiha Bulmer, Anna Francis-Perry, Brandon Morrison.

SCEC offering youth safety art contest

Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is offering a "Power to the People!" youth art contest. Washington County youth ages 13-18 are invited to create original artwork to raise awareness about power outage prevention and preparedness, specifically power outages caused by falling trees.

Contest entrants are asked to illustrate one or more messages, such as the importance of trimming or planting trees responsibly near power lines, helping neighbors prepare for outages, staying safe around downed lines and the value of being prepared with supplies and support when the lights go out.

Selected artwork will be printed on posters, magnets, stickers, the Power to the People website and more. The top three winners will also receive a Jackery

Portable power station and campaignthemed materials featuring the winning designs. A bonus prize may be awarded for the design of a campaign superhero. The campaign will raise awareness

about how to prevent and prepare for power outages and stay safe around power lines.

The project is made possible by the Island Institute, Versant Power and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Submissions are due by July 15 and can be submitted online, by mail or dropped off in person at SCEC's office at 7 Ames Way in Machias. Forms, guidelines and rules are available at https:// sunrisecounty.org/power-to-the-people/>.

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GRADUATES from Sipayik Elementary School are (left to right) Amaya Hersi, Cedar Brodeur, Ava Cruz, Kaidhen DiNardi, Chloe McLaughlin, Eli Miliano, Brea Mumme, Caleb Moore and Jayla Warmack.

Sipayik eighth grade students graduate

On June 11 nine eighth graders graduated from Sipayik Elementary School. After they marched in at the beginning of the ceremony, Lynn Mitchell honored the class with a traditional song. Principal Dan Morang addressed the graduates, and Chief Pos Bassett congratulated the group and encouraged them to look beyond post-secondary education.

Chief Bassett then presented each graduate with a tribal scholarship, followed by the Edward Bassett awards. The recipients are Caleb Moore for improvement throughout the year; Kaidhen DiNardi for recognition of athletic skill and sportsmanship; and Amaya Hersi for overall improvement.

Rhonda Stevens, the Grade 8 teacher, presented the academic awards. The highest-class average was earned by Brea Mumme, followed by Cedar Brodeur earning second-highest average and Chloe McLaughlin with the third highest.

Cedar Brodeur had the highest average in math, was excellent in health, was a superior discussion leader and made significant improvements in the NWEA testing. Ava Cruz was recognized for her work on reading projects, creative writing

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and improvements in NWEA. Kaidhen DiNardi's accomplishments include logic skills, working outside or with his hands, being the most improved in social studies and playing cross-county, soccer and basketball.

Amaya Hersi had outstanding observation skills coupled with bold questions and improved five points on her NWEA reading. Chloe McLaughlin was recognized for reading projects, improvement in math, Passamaquoddy award and improvement in the NWEA math test. She also played basketball.

Elijah Miliano earned the fourth-highest class average, improved in his reading homework and played basketball. Caleb Moore excelled during his time in Fix It Friday and made math gains. Brea Mumme earned the highest-class average in science and social studies and was excellent in math, writing and reading. Mumme had excellent sportsmanship, did good work in Passamaquoddy, made the honor roll three of four quarters, was honored with the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and played soccer. Jayla Warmack was honored for her assistance with the lower grades in gym, had excellent conduct and played basketball.

Chloe McLaughlin received the Beatrice Rafferty Award. Before presenting the diplomas, Principal Morang presented Jayla Warmack with the Kim Neptune kindness award. Cedar Brodeur received the most improved student award, and Brea Mumme received the principal's award.

Wabanaki students offered tuition waiver

The College of the Atlantic (COA) in Bar Harbor has announced a comprehensive tuition waiver program for students from the Wabanaki tribes, representing a significant step in the college's commitment to supporting Indigenous education and honoring the traditional lands on which the institution is located.

The program provides full tuition waivers to enrolled COA students who are members or direct descendants of members from the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseets or the Mi'kmaq Nation. Additionally, the college will meet all demonstrated financial needs for Wabanaki students without requiring loans. The initiative goes beyond traditional tuition assistance by ensuring that participating students have all demonstrated financial need met without loans. This approach addresses the full spectrum of college costs.

Reza Namin, superintendent of Maine Indian Education, says, "College of the Atlantic's tuition waiver program represents the kind of meaningful partnership we need to support our students' educational journeys." He adds, "As we work on legislation through the Joint Maine Education and Culture Committee and develop innovative proposals like our State Wabanaki High School initiative with the Maine Charter Commission, programs like this demonstrate how institutions can take concrete action to remove barriers and create opportunities for Wabanaki students to succeed in higher education."

Namin emphasizes the broader impact of such initiatives on Wabanaki communities. "This program goes beyond individual student support – it represents a recognition of Wabanaki sovereignty and the unique educational needs of Indigenous peoples. When we remove financial barriers, we're not just helping students access education, we're investing in the future leadership of our tribal communities."

"We've seen too many bright Wabanaki students defer or abandon their college dreams due to financial constraints," he says. "Programs like this create a pathway for our young people to pursue higher education while staying connected to their cultural identity and community responsibilities. This is exactly the kind of partnership that can help us break generational cycles of educational inequality."

Namin also stresses the importance of cultural support alongside financial assistance. "I'm encouraged by COA's commitment to creating an inclusive environment that honors Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. I challenge other colleges and universities in Maine to examine how they can better serve Wabanaki students. This program sets a powerful precedent that education should be accessible to all, regardless of economic circumstances, and that our Indigenous heritage deserves recognition and respect in academic settings."

Students must complete COA's standard admission process and submit additional documentation, including tribal membership verification and financial aid applications. For more information, contact the College of the Atlantic financial aid office at <financialaid@coa.edu> or visit the college's website.

PLEASANT POINT

FUNDRAISER PLANNED

On July 12 a fundraiser will be held for Leon Sockbeson Sr., who was recently diagnosed with throat and neck cancer. It will be at the tribal office gym from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include a raffle, dinner, bake sale and a ticket tree. All donations are welcome. Please contact Janelle Sapiel at 214-1551, Jackie Lola at 214-4733 or Tina Sabattus at 214-6105. All proceeds will be for his cancer treat-

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The tribal government is seeking tribal members to form a constitution committee. Those interested are asked to leave their name and number with the tribal

clerk's office.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Water mains throughout Pleasant Point area are being flushed until Friday, July 11, from the hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Water pressure will be affected.

TRADITIONAL SWEATS

Traditional sweats are being offered to youth and adults at the Nation Grounds with Dute Francis. To sign up, call 853-5035 or call Francis at 214-8699.

Cancer center can offer help with costs for tribal members

The Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center has partnered with Free Me from Lung Cancer to help with the many financial challenges facing the Native American population living in the State of Maine fighting lung cancer and other lung-related diseases. The costs of treatment and medication can be costly. Other issues, like the cost of transportation to and from treatment, lodging and meals, can also be difficult to arrange and can be overwhelming.

The resource center provides limited financial assistance for treatment-related transportation, lodging and nutrition to Native Americans across Maine affected by lung cancer and other lung-related diseases.

The center can also provide support for screenings, prevention, follow-up treatments and well-checks. The first step to applying for financial assistance is to call 207-664-0339 and speak with a cancer patient navigator to complete a brief intake, or email <info@bethwrightcancer center.org> and place "freeme" in the subject line.

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Training site named for tribal soldiers

by Edward French

In a ceremony held on June 16, the Maine National Guard's training site in Woodville was named in honor of two Passamaquoddy World War I soldiers from Sipayik. The site, near Mattawamkeag, is now named the PFC Charles Lola and PFC Samuel J. Dana Training Area.

A monument that now stands at the entrance to the training area tells of Lola and Dana's distinguished bravery on June 16, 1918, around the village of Xivray, France, in the Toul Sector of the Western Front during WWI. The two Passama-quoddy soldiers were in Company I of the 103rd Infantry Regiment, which was part of the American Expeditionary Forces' Yankee Division.

The plaque on the monument states, "During a raid by elite German troops, they remained at their forward post during an artillery bombardment despite orders to withdraw. Manning an automatic rifle, they disrupted the German attackers long enough for the rest of Company I to recover from the barrage and counterattack, gaining a significant victory. PFC Charles Lola was killed by machine gun fire, and PFC Samuel Dana was severely wounded in the leg."

The statement continues, "Their actions as Passamaquoddy and U.S. Army soldiers and Maine National Guardsmen at Xivray brought commendations from the commander of the 26th Division, the French Corps commander and General Pershing, commander of the American

Expeditionary Forces."

Lola was posthumously awarded the French Croix de Guerre on February 24, 1919, while Dana, who lost his leg in the war, came home and later served as the tribe's representative to the state legislature

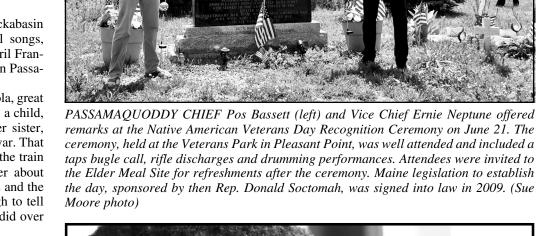
Among those attending the dedication were Passamaquoddy Chiefs Pos Bassett and William Nicholas and Brigadier General Diane Dunn, adjutant general of the Maine National Guard, along with members of the families of Charles Lola and Samuel Dana.

Lauren Stevens and Kendra Sockabasin sang Passamaquoddy ceremonial songs, including the honor song, and Cyril Francis read the words on the plaque in Passamaquoddy.

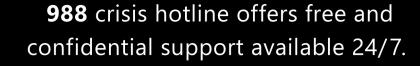
During the ceremony, Jackie Lola, great niece of Charles Lola, stated, "As a child, Seraphine Lola, Charles' younger sister, saw him get on a train and go to war. That was the last time she saw him as the train pulled away. We often asked her about him, and just the tears in her eyes and the touching of her heart were enough to tell us what an honor it was what he did over there."

"He died for our country even before he could vote," Lola notes, as tribal members could not vote in federal elections until 1954 and state and local elections until 1967.

Of the recognition ceremony, she states, "It was really emotional for the families and long overdue."









STANDING by the plaque dedicating the Maine National Guard's training site in Woodville to Passamaquoddy World War I soldiers Charles Lola and Samuel Dana is Lola's great niece, Jackie Lola of Sipayik. She holds a folded U.S. flag that was presented during the June 16 dedication ceremony in appreciation of Charles Lola's service and sacrifice during the war. (Donald Soctomah photo)

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Council OKs walkway grant application

by Wayne Tripp

At the June 12 meeting of the Calais City Council, City Manager Mike Ellis recommended that the council meet once each month for July and August, as has been the normal practice, with meetings on July 17 and August 14. Ellis also requested that the council appoint City Finance Director Crystal Gallina as the city's representative to the county budget committee, which was approved unanimously. The council also approved submission of a Maine Trail Program grant application for the waterfront walkway. The required match can be met with previous work completed by the city and materials already purchased as well as in-kind labor.

The public safety committee met prior to the meeting and discussed the city's

Traffic Control Ordinance. The committee was in favor of revising the two-hour parking signs located downtown and will present suggested changes to the Traffic Control Ordinance at a later date.

The council approved Assessor Andrea Walton's application for a scholarship to attend the International Association of Assessing Officers' annual conference in September and the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Recreation Department from Pratt Chevrolet for \$40,383. Walton also noted that the citywide revaluation work is commencing, with two high school students hired to assist.

The council approved a request from the code enforcement officer to begin the dangerous building proceedings for properties located at 489 South St., 82 South St. and 3 Garfield St.



ROBBINSTON WEIGHS COST (from page 1)

ment is damaging. That's going to set us back years. A lot of parents are concerned about the kids' mental health."

Calais and Robbinston Superintendent Mary Anne Spearin, who presented the two budgets, says, "We are in hopes of being able to maintain school choice for our students while bringing forward a fiscally responsible budget." Spearin says she was asked to prepare one budget showing "full school choice with current and projected Robbinston student enrollment" and the other showing "the lowest possible tuition cost for the FY 2026 school year," she explains.

Reviewing both budgets was necessary, Spearin says, because "late this spring we discovered the Town of Robbinston is no longer able to place a tuition cap on students attending any elementary or high school unless there is an exclusive contract for our students. This significantly raised the previous budgeted tuition expenses, and the board wanted to understand the situation in real numbers, hence why the two options were provided."

Calais is the lowest tuition cost option, with a rate of \$7,853 for elementary students and \$10,018 for high school students. Previously, Robbinston paid area schools no more than the rate Calais sets plus 10%, but without being able to do so tuition costs would be higher.

The budget with school choice shows a shortfall of \$230,392, with the increase in expenses largely coming from regular instruction due to the increased tuition rates, with a total cost of \$912,740. The cost of elementary instruction would increase by \$46,009 over the previous year, and the cost of high school instruction would increase by \$187,228, for a total increase of \$233,236.

The budget without school choice shows a shortfall of \$9,779. The cost of regular instruction would be \$672,569, or \$6,935 lower than last year. Elementary instruction would increase by \$40,031 over last year, while secondary instruction would decrease by \$46,966 over last year. Between the two drafts, the difference in the cost of secondary education is \$234,194.

No tuition proposals from other schools

Have a story idea or news tip?

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were reviewed or discussed during the Robbinston board's June 13 meeting, and no votes were taken. "The [two] options were provided for real number conversation and in hopes that community members would provide feedback on their perspectives of best interest of students balanced with fiscal responsibility," Spearin says. Based on the feedback, the committee contacted area schools to request tuition proposals. Special meetings were scheduled at Perry, Pembroke and Eastport for Wednesday, June 25, for the respective school committees to discuss the issue.

Perry 'would be devastated' by loss

Losing the students - which have already been figured into the next year's budget - would "hurt our schools," says MaryEllen Day, superintendent of AOS 77, consisting of Alexander, Baring, Charlotte, Crawford, Dennysville, Eastport, Lubec, Pembroke and Perry. "Perry in particular would be devastated. Possibly to the point of closure."

Currently, Robbinston has 33 high school students with 17 enrolled in schools outside of Calais. It has 41 total elementary students, with 18 enrolled in Perry and 18 in Calais.

During their respective meetings, the Pembroke School Committee voted to offer tuition agreements of \$12,000 for the next two years, with no transportation included; the Eastport School Committee offered its current rate of the Calais rate plus 10% for two years for elementary students and the Calais rate plus 10% for one year followed by a switch to the state rate of \$14,081 for high school students, with transportation included for both schools; and the Perry School Committee offered to stay at the rate of Calais plus 10% for two years with transportation included.

"We don't want to have an exclusive contract with Robbinston. None of our towns do. But if Robbinston does choose that route, Perry can offer a better contract," Day says, noting there is no transportation cost with the Perry deal. "But nobody wants to do that."

Maintaining the option of school choice is a strong preference for Robbinston families, Hagar says. "All the parents - nobody is interested in creating an exclusive agreement with anybody. It's not that we're saying that some schools are better than others. But for our kids, some schools may be better for them."

For Hagar, who has since started Robbinston Families First on Facebook and as an email group, the main problem – apart from the potential loss of school choice is a lack of transparency in the situation. In general, Hagar says the community is not very aware of the considerations being made. "It's kind of surprising to me how few people knew this was a thing."

The next meeting of the Robbinston School Committee, which will include a review of tuition proposals from area schools, is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m.



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LAWFUL ASYLUM SEEKER (from page 1)

including through concessions by CBP and ICE, that Flores Salazar was detained without any lawful basis." He noted that "it is undisputed that Flores Salazar had permission to be in the United States on March 5, that he had committed no crime and the CBP knew these things when it detained him." Judge Sorokin notes that the government concedes that his detention was the result of "error" and "oversight."

Of the detention of Salazar, Judge Sorokin stated, "These limitations on his liberty occurred despite decisions by immigration officials just last summer granting him temporary parole status in the United States for humanitarian reasons, along with work authorization; despite Flores Salazar's compliance with the terms of his parole; despite his lack of any criminal record; despite his production of a valid, unexpired, government-issued work-authorization card to Border Patrol agents who encountered him in Maine; and, as it turns out, despite the absence of any lawful reason to detain him."

An asylum seeker's journey

In 2018 Salazar had fled from Venezuela to Peru because of his fear of political persecution, according to the judge's order. Later, he traveled to Mexico and requested an appointment with CBP in hopes of seeking asylum in the United States. After waiting nearly nine months in Mexico, he was assigned an appointment date and on that date presented himself at a port of entry along the Texas border, following the directions provided by CBP. On July 18, 2024, he was granted humanitarian parole into the U.S. for two years by CBP at the Mexico/United States border, with the requirement that he apply for asylum within a year. His application for temporary employment authorization was granted, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issued him a work-authorization card. In October 2024 he appeared in immigration court as required and then moved to Florida, with his relocation approved and immigration proceedings transferred there. He then found work with a construction company that sent him as part of a crew to different states.

In early March of this year Salazar and six other crew members traveled to Calais for a construction job in Robbinston, and they stayed at the Calais Motor Inn. On the morning of March 5 when they headed out in their work van at approximately 7 a.m., Border Patrol agents approached them and told the men to produce identification. Six of the crew were told they would have to go to the Border Patrol station in Calais with the officers. According to a court document submitted by Salazar's attorneys, Lindsay Custer and Claire Maguire of the Northeast Justice Center in Lawrence, Mass., the agents took photos of the crew with their phones and "had the crew pose in different groups while the agents laughed. The agents later posted some of the pictures on Facebook."

One of the employees at the Calais Motor Inn told Ivan Rivera, a U.S. citizen who was one of the crew, that CBP agents frequent the motel's restaurant and bar, which Rivera assumed was how the agents knew the men were staying there. In a statement, CBP says the agents were told about the crew being in Calais by an unidentified caller.

After his arrest and that of the five other crew members, Salazar notified the Calais agents of his fear of persecution or torture if he was returned to Venezuela. CBP's narrative of the encounter, though, does not document his parole and instead states that he was "in the United States illegally" and did "not possess immigration documents that would allow him to enter, remain in or pass through the United States," according to the judge's order. The acting patrol agent in charge at the Calais station authorized an arrest warrant, accusing Salazar of being in the country in violation of immigration laws. He was taken to a correctional facility in Vermont and then transferred to one in Massachusetts, where he remained for more than seven weeks.

With assistance of attorneys, on April 29 Salazar filed a petition with the court alleging that his detention violated the federal statute governing his parole and the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution. The court set a May 6 deadline for a response from the government, and at the end of that day attorneys for the government requested an extension of time, saying their unit "was overwhelmed." The court then set a new response deadline of May 9. On May 8, the assistant field office director for ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) reviewed Salazar's custody status - "the first such review conducted by any representative of CBP or ICE since March 5," the judge notes. The government then requested a second extension of the response deadline, and an extra week was granted.

After spending 65 days in immigration detention, on May 10 Salazar was released from the correctional facility after ERO confirmed that he was in parole status at the time of his arrest. But he was not unconditionally released. Rather, he was fitted with an ankle bracelet and subject to GPS monitoring supervised by ICE.

On May 16, the government filed a motion for the court to dismiss Salazar's petition, stating he was no longer in ICE custody and that the ankle bracelet did not amount to custody, although the government has acknowledged that GPS monitoring can in some circumstances amount to custody. Instead, the government asserted that Salazar "is free to travel, determine where he wants to reside, associate with whomever and pursue what employment he can engage in." The judge, though, responded: "This characterization is unsupported by any evidence, and it is wrong." He points out that Salazar is not allowed to remove the GPS monitor, must adhere to a weekly schedule approved by ICE and limit his movements to a designated geographic area within Texas. He must disclose any work information to ICE and may be asked to verify his location at any time. He cannot change his address without approval from ICE, and every four weeks he must visit an ICE office more than 170 miles from his home, and during the visits his possessions and vehicles are subject to search. In his decision, the judge ordered the release of Salazar from the ankle bracelet and the intensive supervision.

As of May 29, at least four of the crew members who were arrested in Calais are still unaccounted for and may still be in custody or were removed from the coun-

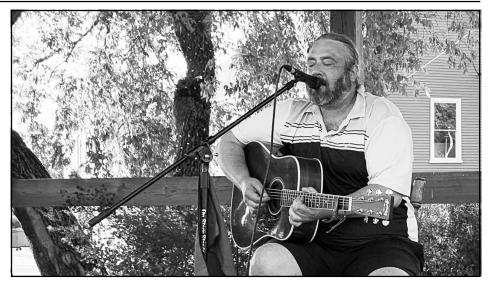
Salazar's unlawful detention is not the only one that has occurred recently in Maine. According to the documents filed by the Northeast Justice Center attorneys, on April 10 at least two people with valid employment authorization documents were arrested by immigration authorities for no discernible reason, and in March at least one person with valid authorization to be present in the U.S. was detained.

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PLAYING A BLEND of American folk and rock music is Chris Ross during a performance at Flat Iron Park in Calais on June 24. (Lura Jackson photo)

School board passes \$9.6 million budget

by Wayne Tripp

At its June 25 meeting, the Calais School Committee made quick work of passing the budget for the 2025-226 fiscal year. Superintendent Mary Anne Spearin noted that the budget honors the school committee request that extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and special programming such as art and music not be reduced and that where possible maintenance and repair expenses such as heat pumps should be brought in house.

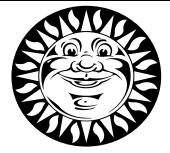
The total budget is for \$9,620,107, with state subsidy funding, including the St. Croix Regional Technical Center funding of \$1,416,613, amounting to \$5,158,111, reflecting a reduction from the current year of \$871,383 or 14.5%. More than \$800,000 of the reduction is the state share for the purchase of school buses that were paid off this year. Additional revenue increases are budgeted in MaineCare reimbursement - a \$261,960 increase - and drawing down the fund balance forward by \$755,106, an increase of \$555,107.

The school budget seeks an increase in funding from local taxation of about \$65,000, to a total of \$1,485,738. The city council is holding an open public forum for the purpose of hearing public comments on budgetary and property tax matters on Monday, June 30, at 6 p.m. at the St. Croix #1 fire hall on Church St. The council will then hold a hearing on the total municipal budget at a later date.

The school board also approved the proposed board meeting dates for 2025-2026 and provided a public invitation to comment on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) application development. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9 at 6 p.m.

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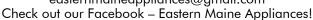
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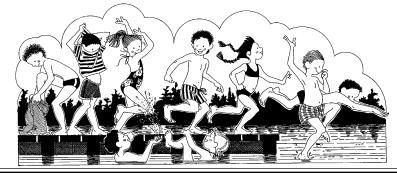
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JUNE 27 THROUGH 29

DOWNEAST PRIDE, events in Eastport and Lubec. See schedule in June 13 issue of *The Quoddy Tides*.

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FRIDAY – JUNE 27

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

RECEPTION, George Pearse Ennis exhibit, "Working on the Water," 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

CRAFT FAIR AND CONTESTS sponsored by Lubec Celebration Committee, Stockford Park, 9 a.m.

SPRING FAIR, Maritime Munchkins, Charlotte, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TRAIL OPENING, Witapehkewakoni-Awt/Friendship Trail, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Adams Lodge, 11 a.m. AT.

SARAH GRAVES READING, Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin, Eastport Senior Center, 2 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION, Amy Ray show, "Maps to Shrines," Eastport Arts Center, 4 to 6 p.m.

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

ARTIST RECEPTION, Debra Olsen and Heidi Herzberger, Mulholland Gallery, Lubec, 5 to 7 p.m.

TALK, "The Northernmost Sections of the Appalachian Trail and Maine's Mt. Katahdin Peak," Pembroke Library, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY – JUNE 29

PRIDE IN THE PARK, with LAMPS and Downeast Rainbow Alliance, Stockford Park, Lubec, 12 p.m.

ROBBINSTON NEW RESIDENTS' DAY, meet and greet, all welcome, Grace Chapel, Rt. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m.

PERFORMANCE, New Brunswick Youth Orchestra, KIRA Amphitheatre, St. Andrews, 2 to 4 p.m. AT.

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

JULY 1 THROUGH 6

EASTPORT OLD HOME WEEK, see this issue for schedule of events.

TUESDAY – JULY 1

CANADA DAY, events on Campobello Island, Deer Island and Grand Manan. See this issue for schedules.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN, Alan Cook, Flat Iron Park, Calais, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – JULY 2

AUTHOR READINGS, M.P. Greene of Calais and Catherine J.S. Lee of Eastport, Lincoln Memorial Public Library, Dennysville, 6:30 p.m.

SUMMERKEYS CONCERT, Gregory Biss, piano and Dan Allcott, cello, Lubec Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – JULY 3

FISH CHOWDER AND BAZAAR, West Lubec Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOOSE ISLAND FOLLIES, Eastport Arts Center, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. DENNYS RIVER PARADE, 6 p.m.

KITCHEN CONCERT SERIES, Pitch Black Ribbons, Bad Little Falls Park, Machias, 6 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY - JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY, events in Cutler, Eastport, Lubec, Pembroke. See schedules in this issue.

SATURDAY – JULY 5

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

CONCERT, cellist Dan Allcott and pianist Gregory Biss, Eastport Arts Center, 7 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, Playful Spirit Concert with works by Mozart and Schubert, All Saints Anglican Church, St. Andrews, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY – JULY 6

INDEPENDENCE RUN, Charles E. Davis Independence Run, Eastport, 9 a.m.

LAMPS SUMMER CONCERT, Hymn for Her, Stockford Park, Lubec, 12 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, Playful Spirit Family Concert, Wesley United Church, 77 William Street, St. Andrews, 2 p.m.

PRESENTATION on "Geological History of Washington County" with Sam Marcus, Eastport Arts Center, 3 p.m.

EXHIBITION RECEPTION, "Beyond the Fog," Mothers Art Gallery, Columbia Falls, 4 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY – JULY 8

MUSIC ON THE GREEN, Pitch Black Ribbons, Flat Iron Park, Calais, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – JULY 9

SUMMERKEYS CONCERT, Halycon Consort, Lubec Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY - JULY 10

KITCHEN CONCERT SERIES, Steele Hill Band, Bad Little Falls Park, Machias, 6 to 8 p.m.

JULY 11 THROUGH 13

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 200th anniversary for Town of Whiting, displays and events at Union Meeting House and community building.

FRIDAY – JULY 11

AUTHOR TALK by Marilyn K. Blair, author of *Before I Go*, Peavey Memorial Library, Eastport, 1 to 3 p.m.

MUSIC AT LIBRARY PARK, Contrails, Peavey Memorial Library, Eastport, 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY – JULY 12

SADDLE CLUB SHOW, Down East Border Saddle Rider Club, Pembroke Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

CRAFT FAIR, Charlotte Fire Station, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JOURNALING PRESENTATION with Valerie Lawson, Eastport Arts Center, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

NATURE WALK, Pembroke Historical Society, begins at the Pembroke Historical Society Museum, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BENEFIT FUNDRAISER for Leon Sockbeson Sr., Pleasant Point tribal office gym, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OPEN MIC NIGHT, Eastport Arts Center, 5:30 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, Exceptional Jazz Experience, All Saints Anglican Church parish hall, 7 p.m.

Music on the Green lineup announced

A full lineup of musicians is planned for the Music on the Green series held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Flat Iron Park in Calais. The series, formally organized by Marilyn Bernardini and Britani Holloway in 2007 after years of informal performances coordinated by Carl Royer and others, offers the ideal opportunity to enjoy the city's downtown and take in some live music.

On July 1 Alan Cook will play his signature blend of Americana folk, blues and rock, sponsored by Britani Holloway / Berkshire Hathaway, TrueTemp and C&E Feeds.

On July 8 Pitch Black Ribbons will perform Americana folk, blues and rock with Jo's Diner & Pizzeria, Dead River and Calais Community Hospital sponsoring.

Cello and piano concert set at EAC

The Eastport Arts Center is delighted to launch its annual Concert Series with a special performance by cellist Dan Allcott and pianist Gregory Biss on Friday, July 5, at 7 p.m. This elegant evening of chamber music marks the kickoff to one of the center's signature summer offerings.

The evening promises a rich program of classical works, performed by two musicians whose artistic collaboration and ties to the region make this an unforgettable event.

Tickets are \$15 for adults. Youth ages 17 and under are admitted free. For those who would like to provide additional support to the arts center and its diverse programming, a \$25 "Support EAC" ticket option is available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <eastportartscenter.org>.

Gallery to feature works by two artists

MOTHERS Art Gallery in Columbia Falls is proud to announce a special summer exhibition, "Beyond the Fog: Cape Split and Addison Artists," spotlighting the work of two acclaimed local artists, Nancy Rankin and Nina Jerome. The exhibit will be on view throughout July in the historic 1841 barn gallery in the heart of Downeast Maine. There will be a reception on Sunday, July 6, from 4 to 6 p.m., and all are welcome.

The exhibition draws its strength from the elemental forces that define this region. The ever-present water – rivers, tidal flats and open ocean – serves as both subject and inspiration, shaping the artists' palettes and their approach to form. The notorious Maine fog, with its ability to soften horizons and blur boundaries, becomes a metaphor for mystery and transformation in their work. Sudden shifts in weather, from dazzling sunlight to enveloping mist, challenge and inspire, encouraging experimentation with abstraction, color and mood.

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or otherwise by chance or appointment. For more information, please visit <mothersart gallery.com> or contact Whitney Vosburgh at (510) 504-1109.

July 15 will see Megs playing country and pop, courtesy of sponsors Jamie Farrar / Atlantic Renovation and Calais Motor Inn.

On July 22, Shane Sawtelle will play blues, country and rock songs with Dead River, Peter Jensen and Jo's Diner & Pizzeria sponsoring.

July 22 will feature Averill Lovely performing hillbilly swing with Papa's Auto, First National Bank and Wicked Good Accounting sponsoring.

On August 5 enjoy the traditional Celtic music and folk songs of Keltic Schmeltic thanks to sponsors Riverside Electric, International Motel and Clark Insurance.

August 12 features Crossroads performing country, classic rock and blues with Bangor Savings Bank, Unleashed Nutrition and Washington County Community College sponsoring.

On August 19, Highway 207 will be playing country and rock, sponsored by State Cinemas and AED Mechanical.

August 26 will be the last performance of the season and will feature Chris Ross performing Americana folk and rock with Machias Savings Bank and Dr. Karen Delaney, DDS, as sponsors.



TELLING AN ANIMATED STORY is Jon Bragdon of Eastport at the second annual StorySlam at Eastport Arts Center on June 21. Bragdon won second place at the event, which is the first of five installments of storytelling events, with a reprisal of the StorySlam to finish out the series in October. (Lura Jackson photo)

Art camp for youth scheduled at EAC

The Eastport Arts Center is pleased to announce this year's Summer Arts Camp will take place Tuesday through Thursday, July 8–10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Designed for youth ages 6 to 18, the camp offers youth a chance to enjoy all the best parts of going to camp – from the comfort of the arts center.

With a fun, imaginative atmosphere and a welcoming, inclusive spirit, the camp will include hands-on art, music and collaborative activities. The camp will be led by two dynamic teaching artists: Sara Myrick and Kris Paprocki.

Camp fees are \$15 per day or \$40 for all three days. Thanks to community support, no one is turned away for lack of funds, and free or pay-what-you-can options are available.

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Creating banners for Eastport's historic district by Michael Morse worse for wear. The Eastport Area Cham-

New public artwork has appeared in downtown Eastport. Through the combined efforts of the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Eastport Garden Club and volunteers from Coast Guard Station Eastport, new lamppost banners and hanging flower pots have appeared in

the Water Street historic district.

For about 12 years volunteers have put up banners that were funded through a Community Development Block Grant for the redevelopment of downtown Eastport that occurred back in 2003-2004. The very first banners were displayed on the new, historically appropriate downtown lampposts that were also part of the grant. The banners were navy blue with Eastport's city seal in the center. Printed below the seal in large white letters were the words "Historic District." Across the top in gold letters were the words "Easternmost City in the United States," and across the bottom in the same gold letters were the words "National Register of Historic Places." Even though trusty volunteers put the banners up every spring and took them down in the fall, the original banners were

Eastport author releases new book

Eastport author and journalist Lura Jackson, who previously released *Images of America: Calais* and *Images of America: Eastport*, has released a new book. Titled *The Golden Rules: Following the Common Thread*, it collects philosophies and statements of reciprocity from cultures around the world in a deliberately concise, approximately chronological format. Jackson holds a master's degree in Peace and Reconciliation from the University of Maine, the pursuit of which led her to an intensive study of "golden rules" culminating in the new book.

A signing will be held at A Boatload of Books in Eastport on Saturday, July 12, at 3 p.m. This will be Jackson's first public signing, with her earlier releases occurring while she was out of state caring for family. As such, any previously obtained copies of *Images of America: Eastport* or *Calais* will be welcomed for signing as well.

To request a signed copy of *The Golden Rules* for local pickup or for shipment or with questions, email <goldenrules book@gmail.com>.

Library Notes

LUBEC

New books at the Lubec Memorial Library include the following.

War at the End of the World by James
Duffy

The Price of a Haircut by Brock Clarke
The Bog Wife by Kay Chronister
All the Water in the World by Eiren Caffall
The Undercurrent by Sarah Sawyer
The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
Black Woods, Blue Sky by Eowyn Ivey
Native Nations by Kathleen DuVal
Orwell: the New Life by D.J. Taylor
The Last Altruist: A Maine Mystery by
Richard J. Cass

Hamptons Bohemia by Helen A. Harrison A Solo Act by Richard J. Cass Aging Backwards by Miranda Esmonde White

The Love Elixir of Augusta Stem by
Lynda Cohen-Loigman
Greek Lessons by Han Kang
Good Company by Cynthia D'Aprix
Sweeney

worse for wear. The Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce made the investment to replace these banners with new and updated designs.

The task of designing the new banners fell to the chamber's marketing committee. Choosing art by committee can sometimes be a challenge, but as a member of that committee myself I can say that the process not only went smoothly, it was also enjoyable to work with a group of creative and thoughtful folks. We decided to enlist the help of a local professional designer, Alison Ross. She did the painting of the Eastport buoy on the breakwater, and her artfully designed wall murals appear on several local businesses.

The committee decided on three themes or tag lines: "Explore Historic Downtown," "On the Creative Edge" and "Watch the Sunrise First." The committee then worked with Ross for a graphic to go with each of the themes. The group considered a number of images, including whales, lobsters, sunrises, fishing boats, the mermaid statue, the Peavey Memorial Library, working waterfront and other designs. The committee eventually settled on three images to go with each theme. "Watch the Sunrise First" included a whale's tale silhouetted against a rising sun. Second was a drawing of the historic Peavey Memorial Library with the theme "Explore our Historic Downtown," and third was the image of Richard Klyver's bronze mermaid sculpture Nerida with theme "On the Creative Edge." The committee's next step in the process was to choose colors.

The original historic district banners had a dark blue background. The committee decided that, since there were now going to be three different images, there should also be three different colors. The group decided that one third of the banners would be a dark blue, similar to the originals. Another third would be medium or teal blue, and the final third would be a light or sky blue. After the background colors were chosen, the colors for each image and the colors and font style for the lettering also had to be decided.

Our group survived numerous meetings, and all were happy with the final result. The group had to do a little "engineering" to allow for the hooks of the hanging flower pots. The final result can be seen by taking a walk down Eastport's Water Street. Designing the banners turned out to be a complex but rewarding task, and the committee hopes the results are enjoyed by all.





TINY DROPS are caught on the filament of lobster trap rope after rain showers in Eastport on June 10. (Don Dunbar photo)

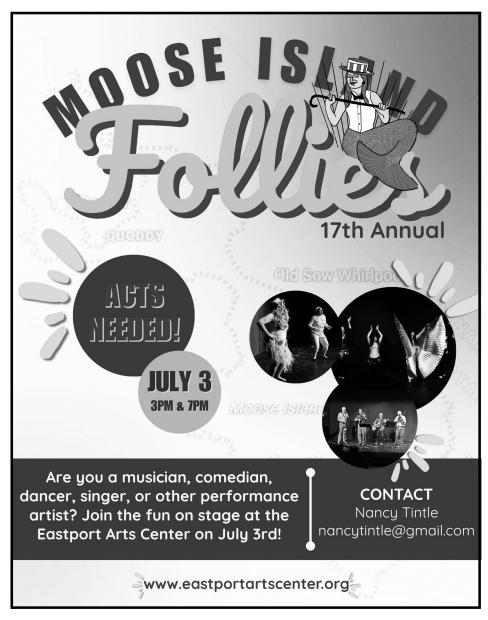
Youth orchestra to perform in St. Andrews

The New Brunswick Youth Orchestra will be performing at the KKIRA Amphitheatre in St. Andrews on Sunday, June 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. (AT) as part of its 60th anniversary tour.

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tra is bringing Mahler's Symphony No. 1 to audiences across New Brunswick and eastern Canada, showcasing the extraordinary talent and dedication of young musicians.

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Luke A. Webb **CHIVAREE BAY** toonsbylaw@yahoo.ca LOOK RUDY A POD OF HUMPBACKS!

Crossword by Myles Mellor

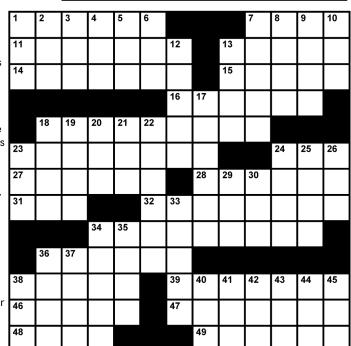
ACROSS

- 1. Vermont neighbor
- 7. Low-lying area
- 11. Freeway entrances, 2 words
- 13. Becomes stuck in swampy ground 14. Anarchy,
- 2 words 15. Pilot's protective
- flight gear, 2 words 16. Famous French auto racing event
- 18. Suspends activity periodically 23. Costs beyond
- direct expenses 24. In the past 27. Negligent in
- dutv 28. Give work to someone
- 31. Spanish for bear 32. Rough and irritating in texture
- 34. Mobile phone tower locations, 2 words
- 36. Two-channel sound system
- 38. Pens and needles 39. Town known as "the
- birthplace of Vermont" 46. Nauru capital
- 47. Those who frighten others 48. Plain and colorless
- 49. Remove from a position of power

DOWN

- 1. Iranian city
- 2. Spanish number 3. Tarzan creator's
- monogram 4. Obstacle
- 5. Australian bird
- Military rank below

Tides Crossword



- sergeant, abbr. 7. Travel permission
- documents 8. Give for one's money, 2 words
- 9. Hawaiian flower necklaces
- 10. Approximate, abbr.
- 12. Alabama civil rights city
- 13. Business leadership, abbr.
- 17. Northern sea ducks
- 18. Folk singer Burl 19. Captain of the Nautilus
- 20. Prefix meaning three
- 21. "Say what?" sounds
- 22. Second-hand transaction 23. Palmas de
- (journalist award)
- 24. "I cannot tell _
- 25. State leaders, abbr.
- Santana hit
- 26. "___ Como Va" (1971

- tai (drink) 30. West coast time zone,
- 33. Strong wind gusts
- 34. Famous personality, abbr.
- 35. Brockovich: Julia
- Roberts starred
- 36. Celestial light point
- 37. Supermodel Banks
- 38. Pink Floyd founder Barrett
- 40. Hospital critical care unit, abbr.
- 41. Art photographer
- Goldin 42. Medical professionals
- ", 2 words 43. Diocese of bishop
 - _ mouse?" 44. "...man
 - 45. Letters after Q

Answers on page 9

Independence Run to be held on July 6

The Charles E. Davis Independence Run was inducted into the Maine Running Hall of Fame in 2024. Charles Davis' daughter, Caroline Melidossian, recently accepted the plaque as John Marshall and Phil Krajewski looked on.

Melidossian won the women's division of the 7-mile race from Perry to Eastport in 1980, much to Davis' delight. Marshall was race director after Davis for 26 years and Krajewski currently holds that position. The plaque will be displayed in the Shead High School trophy case next to the many cross-country trophies that Shead has won over the last 60 years.

This event is the third oldest road race in the state and will take place this year on Sunday, July 6. Participants are welcome to sign up for the 7-mile run or the 4-mile walk. Please sign up online at <runsignup. com/eastport7miler> or in person at Shead High School between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.



WITH THE PLAQUE for the Charles E. Davis Independence Run's induction into the Maine Running Hall of Fame are Phil Krajewski, Charles Davis' daughter Caroline Melidossian and John Marshall.

Softball player strikes out 500th batter

On May 27, Washington Academy junior Bella Cirone struck out her 500th batter, a softball career milestone that runs in the family. Cirone's mother and Raider softball Assistant Coach Ashley Cirone achieved a 700 strikeout record as a Narraguagus Knight in 2002.

Cirone's next goal is to chase her mother's 700-strike-out record and surpass it within her last year as a Raider. Cirone plays and works on her softball skills 11 months out of the year.

She works with Husson University's head softball coach, Rick Roberts, during the winter, sharpening her skills in preparation for the upcoming season. In the summer, she wears a different uniform as a member of the Portland softball club, New England Elite (NEE). Cirone's experience with NEE is equally memorable as she has played with the same group of players for the past five years, enjoying success on the mound and playing first

When Cirone isn't playing softball, she is interested in marine biology. She decided to attend Washington Academy for its strong science program, including classes such as coastal ecology and marine biology. She hopes to pursue a college major in marine biology.

Cirone says, "I am proud of all the hard work I have put into my sport and to see it now paying off. I'm enjoying playing with my Raider teammates this season under Coach Rohde. There is great team camaraderie, and all of the girls work equally hard towards our success."

Local food pantries list hours

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

MONDAY – JUNE 30

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY, 853-600. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays. former transition house, Pleasant Point, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MACHIAS AREA FOOD PANTRY, 259-6044, Mondays, 43 Kennebec Road, Machias, 1 to 6 p.m.

CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Mondays, 513 Main Street, 3 to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - JULY 2

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

MACHIAS AREA FOOD PANTRY, 259-6044, Wednesdays, 43 Kennebec Road, Machias, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. DEER ISLAND SAFETY NET FOOD BANK, 747-2053, Wednesdays,

THURSDAY - JULY 3

1 to 2 p.m.

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

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

GARRAPY FOOD PANTRY, Labor of Love Nutrition Center, Eastport, regular food distribution, on Fridays except for holidays, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY - JULY 4

CAMPOBELLO FOOD BANK, Fridays, 7 Bunker Hill Cross Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

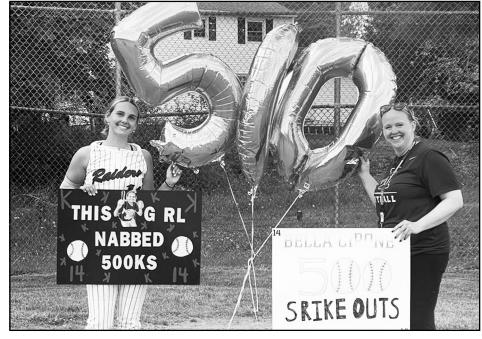
TUESDAY – JULY 8

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

FRIDAY - JULY 11

CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, Fridays, 513 Main Street, 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.



BELLA CIRONE and her mother Ashley Cirone celebrate Bella's 500th strikeout.

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Eighth running of Bay of Fundy marathon a success

by J.D. Rule

Race Director Daniel DeLuca terms the eighth running of the Bay of Fundy International Marathon "an outstanding success," despite a spate of mildly unfavorable weather. The event came off as planned on June 22. In all, 437 runners crossed the finish line, competing in the full 26.2-mile marathon, the 13.1-mile half-marathon or the 10-kilometer event. The starting line for all events was at the West Quoddy Light. The full and half marathons crossed the bridge, travelled through Campobello, then returned back across the bridge. All three finished on Lubec's Water Street, where they were greeted by a large and enthusiastic crowd and a finish line supported by lobster traps.

While enthusiasm levels were high, no records were broken except for the half-marathon, where a rerouted course made previous records irrelevant. In the marathon, Sarah Mulcahy was the overall winner, with a time of 2:55:29, a bit off her previous record of 2:49:53 but six minutes better than the second-place winner. That was taken by Mark Florenz, who turned in a 3:01:30 time. The course record of 2:40:51 was set by William Guzick in 2013.



THIS YEAR'S RUNNING featured a new route for the half-marathon. Runners are shown emerging from the woods. The route started at the West Quoddy Light then took them down near Campobello's Cranberry Point then back to the Water Street finish. (J.D. Rule photo)

In the half-marathon, the new records are 1:22:45 in the men's category, set by Chris Cooper Jr., and 1:30:52 in the women's division, set by Tracy Guerrett.

For the 10K race, Ian Fraser came in first at 38:37, behind the record of 34:34 set in 2103, and Claire Goodson, who finished at 49:04, off the record of 38:13, won the women's category.

Local runners also did well. Peter Williams of Lubec has often been seen run-





EVEN THOSE WHO FINISH LATER are celebrated when they reach the finish line. Many contestants come not to challenge the records but to challenge themselves, to earn the right to say, "I thought I could do it, and then I did it." (J.D. Rule photo)

ning locally, sometimes late in the day and despite inclement weather. His hard work paid off, as he finished seventh overall with a time of 3:14:58.

Darren Matthews, also of Lubec, placed 17th overall, while Randy Schoen placed 37th overall but first in the 60–69 category.

A total of 170 runners competed in the marathon, 207 in the half marathon and 96 in the 10K. Complete results are available online at <atlanticchip.ca/results>.

The original Bay of Fundy International Marathon, held in 2013, was the brainchild of Katherine Cassidy, then state representative, who recruited John Hough as race director. That lasted for seven runnings, then was interrupted by the pandemic. Hough retired and moved back to Scotland – his home.

Then along came DeLuca, who recognized what the region was in danger of losing. With the help of both returning volunteers and new ones, hailing from both sides of the bridge, they began preparations in late 2024. Tasks included locating pieces of equipment such as traffic control cones, which had been stored on both sides of the bridge; the challenge appeared formidable. He rolled up his sleeves and started calling people. The "institutional knowledge" may have been at risk, but he persisted. The eighth running took place as scheduled on June 22. His U.S. based co-director was Eric Mauricette, while Angela Fochesato worked the Canadian side.

Today's border issues mandated one change from previous procedures for the international racers. Runners were re-

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quired by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to provide their travel documents to BFIM volunteers under the supervision of CBP officers prior to boarding the buses at the start, to be returned at the finish line. As before, runners wore a radio chip to clear the Canadian border and produce their final time.

DeLuca credits "the incredibly robust planning committee that we have assembled, the powerful upwelling of community support and the heartfelt gratitude of all those who participated" in making the event a success. Expect the ninth running to take place on the third weekend of June 2026



FIRST PLACE FINISHER Sarah Mulcahy, a regular contestant in the BFIM, set a blistering pace of 6:42 per mile, beating out male runners. She is shown heading down the big hill, past Bangor's Hollie Adams. (J.D. Rule photo)



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Board seeks river water quality solution

by Derwin Gowan

Councillor Brian Cornish hopes the Municipal District of St. Stephen can talk more often with people with a shared interest in the St. Croix River. Especially, Cornish wants answers for local people who call him complaining about a sulfuric smell that seems to come from the river and what he describes as a "brown substance" sometimes floating on the water.

"I would like to have some cooperation. I would like to have some investigation. I need some answers. I don't even have data that I can form into information," Cornish said from the podium at the annual public meeting of the International St. Croix Watershed Board at the Garcelon Civic Center in St. Stephen. "No matter what questions or what group I go to, it's a dead end," he added.

The International St. Croix River Watershed Board operates under the International Joint Commission, set up under the Boundary Waters Treaty that Canada and the United States signed in 1909 to protect and to prevent and resolve disputes over transboundary waters shared by the two countries. Each country appoints three of the six commissioners. Gerald Acker, a lawyer from Michigan, is the United States co-chair. Dr. Pierre Baril of Montreal, an agricultural engineer with Quebec provincial government, is the Canadian co-chair.

Watershed boards operate under the aegis of the commission to focus on individual bodies of water along 5,525-mile border between the United States and Canada – including the International St. Croix River Watershed Board.

The St. Croix River runs along 115 miles of the Maine/New Brunswick border. The St. Croix drainage covers about 1,630 square miles, making it the fourth largest river basin in New Brunswick and the seventh largest in Maine, according to

information posted on the board's web-

Canadian co-chair Dr. Nicole O'Brien, senior water resources engineer for Environment and Climate Change Canada, originally from Miramichi, and American co-chair Colonel Justin Pabis of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, who grew up in Massachusetts, presided over the annual public meeting, this year in St. Stephen.

They and others cited numbers from water sampling showing the river getting better over the past 20 years. Board member Vincent Mercier with Environment and Climate Change Canada, who attended the meeting virtually, said that water quality drops from "excellent" at the Forest City Dam on the outfall of East Grand Lake to "good" and "fair at times" at Milltown, where the New Brunswick Power Corp. removed a hydroelectric dam last year.

O'Brien noted the growing number of sea-run fish coming up to Woodland, the next dam up the river, since removing the one at Milltown. The session included information on plans in progress to improve fish passage at both the Woodland and Grand Falls dams.

Cornish argued that these fish need clean water. He complained that, when people report bad stuff in the water, staff from environmental agencies do not always get there in time to take samples before it dilutes.

Mercier said people should look up the numbers posted on the provincial Environment and Local Government's website to report spills and other issues immediately. "These phone numbers do work," he said.

Cornish proposed a meeting between the commission and municipal council, along with aboriginal representatives, to work as a team.

Passamaquoddy urge withdrawal of bill The Passamaquoddy Nation is requestment's integrity in respecting Indigenous

The Passamaquoddy Nation is requesting the immediate withdrawal of Bill C-5, An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act.

The bill, if passed, would contravene the Crown treaty relationship with the Passamaquoddy Nation.

The legislation would permit the use and destruction of Passamaquoddy lands and waters without the free, prior and informed consent as outlined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and further entrench a legal framework that erodes Indigenous sovereignty.

Fast tracking the bill without any notice or meaningful consultation raises serious concerns about the Canadian government's integrity in respecting Indigenous rights.

Chief Hugh Akagi of the Passamaquoddy Nation called on Prime Minister Mark Carney to uphold treaty agreements and meet with the nation as equal, sovereign partners.

"Based on our lived experience, we cannot support Bill C-5's approach to 'nation-building projects," Chief Akagi emphasizes. "This legislation would allow 'forever dangerous' projects like nuclear reactors to be fast-tracked under a 'deemed authorization' process, bypassing oversight and treaty obligations."

The Passamaquoddy Nation urges Prime Minister Carney to withdraw Bill C-5 and restore the nation-to-nation dialogue that the treaties were built upon.

by Lisa Miner _<minerlisa16@gmail.com>

DEER ISLAND

Canada Day is approaching, and the local chamber of commerce is planning to judge the most festive homes and cottages on the island. To register a decorated home please contact Kathy Young at <kly1259@hotmail.com>.

Deer Island Point is hosting events all day on Tuesday, July 1. The Deer Island Princess Contest will begin at 1 p.m. To pre-register contact Kathy Young. The Cake Walk will be at 2 p.m., followed at 3 p.m. by the Little People's Parade. There will be a dunk tank, scavenger hunt and cookie decorating, along with food, music by Rockweed and a 50/50 raffle. Fireworks will be at dusk.

FERRIES AND ROADS

The *Abnaki II* is back in service after undergoing yearly maintenance in Nova Scotia, and she is sporting a new paint job.

East Coast Ferries is back up and running after being down several days for maintenance and the yearly inspection.

Road work is continuing on the island with a few residents questioning why the island roads are getting chip seal again rather than pavement. Messages have gone into the provincial departments seeking an answer, but no response has been received.

FOOD TRUCK

Truck 'n Good Food, operated by Tina Dempsey, is open for the season at Deer Island Point.

FIRST AID COURSE

Antoinette Calder is holding a basic marine first aid/CPR/AED course on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, in Leonardville. Several spots are open. Contact Calder for more information at <fundy.firstaid@gmail.com>.



AMANDA HARRINGTON (left), the new director of the St. Andrews Youth Activity Centre, and former director Debby Lord wore clashing team colours to Lord's retirement party at the W.C. O'Neill Arena. Lord held the job for close to 20 years. (Derwin Gowan photo)

Lord retires as youth activity director

by Derwin Gowan

Debby Lord has retired after nearly 20 years as director of the St. Andrews Youth Activity Centre. The town has hired Amanda Harrington as the new director, but Lord said at her retirement party at the W.C. O'Neill Arena that the community has not seen the last of her.

The best places to look will be anywhere young people are playing basketball, soccer, hockey or other sports.

"I'll be travelling everywhere watching kids play because I think it is important when you support kids and go and watch them play their sports, cheer them on and be there for them," she told the crowd, adding, "I will continue to be there for all of you guys. If any of you guys need me for anything, you know where to find me."

Mayor Brad Henderson credits John and Lucinda Flemer for recognizing the need and building the Youth Activity Centre 20 years ago, but he could not say

for certain who suggested Lord as the first director.

"Whoever it was who made the official decision made one of the greatest hirings that this community has ever had," Henderson said, but he argued that the contract should have included a clause "that she would do this job until the Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup."

Lord wore her blue Leafs jersey to her retirement party, even though the team last won the cup in 1967. Her outfit contrasted nicely with Harrington in her bright red Montreal Canadiens jersey.

The mayor and others spoke of the hundreds or thousands of young people whose lives Lord has helped shape over 20 years. "Debby Lord simply can't be replaced," Henderson said, but he encouraged Harrington, the new director, to put her own mark on the job for the next 20 years "so we're standing here in this room saying that we can't replace Amanda Harrington."

ST. STEPHEN NEW JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM

It might seem unseasonal to think about right now, but two new junior hockey teams will take to the ice in Charlotte County this fall. The United States Premier Hockey League has announced five new teams in its tuition-free National Collegiate Development Conference, including the St. Croix Seawolves, who will make their home at the Garcelon Civic Center in St. Stephen, and the Eastern Charlotte Kingfishers, with home ice at Eastern Charlotte Recreational Complex. Ted Colley of St. Andrews owns both teams, according to a USPHL news release. The Seawolves and Kingfishers are

PROPOSAL TO COMBINE WARDS

two of five NCDC expansion teams, in-

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versel, according to the release.

Voters in the Municipal District of St. Stephen might have two fewer councillors to elect next year. In May, the Municipal District Council voted to send a proposal to reduce the number of wards and total

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number of councillors to the provincial Department of Local Government for review. The proposal would combine the two rural wards into one, but leave the one urban ward – essentially, the former town of St. Stephen – with full municipal services. Each ward would elect three councillors. The mayor would be elected at large.

When the amalgamated municipal district came into legal force on January 1, 2023, the two rural wards each elected two councillors, while the one urban ward elected four, adding up to eight. The new proposal would cut the total to six, plus the mayor elected at large. The combined rural ward would have 2,983 voters, the urban ward 3,103.

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THE CLASS OF 2025 high school graduates at the Campobello Island Consolidated School are: Branson Matthews, Devan Preston, Austin Mitchell, California Matheson, Bree Williams Eden Searles, Meriner Cosman and Isaac Martin. The graduation ceremony was held on June 21.

Campobello sets Canada Day celebration

The Campobello Canada Day celebration will start off on Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. with a community pancake breakfast at the Herring Cove Campground kitchen shelter.

On Tuesday, July 1, an opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Herring Cove Campground, followed by children's games, raffles and a dress-up contest with prizes. Musical entertainment at the bandstand will include Bryan Flynn, Declan Seeley, Pat and Krysten Mitchell and Thrashed Silence.

Food and crafts will be available beginning at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m. the bikes, trikes and more contest will be held, and at 2:30 p.m. the pet show will begin. A washers tournament will be at 3 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the Grand Parade will be held, beginning at Gregg's Field and ending at

Herring Cove Campground. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Also at 5 p.m. the Canada Day Cake Off will begin. At 6 p.m. winners will be announced at Herring Cove. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. from the Roosevelt park.

To register or be a vendor, contact a volunteer or send an e-mail to <sangamo66@icloud.com>. All proceeds support the Canada Day Committee. Donors and volunteers include: Herring Cove Provincial Park, Roosevelt Campobello International park, Campobello Fire Department, Deer Island Fire Department, Ambulance NB, Lubec Fire Department, Downeast EMS, the rural and recreation councils of Campobello, the Canada Day Committee, community members and a special donor who financed the fireworks display.



THE KIDDIE COVE PRESCHOOL GRADUATES, who head off to Kindergarten at the Campobello Island Consolidated School next year, are: Cruz Savage, Kaylee Kilton, Addison Kilton, Chase Jackson, Kynslee Fletcher, Olivia Carroll, Claire Anthony and Avery Alley.

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Grand Manan plans Canada Day events

by Arlene Benham

The Village of Grand Manan has scheduled a variety of events for Canada Day, July 1. The day kicks off with the traditional complimentary pancake breakfast at Seal Cove Baptist Church from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Mrs. Brown's Builds at 1113 Route 776 will hold a wire trap building demonstration at 10 a.m. with activities that all ages can try. Refreshments will be available.

The sand sculpture contest for all ages is sponsored by Tides Inn and Social and runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Seal Cove beach. Judging is at 1 p.m. for prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50.

A trap shoot will be held at the Sydney Guptill Range at 11 a.m.

Children's activities at Anchorage beach from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will include a variety of races, money dig, treasure hunt, survivor challenge, tug of war, egg toss and "fill-a-bucket" for ages 2 through 11. There will also be a scavenger hunt and obstacle course for all ages. Local vendors will be on site.

Tides Inn and Social will host live music with food and drinks from noon till 8 p.m.

Activities at the Anchorage Park house continue from 1 to 3 p.m. with a bike parade, candy toss and water gun fight. Participants are asked to bring their own water gun; small ones will be available.

The perennial favourite greasy pole competition kicks off at 4 p.m. at Seal Cove Crick.

The curling club will host a bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The cash-only event has a guaranteed jackpot of \$1,000.

A bonfire with s'mores will be held at Anchorage beach at 7:30 p.m.

Fireworks in Seal Cove are anticipated around 9:30 p.m., and more details may be posted on social media as the date approaches.

ROOSEVELT PARK (from page 1)

cant long-term impact, the delay in funding is already impacting the park. Of the approximately 80 workers normally brought on for the summer, only 60 have been hired for this season, and Southern says that won't be changing even if the funds were to suddenly come through. "It's difficult to bring on staff mid-way through the season," he says, as they would be lacking pre-season training.

There will be less programming at the park this year, but the average visitor will not notice, Southern says. "It's more the burden on existing staff. It's a big increase on their workload," he explains, with some managers having to do the work of positions they would normally be supervising.

The funds, should they be received this year, will instead be directed at the capital improvement plan, which currently has a list of projects amounting to \$12.8 million in needed funding. The park normally allocates \$300,000 a year to the plan, though that doesn't make much of a dent in it, Southern acknowledges. Among the capital improvements needed are a new roof for the Hubbard Cottage, just one example of expensive maintenance necessary for the park's 200-year-old coastal buildings.

If the funds aren't received this year, it could cause a cascading effect. Right now, the park is operating at Contingency Level 1, according to Southern, meaning that

Roosevelt park sets new trail opening

The Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission is proud to announce the official opening of its newest and most ambitious project – the Witapehkewakoni-Awt/Friendship Trail – with a public celebration on Saturday, June 28. The name Witapehkewakoni-Awt, meaning "Friendship Trail," was gifted by the Peskotomuhkati Nation. It reflects the spirit of friendship, reconciliation and crossborder cooperation that defines the park.

The main event will be held at Adams Lodge starting at 11 a.m. (AT) and is open to the public. The program features special guest remarks, a commemorative tree planting, a video presentation highlighting the trail's unique floating design and a buffet luncheon. Guided visits to the trail will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (AT).

Constructed with environmentally sensitive engineering, the trail's elevated floating design protects the park's fragile bog and wetland ecosystem, offering visitors an immersive experience through one of the region's most unique landscapes.

The park encourages everyone to attend and suggests arriving early, as space for the luncheon is limited.

there is no filling of open positions and nearly all budgets are frozen. If the funding shortage continues, the park could reach Contingency Level 2 in which there are layoffs of non-essential staff and closure of part of the park, with the trails that are open being less maintained. At Contingency Level 3, "that would be the dissolving of the park," Southern says.

While many associate RCIP with the cottages and immediate grounds, the park actually manages around a third of the entire island of Campobello, Southern says, including 3,000 acres of natural habitat, 17 miles of trails, 17 miles of coastline, 14 picnic sites and multiple observation areas.

"This is particularly heartbreaking, because last year we celebrated our 60th anniversary," Southern says. "That's 60 years of uncontested funding." The park had the most visitors it's ever had at 268,000 and conducted a "huge outreach" in the past year to area communities and schools, having reached every school in the region on both sides of the border. "A lot of that is on ice."

The lack of funding for national parks is especially challenging given the relatively small amount of the federal budget that funding represents, Southern says, noting that the country's 433 national park sites are normally funded at \$3.9 billion a year, or less than 1/15th of one percent of the federal budget.

RCIP has gotten "a lot of support" from U.S. Senators Angus King and Susan Collins, with King being on the park's managing commission, Southern says. They're "trying to get answers" about the funding by pulling levers that the park doesn't have access to. "There's so much uncertainty right now in the National Park Service system. For other national parks, if they lose \$1 million, that's \$1 million. For us, it's \$2 million. That's the bigger worry: How will we be affected next year?"

Two island students receive scholarship

Two Alan Seelev Scholarship winners on Campobello Island have been announced. Isaac Martin, the son of Tim and Janet Martin, will major in industrial electrical at New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) in St. Andrews. Branson Matthews, the son of Shane and Theresa Matthews, will major in criminal justice at the Washington County Community College in Calais. The annual scholarship is made available by Dennis and Margaret Haire of Evansville, Ind., and seasonal residents and business owners on Campobello Island. The scholarship was established as a memorial for the Haire's longtime caretaker on Campobello, Alan Seeley.

Islanders enjoy trail with new boardwalk

by Arlene Benham

Grand Mananers are enjoying the recently reopened trail from Anchorage Park to Red Point, with this spring's completion of the third and final section, the boardwalk through the middle portion of the trail.

Susan and Morton Benson spearheaded the project. Morton liked to run on it but worried about falling on the slippery sections. The old boardwalk, a few planks wide, had shingles nailed on at intervals in an effort to improve traction, but some of the boards had rotted. They say a woman fell and broke her leg, others have been injured and the ambulance was unable to get down the trail. "We knew others would use it" if it was widened and the boards replaced, Susan says.

There were five years of planning and efforts to get provincial government permits, as the trail passes through a wetland. Some residents were opposed to disruption of that and widening of the trail, including, at first, Susan's father, who maintained it for many years.

"At first, [the government] just said no," the Bensons say. They kept trying, sent photos and eventually connected with "the right person to say yes and listen."

In 2024 the Anchorage end was widened with a gravel surface; last fall the Red Point end got the same treatment, and this spring the boardwalk was widened and rebuilt. To meet provincial wetland permit guidelines, they had to follow the existing footprint with an elevated wooden boardwalk rather than the gravel path originally proposed. Dutchmen Contracting and Park Place Carpentry did much of the work. Funding came from the Village of Grand Manan, Rotary Club, Windsor Foundation, Sir James Dunn Foundation, J.T. Clark Family Foundation, Zita and Mark Bernstein Family Foundation, Faye and David Huestis Foundation and the Regional Development Corporation Community Development Fund and many businesses and individuals. Signs acknowledging the donors are posted and new chairs and benches may be found along the trail.

The Bensons report that more people are using the trail, as it is now accessible to strollers, wheelchairs, seniors and others with mobility issues. Susan says, "In hindsight, I don't know anyone that's opposed. It's a beautiful trail."



CELEBRATING having cracked two of 1672 Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses as part of Loblaws stores' cross-Canada Guinness World Record attempt on June 14 are Grand Manan Independent Grocer manager Ahmet Tahan and employee Darrby Clark. (Arlene Benham photo)

Island store joins Guinness record effort

by Arlene Benham

Grand Manan's Independent Grocer joined a Guinness world record effort on Saturday, June 14, as one of over 450 Loblaws affiliate stores across Canada attempting to break the company's previous record for the most Parmigiano Reggiano cheese wheels cracked simultaneously in multiple venues.

A crowd of about 30 people gathered at the official 1 p.m. start time to watch store manager Ahmet Tahan and employee Darrby Clark carefully carve into the rinds of the huge cheeses with a variety of tools, cutting a seam all the way around and eventually cracking them open to cheers from the audience.

Tahan cracked his wheel in 8 minutes 12 seconds and Clark in 8:24, according to one of the watchers. "My dad's only request," Clark said, was to have a photo of her head between the two halves; this was duly accomplished. A steward and two witnesses completed the official paperwork for Guinness. Samples were then offered, and quite a few people had second or third helpings – there was plenty to go around.

Tahan says each cheese wheel is valued around \$1,000, and over the next weeks or months the store will be selling off the pieces. While their PC brand parmesan is from the same region of Italy, he says, "It's one thing to have packaged product and another to have fresh."

He says he doesn't know of anyone else competing for this record, but Loblaws

has done it twice in the past, the most recent being 1,209 wheels in 2014. On June 20, Loblaws announced that they had achieved a new record, with over 450 stores cracking 1,672 cheeses. They also stated that 1,000 pounds of cheese was donated to food banks, schools and organizations across the country.

Why is cheese-wheel-cracking a thing? Tahan says parmesan is a popular cheese that sells well even in limited markets like Grand Manan. Real Parmigiano Reggiano comes from Italy's Emilia-Romagna region and was first produced by Benedictine and Cistercian monks; the first evidence of a sale dates from 1200. Each wheel averages 80–85 pounds and takes 550 litres of milk. Loblaws is celebrating Italian Heritage Month and wants to promote the availability of this "king of cheese."

The event is an acknowledgement of the history, effort and skill that has gone into making them, and the patience to age them two years or more. It's a nod to a simpler time when food was less processed and packaged. Loblaws spokesman Ross Sanguedolce states, "Together, we didn't just break a record, we celebrated tradition, quality and community."

"Anybody who's a foodie will appreciate it," Tahan says. "There's something sacred about it; it's like breaking bread."

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE QUODDY TIDES



CELEBRATING their graduation on Wednesday, June 18, is Grand Manan Community School's Class of 2025. (Arlene Benham photo)

GMCS graduates honored at ceremony

by Arlene Benham

At Grand Manan Community School's graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 18, 21 students received their diplomas and awards. The ceremony opened with the singing of "O Canada" and an invocation by Pastor Shea Linton.

Salutatorian Talia Srivastava noted that most of the class had been "with each other since day one." She thanked teachers, family and friends for their encouragement, acknowledging Miss Linton as a great teacher and Ms. Cogswell as being "always there to help." She called the day "the end of our childhood and the start of something new."

Jennifer Grant, director of educational support services for the Anglophone South school district, said the event was a "great time for celebration" and recognition of achievements. "Go into the world with kindness," she urged the graduates. "We can all make a difference" by being kind. She also reminded them that "manners are your superpowers" and encouraged them to keep learning, and to not be afraid to "be bad at something new," as there are always opportunities to grow. "It's OK to leave, and it's OK to come home," she said. "The world awaits you."

The class history was given by self-described "storyteller" Asia Robinson, who characterized the graduating class as "wild and bursting with personality" as she related some humorous anecdotes from their childhoods. Return history was given by Ché Greene.

Mike Park presented the \$7,500 Danielle Park Memorial Scholarship, in honour of his daughter, to Asia Robinson. He reminded listeners that this 11th presentation of the scholarship is less about academic marks but "the type of human being you are." This year's grads were in Grade 1 when Danielle was killed in a car crash, but he said she probably knew most of their names, because "she cared about people," and "above all, she was kind."

Park's sister Richelle Corey described the establishment of the Dave Park bursary in honour of their father, a longtime teacher, and awarded it to Robinson. As the director of undergraduate awards for the University of New Brunswick, she also awarded their president's scholarship, valued at \$8,000 a year for four years, to Ché Greene.

Mayor Bonnie Morse congratulated students on their "huge accomplishment" and

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reminded them that "wherever you go, you have a community supporting you." She presented the village bursaries for university to Talia Srivastava and for community college to Kassidy Griffin.

Tom Fleet presented the Dutchmen Contracting bursary for a student going to trade school to Shawna Fox, who will be studying hairdressing.

The Gregg and Wanda Russell bursary of \$200 for a student who has overcome adversity was awarded to Adam Bass. The Ivan Green Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Asia Robinson, Brianna Doucette-Middleton, Ché Greene, Paige Daggett, Kassidy Griffin, Talia Srivastava and Jack Sesplankis.

Principal Wesley Silliker presented awards, prizes and diplomas, and each graduate had a family member come to the stage to adjust their cap tassels. The total value of prizes awarded was over \$110,000.

Top award winners were Ché Greene, Talia Srivastava, Jack Sesplankis, Asia Robinson, Paige Daggett, Brianna Doucette-Middleton and Kassidy Griffin. Other award winners were Shawna Fox and Adam Bass. Also graduating were Aleaha Brown, Carlie Budgell, Claire Budgell, McKinley Green, Jackson Kirby, Nate Laffoley, Reighlyn Libby, Rowan Miller, Luke Morse, Carter Outhouse, Carson Tate and Sidney Urquhart.

Following the presentations, Paige Daggett gave the class prophecy, followed by Talia Srivastava with the return prophecy.

Valedictorian Ché Greene said, "people say we act like siblings," with drama, laughs and hard times through which they "had each other's backs." He noted that some students had "weathered tremendous storms" to reach this day. "We're not just classmates, we're islanders," he said. He thanked his classmates and said, "I wouldn't want any other crew by my side." Grand Manan may be a small island, "but that doesn't mean our future is small. I am right mighty proud of us all."

A musical slideshow compiled by Brianna Doucette-Middleton followed, and Pastor Linton closed with a benediction.



Ohituaries

CAROLYN SUE HAYWARD

DENNYSVILLE - Carolyn Sue (McGibney) Hayward, 81, of Dennysville passed away on June 11, 2025, at Marshall's Healthcare in Machias. She was born in Calais on April 22, 1944, the daughter of James McGibney of Brookton and Arline Carter Lyons of Pembroke.

She grew up in Brookton. Carolyn



worked in Boston as an IBM addressograph machine typist/ operator before returning Maine to work in seasonal occupations and settling in as a homemaker after marrying Buster. She loved yard

sales, Tupperware and collecting things, especially salt and pepper shakers. She had served as the community correspondent for the Calais Advertiser newspaper, loving the connections she had throughout the community doing that. She had been active in the Order of the Eastern Star of Pembroke for many years and supported activities of the Dennysville Congregational Church.

Carolyn was predeceased by her mother and father; and by her husband of nearly 50 years, Eldon "Buster" Hayward.

She is survived by her brother, Philip McGibney and wife Joan of Melbourne, Fla.: and sister-in-law. Lorie Hayward Johnson and husband Scott of Edmunds; as well as several nieces, nephews and their families.

Carolyn's family wishes to thank the staff at Marshall's Healthcare in Machias for the care and companionship during her

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Dennysville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dennys River Ambulance, c/ o Wayne Seeley, 1935 U.S. Route 1, Edmunds, ME 04628.

Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.

KATHLEEN A. KNOWLTON

PERRY - Kathleen A. Knowlton, 76, of Perry peacefully passed away at her home with her family by her side on June 18, 2025. Kathy was born in Eastport on August 5, 1948. She was the daughter of the late Lloyd F. Knowlton and Roberta B. Dudley.

Kathy's exceptional work ethic led her



to a distinguished career in civil service, spanning over three decades. After graduating high school, she began her journey with the federal government, holding various positions in several locations.

Her roles ranged from an exciting stint with the FBI in Washington, D.C., to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, also in Washington. Kathleen then returned to her beloved home state to serve in the U.S. Customs Service in Calais. Her journey led her to El Centro, Calif., with the U.S. Border Patrol and then to Houston, Texas, with the U.S. Immigration Service. Kathleen retired in 2003 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security while in Calais, marking the end of her fulfilling career.

Kathy was an avid animal lover and had many beloved pets throughout her lifetime, including Jake, Benji, Charlie, Burt, Ernie, Tom, Boo, Bella and Lucy. She enjoyed spending her retirement years engaged in play with Lucy, as well as keeping in touch with friends and family through phone calls and emails.

Kathleen is survived by her brothers, Larry Knowlton of Boothbay and John Knowlton and Terri of Perry; and her sister, Diane Olsen and her husband Gary of Gorham, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Kathy's wishes, there will be no services at this time. We invite anyone who knew Kathy to share stories, memories and photos on her memorial page at <www.MaysFuneralHome.com>. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home.

ARTHUR CLIFFORD SMALLIDGE

TRENTON - Arthur Clifford Smallidge, 70, died peacefully on June 16, 2025, at his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with ALS. Artie was born on July 8, 1954, in Biloxi, Miss., the son of Ernest W. and Barbara L. (Mc-Crea) Smallidge.

He was a graduate of Mt. Desert Island High School and attended forestry school at the University of Maine Presque Isle.

Artie married his soulmate, Mary Ann



Atkins, on September 27, 1997, and they made their home in Trenton. Artie was a very devout Mason. He was raised up in Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M., #208 in Northeast Harbor. Later he joined

David A. Hooper Lodge A.F. & A.M., #201 in Sullivan. He served in a number of positions in both lodges, including as past master. Artie loved to go to camp on Lower Lead Mountain Pond, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

An avid outdoorsman, Artie became a Maine guide, among many other professional talents - carpentry, plumbing, caretaking and ship captain to name a few. In 1980, he began guiding in the waterways of Downeast Maine, including Cobscook Bay. Between 2014 to 2023, Artie worked passionately in helping develop the Cobscook Shores park system.

Artie is survived by his father, Ernest 'Bud" Smallidge of Ellsworth; his wife of 27 years, Mary Ann; his children, Arthur M. Smallidge and spouse Robbie of Seal Harbor, Jeremiah J. Smallidge of Stonington, Ronald L. Hudson Jr. of Ellsworth, Christopher E. Hudson and wife Kelly, Heath R. Hudson, Savanna E. Havey and husband Joshua, all of Hancock; two sisters, Beth Goodwin and husband Neil of Wells and Cindy Daniels and husband Patrick of Kennebunkport; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a niece and two nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Barbara, and beloved son, Barry R. Smallidge.

A Masonic service and Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth with a reception to follow. Those who desire may make contributions in Artie's memory to the Northern New England Chapter ALS, 10 Ferry Street, Suite 438, Concord, NH 03301.

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ROBERT J. CUREAU

WARWICK, N.Y. - Robert J. Cureau of Warwick, N.Y., formerly Voorheesville, N.Y., passed away peacefully at the age of 99 on May 5, 2025, with family by his side. Born in Tarrytown, N.Y., on June 1, 1925, he was the son of Albert J. and Jeanne (Perennes) Cureau.

Robert attended school in Tarrytown



and entered Cornell University in 1943. After his first year at Cornell, joined the U.S. Army served two years flying with C-45 supply plane crews "over the hump," taking supplies from

India to Burma, where Allied soldiers fought the Japanese.

After World War II, he returned to Cornell and graduated in 1949. While at Cornell, he met the love of his life, Barbara Loring. They married shortly after their graduation from Cornell and were married for 60 years. She passed away in

Bob began his career with Mobil Oil Company and, with Mobil, moved frequently around New York State. He and his family eventually settled in Voorheesville, N.Y., where he lived for 50 years. He became a comptroller for the State of New York and remained in that position until his retirement.

Bob was one of the "Greatest Generation," known not only for service to county and devotion to his family, but also for commitment to community service. He generously gave his time to the Village of Voorheesville and was a very active member of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church. When he moved to Slingerlands, N.Y., he continued his volunteer service within his retirement community and also volunteered for Community Hospice in Albany.

Bob and Barbara loved to travel and took several trips to Europe, China and traveled throughout the United States. They spent winters in Jekyll Island, Ga., and summers with their large family in Perry at Barbara's family's vacation home. This was Bob's favorite place. Bob and Barbara were both avid cyclists, crosscountry skiers and enjoyed sailing their beloved boat Raindrop on Boyden Lake

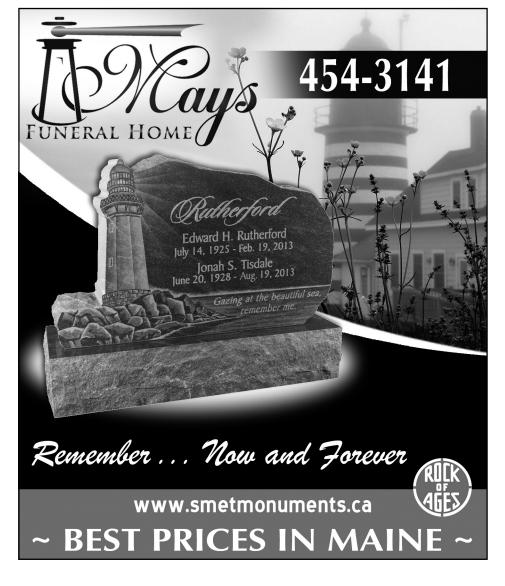
Bob was an optimist and found a great joy in life that drew people to him. As a result, he had many friends and made new friends wherever he went. Many people will miss him and remember him for a long time.

Bob is survived by his four devoted children, Susan Clarey and her husband Peter of Mount Kisco, N.Y., Cynthia Dittmar and her husband Peter of Falls Church, Va., Polly VanderKruik and her husband Ernest of Warwick, N.Y., and his son, Robert Cureau of Fairfax, Va. He had nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

Services for Bob will be held at the North Perry United Methodist Church in North Perry on Friday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Please send donations in his name to Community Hospice Serving the Capital Dis-

Arrangements were entrusted to Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home, 17 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, N.Y. To send an online condolence, visit <www.lsvpmemorialhome.com>.

> The next issue of The Quoddy Tides will be published Friday, July 11.



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ROBINA LILLIAN JACKSON

CALAIS – Robina Lillian Jackson passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on June 12, 2025, at Stillwater Healthcare in Bangor. Born in St. Stephen on April 20, 1930, to Leslie and Rose (Larmer) Hall, Robina was a woman of strength, grace and unwavering dedication to her family.

Robina graduated from high school in



St. Stephen and worked as a telephone operator in St. Stephen. On January 25, 1952, she married the love of her life, Douglas Burton Jackson. Together they raised a family, with Robina taking immense

pride in being a wife and mother. As her children grew older, Robina channeled her nurturing spirit into working as a teacher's assistant at the Calais Middle School. Yet her devotion to service didn't end in the classroom. Robina was a faithful member of the Calais United Methodist Church, dedicating countless hours to volunteer work, always striving to make a positive impact in her community.

Robina's zest for life was infectious, and her love for her family was unparalleled. When her children were young, she relished the activities at their cottage on Boyden Lake. As years passed, she enjoyed rounds of golf with her husband Douglas.

Her legacy lives on in her devoted son, Robert Jackson and his wife Tammy of South Burlington, Vt.; her loving daughters-in-law, Vera Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Beth Jackson of Portland; her cherished grandchildren, Megan Jackson-Frye, Evan Jackson and Miles Jackson; and her adorable great-grandchildren, Myla, Gavin and Rowan. Robina is also survived by her three dear friends, Debbie Donahue, Carol Hollingdale and Melissa Sellars, who cared for her in her later years and stood as pillars of strength by her side when she was passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas; son, James; her brothers, Earl and Doug; and her sister Ruth. Robina's spirit will continue to live in the hearts of those she touched.

In accordance with her wishes, a private burial will take place at Calais Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Robina's life was a testament to the power of love, resilience and community. Her memory will forever be a beacon of hope and strength. We invite everyone who knew Robina to share their memories, stories and photos on her memorial page at <www.MaysFuneralHome.com>.

DEATH NOTICES

Erin Kate Huckins, 46, of Grand Manan passed away on June 13, 2025. She was born on February 28, 1979, on Grand Manan to Bill and Roberta Brown. Her funeral service was held on June 20 at Immanuel Family Church, Grand Manan.

Eileen Marin Ingersoll of Grand Manan passed away on June 10, 2025, at the Grand Manan Nursing Home. She was born in Maces Bay in 1930, the daughter of Sylas Mawhinney and Stella Mawhinney-Janes. Her funeral service was held on June 13, 2025, at Immanuel Family Church, Grand Manan.

Frances L. Oliver, 60, of Eastport passed away on June 19, 2025. She was born on March 24, 1965, in Middletown, Conn.

JOHN SHERMAN APPLEBY II

LUBEC – On June 6, 2025, John Sherman Appleby II, also affectionately known as John-John, was unexpectedly called home to Jesus. We desperately tried to keep him here and he fought so hard to live, but God's will was done and he is at peace.

John was born into this world on July 3,



1974, in Vero Beach, Fla., the son of John Sherman Appleby (Johnny), a proud member of the United States Coast Guard, and Julie Appleby, a spitfire homemaker.

As the child of a service

member, John lived in a variety of locations before his family settled in where his father was born and raised – Lubec. One of the great loves of John's life was Lubec itself. Everything about Lubec was beautiful to John, including the people, the ocean, his home as well as the town's history. Lubec fed John's soul.

John was super smart and was the salutatorian of his graduating class at Lubec High School. While John's post high school career was not immediately set, he ended up choosing a career that would be a defining feature of his life. Like his father before him, John was a master furnace technician. He worked for R.H. Foster for 26 years and was proud that his skills kept his community warm. John could rhapsodize for hours on different brands of furnaces and boilers, as well as different types of heat. He truly had a guileless enthusiasm for heating.

John was a loyal friend who accepted people for who they were, without judgment. John would go above and beyond to help anyone in need because he was a really good man.

John had a passion for almost every genre of music, and he was a musician who enjoyed playing music with his friends and more recently with his son, Eli. John loved being a member of the band Gunhouse Hill, along with his brother-in-law and dear friend, Paul Cunningham.

John was predeceased by his legendary parents, Johnny and Julie (Wilkins) Appleby; his beloved aunt, Ruth Dean; as well as his grandparents, many aunts and uncles and friends whom he loved very

John is survived by his favorite person in the world, his son, Eli Robert John Appleby; as well as Eli's mom and John's best friend, Erin Appleby. John is also survived by his beloved brother, Jason Appleby and his partner Brittany and their children Easton and Aubree; his charming cousin, Thomas Dean and his family; and his wonderful aunt, Hazel Avery and her family.

The last several years of John's life were complicated by pain and exhaustion; however, he was still full of hope for better days. But while he wasn't fearless, he faced adversity with uncommon bravery. While John was known to be chronically ill, it was not known that his life would be cut so short. John died too young, but no matter how much time a person has, it's usually never enough, as life is so precious. As unpleasant as it may be to think about, any moment could be our last. Remember to tell your people you love them, and practice empathy and forgiveness.

There will be no memorial service at John's request, but that shouldn't stop you from celebrating his life in your own way. Remember his beautiful smile, his joy for life and his love for his family and his friends, past and present, who were in his

heart the day he died and are with him still.

Finally, please remember John from time to time when you hear a furnace kick in and know he is smiling down on you.

God's Garden

by Melissa Shreve God looked around his garden And found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth And saw your tired face. He put his arms around you And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb, So he closed your weary eyelids, And whispered, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

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.

Marie Orrell, Eastport – Please join the Orrell family for a reception in celebration of the life of Marie Orrell on Monday, July 7, at 6 p.m. at the Eastport Senior Center. To ensure everyone's safety and accommodate dietary needs, we kindly ask that no outside food be brought. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held the following morning, Tuesday, July 8, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, St. Kateri Tekawitha Parish, Eastport. Committal will follow at the Eastport cemetery.

Brian P. Rice, Lubec – Brian passed



away after a long illness on July 21, 2024. Brian was born on August 3, 1949, in Lubec to the late Arthur and Rosalie Rice. The service will be on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Lost

Fisherman Memorial at the Lubec waterfront. He loved Lubec and had many wonderful stories of his childhood. He enjoyed 20 years returning to Lubec in the summers. There will be a reception at the Inn on the Wharf & Restaurant after the service. Everyone is welcome.

Paul A. Stuart, Eastport – A committal service for Paul A. Stuart, 69, who passed away on March 4, 2025, will be held on 11 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025, at Bayside Cemetery in Eastport. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



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PATRICIA ANN HINOJOSA

MACHIAS – Patricia Ann (Light) Hinojosa, 59, departed this world surrounded by family after a brief illness on June 4, 2025. She was born on July 4, 1965, in Boston, Mass.

Patty studied several subjects, such as



cosmetology, business and social work. Throughout the years, she worked various positions, but her favorites of all were being a mother and nana. Her devotion to family was unwavering,

and although she had six of her own children, never hesitated to offer her love and home to any others who needed it.

She loved music, cooking and doing puzzles. She had an amazing laugh, sense of humor and gave the best hugs.

Patty was predeceased by her son, Peter A. Light, whom she loved immensely. She was also predeceased by her father, Peter (Light) Legere; and grandmother, Hazel Waltman. Their reunion in heaven would be a beautiful sight.

Patty is survived and will be greatly missed by so many, including her mother, Ann Light; sisters, Dawn Annis (Chris) and Cindy Light (Tony); brothers, Steven Light (Lynda) and Paul Light (Christine); her nieces and nephews, Joey, Stephanie, Emily, Sheniah and Bruin, who will carry their Auntie Patty's love with them always. Patty's children were the center of her universe and she will forever be cherished by David Hinojosa (Heather Kocincki), Danny Hinojosa (Mary Scott), Anthony Hinojosa, Marissa Maceda (Jeremy Maceda) and Nicholas Hinojosa. Their father, Felix Hinojosa, will miss her as well. Adrian, Elias, Asher, Jackson, Gabriel, Neveah, Ravenna, Ezekiel, Clayton and Jace will forever have their loving Nana watching over them.

"I hear babies cry, and I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know, and I think to myself what a wonderful world."

No formal services are planned. Family and close friends plan to come together at a later date for a celebration of life.

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Heavy Equipment Operations Instructor

Full-time

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Washington County Community College invites applications for a full-time Heavy Equipment Operations instructor position, with teaching responsibilities beginning in mid-August 2025. The position involves delivering instruction in both classroom and hands-on settings, including indoor and outdoor classes, shop work, and off-site construction projects. Teaching responsibilities include both day and evening classes, with a workload of 22 contact hours. The academic year runs from mid-August through mid-May.

Minimum Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have 1–3 years of teaching or industry training experiences and a strong background in operating heavy equipment. Applicants should hold current state and national certifications, with preference given to those certified as a Maine Truck Driving instructor (CDL) and those with active heavy equipment operator employment certifications and/or trainings. Knowledge of medium/heavy duty truck standards and OSHA regulations is a plus. Strong communication and organizational skills, along with a commitment to student success and supporting diverse learners, are essential. Prior teaching experience is preferred; however, support will be provided to help the right candidate obtain the necessary academic credentials. Candidates with a combination of education, certification and industry experience are encouraged to apply.

Work Year and Start Date: This position begins in mid-August of 2025 and is part of the Maine Education Association Faculty bargaining unit. The academic year spans 32 weeks, divided into two 16-week semesters ending in May. Faculty typically enjoy 9 to 10 weeks off during the summer. Although the work year aligns with the academic calendar, salary and benefits are distributed over 52 weeks, providing year-round compensation and benefits coverage.

Salary Range: MEA Faculty Unit position with a salary up to \$55,802.36, depending on qualifications and experience. **Benefits:** 100% employer paid health, dental and life insurance for employees (spouse/domestic partner/dependent coverage also available), vision insurance, choice between Maine Public Employees Retirement System or TIAA CREF, annually 2 personal days, 9 sick days, professional development and free tuition within the Maine Community College System for employee, spouse and qualifying dependents.

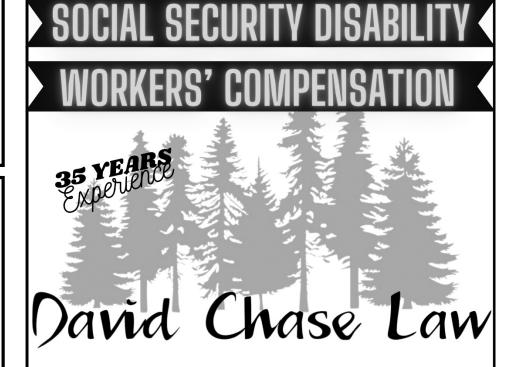
Application Process: Please visit WCCC's website for the complete position description and to apply, www.wccc.me.edu/about-wccc/news-info/employment/ Review of applications will begin Tuesday, July 8, 2025. The position is open until filled.

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Director of Campus Safety

Full-time

Washington County Community College is seeking a dedicated and experienced professional to serve as Director of Campus Safety. This position is responsible for overseeing all campus safety operations in close collaboration with the Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Services and other senior college officials. The Director plays a critical role in shaping, implementing, and maintaining safety policies, procedures and emergency protocols in coordination with the campus safety committee and critical response team. A strong and visible presence on campus, the Director ensures a safe environment while providing responsive, high-quality service to students, faculty, staff and visitors. This individual engages regularly with the campus community to assess security needs, address safety concerns, and respond to incidents during daytime, evening, and weekend hours. In emergency situations, the director coordinates with local emergency services and college leadership to ensure appropriate and timely action. Responsibilities include managing and updating college safety procedures, overseeing emergency preparedness efforts, and providing training for both staff and the broader college community. The director also fulfills federal and state reporting requirements related to safety and fire incidents, serves as a liaison to external emergency agencies and local committees, and conducts regular building checks and campus patrols. The position demands sound judgment, strong communication skills, and a deep commitment to compliance with environmental health and safety regulations under applicable state and federal laws.

Qualifications: An associate degree in a relevant field, such as Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, or Criminal Justice is required, along with two years of related professional experience. Candidates should have a background in public safety and environmental health and safety programs, with proven ability to lead and respond effectively in high-pressure emergency situations involving multiple agencies or stakeholders. A strong understanding of public safety communications systems, procedures, and compliance requirements particularly related to the Clery Act is essential. Prior experience in a college or academic setting is highly preferred. The ideal candidate will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills and demonstrate the ability to build collaborative working relationships with students, faculty, deans, senior administrators and external agencies.

Salary: MEA Administrators Unit, salary range \$45,914.99 to \$54,824,92, salary commensurate with credentials and experience. **Benefits:** Employer paid health, dental and life insurance for employees (spouse/domestic partner/dependent coverage also available), vision insurance, choice between Maine Public Employees Retirement System or TIAA CREF, generous sick/personal time allowances, 529 Education Plan MCCS Matching Grant professional development and free tuition within the MCCS for employee, spouse and qualifying dependents.

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CITY OF EASTPORT Full-time Police Officer

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

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and people-oriented. They will possess a strong community policing mindset to complement their law enforcement experience, training and education. Applicants should expect to work irregular hours, rotating and long shifts, days, nights, weekends and holidays. Pay range is \$27–\$30 per hour.

Preference will be given to academy-certified candidates (or waiver equivalent). Candidate is required to hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

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

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

Interested candidates are to submit a cover letter and resume to: Police Chief Marc Podschlne at 22 Washington Street, Eastport, Maine 04631. Electronic applications must be submitted to: policechief@eastport-me.gov.

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Public Notice

The Lubec Water District will be filing a revised rate schedule with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, to be effective September 1, 2025. The filing is made under provisions of 35-A-M.R.S.A. Section 6104. The docket number for the filing is 2025-00180.

Present rates were effective March 1, 2019. Since the last rate increase, operating expenses have increased. To continue properly maintaining its water system, the District is proposing a 4% increase in metered rates, 4% increase in private fire protection charges, and a 20% increase in public fire protection charges. The overall revenue increase is shown below:

Kesidential	\$6,68T	4%
Commercial	\$815	4%
Public Authorities	\$243	4%
Public Fire Protection	\$19,400	20%
Private Fire Protection	\$65	4%
Other Revenue	\$(12,156)	(22%)
	\$15,048	4%

The public fire protection increase is governed by Public Utilities Commission Chapter 69. In accordance with Chapter 69, the public fire protection revenue is set at 30% of total operating revenue.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lubec Water District Office located at 157 Pumping Station Road at which time complete details will be furnished in support of the increase.

You may inspect data relating to the present and proposed rates at the district office before the hearing. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may contact the district at (207)-733-5526, 157 Pumping Station Road, Lubec, ME

You have the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the commission. The Public Advocate is available to assist you in this matter upon request. The Public Utilities Commission may be contacted at (207)-287-3831, 18 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, or the Public Advocate at (207)-624-3687, 112 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

If, within 30 days of the public hearing, 15% of the customers of the district file with the district and the commission petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed and changed in accordance with Section 310. Signatures on the petition are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and address of the signers. Upon request the district will provide customers with the appropriate petition forms.

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CITY OF EASTPORT Part-time Administrative Assistant

The City of Eastport is seeking a part-time (25-30 hours/week) Administrative Assistant for immediate employment. The Administrative Assistant answers phones, handles routine inquiries and assists other city staff as required. This position is the first person a visitor encounters at city hall and must be comfortable interacting with the public.

The Administrative Assistant must be able to maintain confidentiality and work with discretion and judgment. The position requires the ability to work on one's own and to learn on the job.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and experience in secretarial work of a responsible nature. The ideal candidate will have previous experience in municipal government and will have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 and/or TRIO. Comfort with social media is a plus. All candidates must be bondable and must submit to a background check.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to City Manager Brian Schuth at citymanager@eastport-me.gov. You may also respond by mail to 22 Washington Street, Eastport, ME 04631.

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Finding a fulfilling career with flexibility and room to grow

Petra always knew she wanted to pursue a career that involved helping people. After studying nursing for a semester, and realizing that it wasn't for her, she discovered her calling as a Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician/Community, or MHRT-C, was the perfect fit.



In that role, she works with individuals living with serious and persistent mental illness, helping them access support services in the community. That might include a wide range of tasks on any given day, from helping clients connect with food and childcare resources, to helping them enroll in college classes.

"I love getting to be a part of people moving forward in their lives," she says. "I get to see people believe in themselves again."

Petra is a part of the growing field of Behavioral Health, ensuring that Mainers with behavioral health needs have the support they need to stay safe, independent, and empowered to achieve their personal goals. There are thousands of openings with providers throughout the state.

"I love getting to be a part of people moving forward in their lives. I get to see people believe in themselves again."

In addition to the rewarding nature of the work, Petra appreciates having flexibility with time to be there for her husband and two young children.

"I have a lot of control over my schedule," she says. "I really do get to enjoy my kids' childhood."

Emily became a Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician-I, or MHRT-I, shortly after getting her associate's degree, and her son was diagnosed with autism. "I wanted to be prepared to meet his needs and be as knowledgeable as possible," she said.

The position, working with individuals' serious mental illness in supported residential settings, turned out to be a gateway to a new path that she could never could have imagined. Emily went on to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, get her Doctorate in Social Work, and teach college classes, all as a mother of three. Today, as the Principal Investigator for Behavioral Health Workforce Initiatives at the Catherine Cutler



Institute at the University of Southern Maine, Emily oversees MHRT-related certifications and training initiatives across the state. As she reflects on her path, she sees her time as an MHRT-I as pivotal.

"It helped me truly understand the profound impact behavioral health work could have, not only on the clients I served, but also on my own sense of purpose and fulfillment," she says. "To be able to see people have those light-bulb moments, really discover who they are and witness their resilience; it's amazing."

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CITY OF EASTPORT Adopted FY 2026 Budget

The Eastport City Council adopted the following budget for FY 2026 at a meeting on Thursday, June 20.

EXPENSES	FY2025 Approved	FY2026 Approved
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS		
Administration	\$496,324.60	\$647,371.64
Public Works	\$385,891.17	\$427,995.94
Police	\$382,341.19	\$395,271.26
Animal Control	\$11,322.26	\$11,545.81
Shellfish	\$8,546.91	\$7,088.15
Fire Dept.	\$71,080.35	\$76,450.55
Cemetery	\$69,431.68	\$63,174.70
Airport	\$86,673.96	\$87,872.94
Capital & Reserve	\$98,000.00	\$98,000.00
Insurance	\$70,275.00	\$61,330.86
Ambulance	\$84,443.00	\$94,000.00
Hydrant Rental	\$251,000.00	\$254,765.00
Solid Waste/Recycling	\$148,000.00	\$186,000.00
Street Lights	\$25,000.00	\$26,000.00
Economic Development	\$3,300.00	\$3,550.00
Recreation	\$20,000.00	\$7,500.00
General Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Programs	\$30,000.00	\$34,150.00
Debt	\$68,069.00	\$64,974.71
Public Officials	\$500.00	\$500.00
MUNICIPAL TOTAL	\$2,312,199.12	\$2,549,541.57
EDUCATION EXPENSES	\$3,621,888.00	\$4,082,194.00
COUNTY TAXES	\$344,318.00	\$400,919.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,278,405.12	\$7,032,654.57
REVENUE		
Municipal Operations	\$333,385.00	\$329,545.00
Homestead, BETE, Revenue Sharing	\$610,144.00	\$715,530.83
Education Revenue	\$1,808,560.00	\$2,106,196.43
Total Revenue	\$2,752,089.00	\$3,151,272.26
Transfers to offset tax		
From unassigned		\$70,000.00
Houghton/Blanchard Fund		\$5,200.00
Total Transfers		\$75,200.00
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Overlay	\$18,380.49	\$58,159.11
From Property Taxes	3,544,696.61	\$3,864,341.41
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SEWER EXPENSES	\$690,098.00	\$707,037.45
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Key responsibilities include:

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- Designing and distributing promotional materials
- Overseeing box office operations and audience services
- Supporting community and school outreach

Qualifications:

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Diesel and Automotive Engine Technology

Full-time position

Washington County Community College invites applications for a dedicated and knowledgeable instructor to teach courses in diesel and gasoline engine theory. Instruction will encompass techniques for engine disassembly, inspection, reassembly, troubleshooting, and related subjects within the program. The instructional load averages 22 contact hours per week and may include lab, shop, lecture and clinical instruction. Faculty responsibilities include but are not limited to curriculum development and revision, classroom and laboratory instruction, active collaboration with the department chair and ensuring effective course scheduling and delivery. Additional duties involve student academic advising, participation in student recruitment activities, program accreditation assessment and evaluation, and maintaining compliance with program standards. The successful candidate will be expected to utilize Brightspace or other learning management systems to support and enhance student learning. The position requires a flexible schedule, including availability for both day and evening instruction. Faculty are also expected to cultivate and maintain collaborative relationships with educational institutions and external stakeholders to support program growth and student success.

Minimum Qualifications: The ideal candidate will hold an associate degree in a mechanical-related field and possess current industry certifications and technical skills relevant to the position. A minimum of one to three years of classroom teaching experience is preferred, and ASE certification is strongly encouraged. Hands-on experience with both diesel and gasoline engines, including engine machining, is required. Support will be provided to help the selected candidate obtain any additional academic credentials that may be necessary. Candidates with a comparable combination of education, certifications, and relevant industry experience will also be considered.

Work Year and Start Date: This position begins in August 2025 and is part of the Maine Education Association Faculty bargaining unit. The academic year spans 32 weeks, divided into two 16-week semesters ending in May. Faculty typically enjoy 9 to 10 weeks off during the summer. Although the work year aligns with the academic calendar, salary and benefits are distributed over 52 weeks, providing year-round compensation and benefits coverage. Day and evening availability is required.

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JEWELRY REPAIR SERVICE at Hunt & Gather Boutique, 6 School St., Lubec. Drop in Saturdays 12–3 or email <leafkraft@yahoo.ca> for an appointment. Free consultation, fair prices, large selection of findings. Restringing, clasps, earwires, extender chains and more. 3a

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

The Eastport Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at city hall at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 7, to discuss an appeal brought by Sussan Coley concerning lots #6 and #11 on Bayview Drive, Carlow Island East.



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MARION TRANSFER STATION Invitation to Bid

Marion Transfer Station is seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide roll-off container transportation service for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste from the Marion Transfer Station facility in Marion Township to Hemlock Knoll Landfill in Lawrence Station, New Brunswick.

Bid documents may be picked up at the transfer station (726-4561) or requested digitally by emailing <mtsroute191@gmail.com>. Bids close on 8/9/25 and will be opened 8/12/25.

Marion Transfer Station reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

TOWN OF CUTLER Request for Bids

The Town of Cutler is accepting bids for repairs to the Destiny Bay Road

A copy of the bid form may be obtained from the Cutler Town Office. Interested individuals must be bondable and proof of such must be submitted with your bid. Sealed bids must be received by mail or delivered to the town office by 4 p.m. on July 24, 2025. All bids should be submitted to: "Attention: Selectboard" and marked: "Destiny Bay Road Repairs." Bids will be opened and reviewed at 4 p.m. on July 30, 2025.

The Town of Cutler intends to award this contract to the individual or firm that provides the lowest responsible and responsive bid that is deemed by the selectboard to be in the best interests of the Town. "Responsible" means the Bidder has the skill, judgment, integrity and ability to perform the work. In order to measure whether the bidder is responsible, the town is requesting the bidder provide references. The Town of Cutler reserves the right to investigate the references provided as well as other sources. "Responsive" means the bidder has submitted a bid that corresponds to and addresses the criteria and specifications in the Notice of Bid packet. The Town of Cutler reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any technical or legal deficiencies or any bids deemed by the Board of Selectmen not to be in the town's best interests and reserves the right to negotiate with any bidder.

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Notices

Wanted to Buy

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

Notice

Annual Budget Meeting

The Town of Perry will be holding the annual budget meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Perry Municipal Building.

Notice

Permits from the code enforcement officer are required for any and all construction, demolition, tree removal, driveways, occupancy of new homes and earthmoving on all properties.

If your project is in question, please feel free to contact Tabetha Young, Eastport code enforcement officer, at 207-726-8516 and she will guide you through the process.

Real Estate For Rent

VACATION RENTAL: Downtown Lubec, 1 bed, 1 bath, waterfront on Johnson's Bay. Open all year. 207-733-8976 or sayqt1@gmail.com. 21a

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

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

Public Hearing Notices

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 Port Authority Building Downstairs at 6 p.m.

Sewer Rate Increase
New Liquor License for Rumery
Eastport LLC d/b/a The Rumery,
56 Water Street

The Eastport City Council will hold public hearings on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the port authority building to receive public input on a proposed 1% increase to the sewer rate and for a new liquor license for Rumery Eastport LLC d/b/a The Rumery, 56 Water Street. All public comment is welcome.

Audio-Visual Technician for City Council

The City of Eastport is seeking an audio-visual technician to assist at city council meetings. This position requires attendance at every regular city council meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., plus additional other meetings as may be scheduled from time to time. The technician must be able to transport the city's audio-visual equipment to the meeting venue, set it up, ensure its proper functioning during the meeting, break it down and return it. The candidate must: be comfortable with computer technology and with managing Zoom meetings; know how to run a standard sound board; be familiar with common issues with in-room amplification; be able to lift 50 pounds. The position will require approximately 5 hours per month, and pays \$18/hour.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume or statement of expertise to City Manager Brian Schuth at citymanager@eastport-me.gov. You may also respond by mail to 22 Washington Street, Eastport, ME 04631.

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TOWN OF CUTLER Request for Bids

The Town of Cutler is accepting bids for repairs to the Cutler Boat Ramp.

A copy of the bid form may be obtained from the Cutler Town Office. Interested individuals must be bondable and proof of such must be submitted with your bid. Sealed bids must be received by mail or delivered to the town office by 4 p.m. on July 24, 2025. All bids should be submitted to: "Attention: Selectboard" and marked: "Cutler Boat Ramp Repairs." Bids will be opened and reviewed at 4 p.m.

on July 30, 2025.

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

The Time To List Is Now!

Samra Kuseybi, Broker 207-214-7401



15 Snyder Road, Eastport: House on Half Moon Cove Forgeous sunsets are plentiful & at no cost. Deeded shore access allows addition of a dock. This lovely custom-built home with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths is your ticket to Eastport. Open concept first floor with master suite and 3 bedrooms on the 2nd floor. Radiant heat on first floor and Euro radiators on 2nd floor. This could be a fairly easy conversion to a 2-family duplex. An added bonus is the additional lot that will be conveyed with this properly (lot 17). Total acreage of both parcels is just shy of 0.5 acre. MLS #1624992. \$349,000. Samra



11 Brewster Road, Eastport: Stunning views from this year-round cottage-style home in Eastport. Deck on 3 sides allows for you to take in the views and fresh air. The views of Passamaquoddy Bay and Deer Island are quite lovely! An acre of land allows for expansion if you would like to build a garage or other. Layout of home consists of an open concept kitchen-dining-living area. There are 4 bedrooms (with one bedroom set up as a laundry room) and one full bath. Full basement with interior and exterior entry. On a quiet dead-end street. MLS #1623059. \$239,900. Samra



361 Water St., Addison: Addison waterfront circa 1860 gem with amazing waterfront and big estuary views. Total acreage of 3.3 acres with 275 feet on Pleasant River. Recent work includes custom cabinets and counter tops, dual fuel range, new wood flooring in dining room and den, whole house Generac generator, spray foamed basement walls, new furnace, gutters, 3 new heats pumps and more. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, one of the best great rooms for views, kitchen, dining room, first floor laundry and cozy den. Large attached barn. Shown by appointment. MLS #1627338. \$435,000. Samra



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



191 Rt. 191 North, Cathance Twp.: Have you dreamed of opening a bed-and-breakfast in a 1776 home? Do you love historic homes and are looking for a project? This is the ideal location for a country inn offer ing your own wine and blueberry products. Surrounded by a beautiful stone wall, this property consists of 15 acres of open lawn, apple trees, and blueberries. There are four bedrooms, two parlors, a library, eat-in kitchen, dining room, sunroom, two car garage and 4 fireplaces. Lots of storage. Home is being sold as is. Shown by appt. MLS #1625792. \$339,000. Samra & Libby



Map 11, Lot 31, East River Road, Pembroke: Water front property with over 1200 feet of frontage on the Pennamaquan River. Listing at 14+ acres but previous listing stated 18 acres. GIS mapping which results in 1200'x630' (roughly). Access to power on the road with plenty of road frontage. Mature forest with some flat elevated areas and low land. Build your year round home or perhaps a summer getaway. Close to the Downeast Sunrise Trail and open to hiking, bicycles, ATVs, horse riding, cross-country skiing – a multi-season gem. MLS #1616776. \$83,500. Samra



14 Third St., Eastport: In town, just 2 blocks from Water Street sits this duplex ready for its next owner. Live in the front unit and rent out the back apartment. The smaller apartment has an eat-in kitchen with a small sitting area, and on 2nd floor there are 2 bedrooms and a bath. The front unit is set up more like a home where there is an eat-in kitchen with pantry, a good-size dining room and a very large living room. On the second floor of this unit are 3 bedrooms. The bath is on the first floor. House sits on 0.25 acres and has one-car garage. Shown by appt. MLS #1627523. \$289,000. Samra



58 Ridgewood Drive, Baileyville: This lovely home is a must see with lots of extras in a safe, quiet neighborhood. Spacious backyard perfect for entertaining or just relaxing with a cup of coffee. Swimming pool that is heated with solar panels and a large fire pit for making yummy s'mores. A screened-in porch for those warm summer nights. There is an on demand Generac generator for power outages and 4 heat sources. It also has a new 28x12 Amish building, Access to ATV/snowmobile trails from house. Lots of opportunities for adventures. MLS #1591924. \$324,900. Libby





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NEW One-Floor-Living

2077 South Princeton Road, Baileyville \$189,900. MLS#: 1627185 Well maintained and landscaped



17 Pleasant Street, Eastport \$249,900, MLS#: 1604758 Pollinators garden. House in terrific condition!



Price Reduced, Immaculate House

100 US Route 1, Robbinston \$397,500. MLS#: 1616026

2 beds, 2 baths, 2 garages on 29 acres of land!

SOLD & Under Contract



SOLD. Raw Land

Lot 52 US Route 1, Perry \$60,000. MLS#: 1611122 10 acres of untouched land adjacent to Route 1.

Listed, Under Contract on Day 1, & SOLD

7 Johnson St., Eastport \$155,900, MLS#: 1621642 A quaint Cape in Quoddy Village with gorgeous lilac bushes.





Price Reduced

21 Talmadge Rd., Talmadge \$174,900. MLS#: 1611501 Classic, New England Saltbox, 6 acres, quiet neighborhood.

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