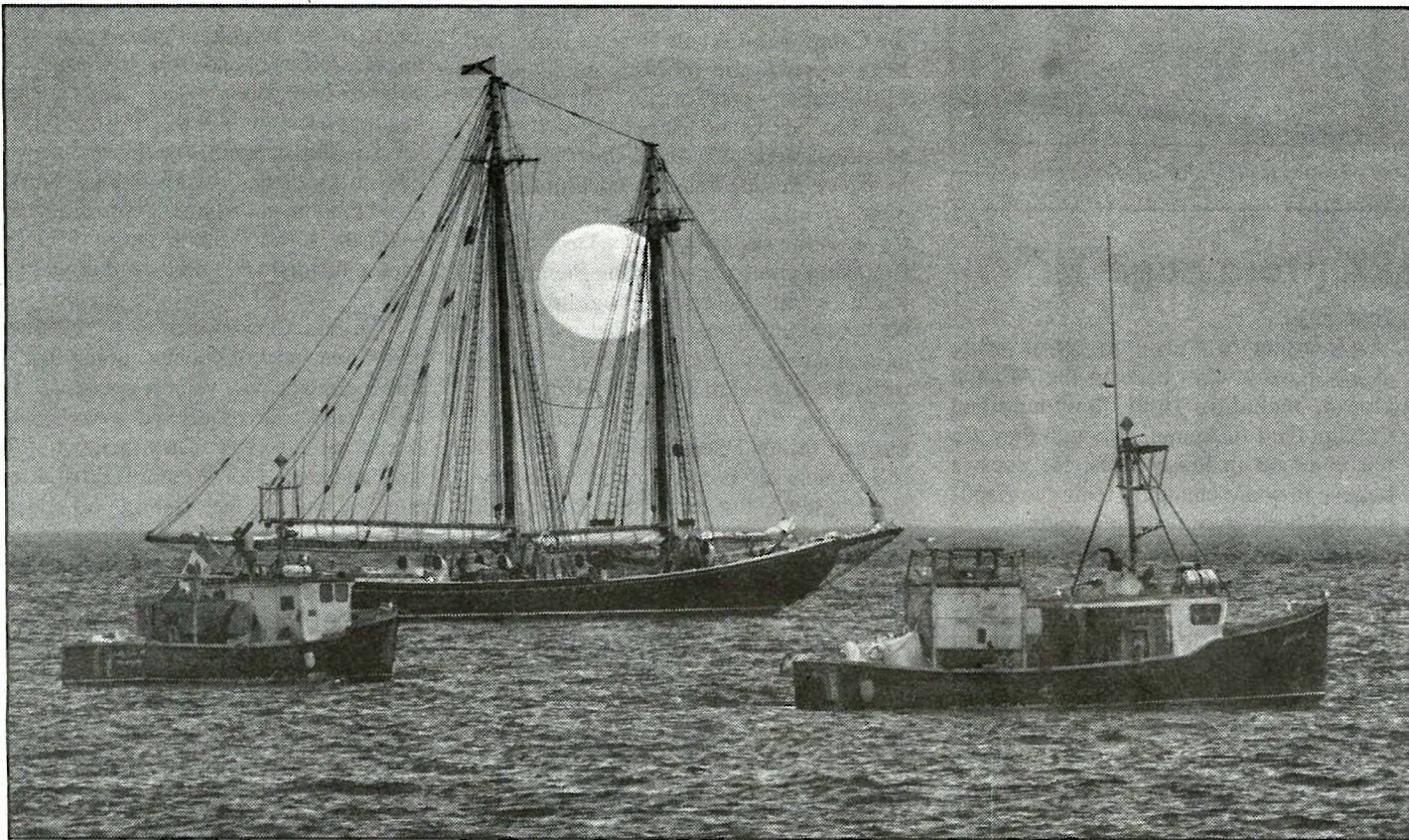


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A PINK FULL MOON rises as a perfect backdrop to the Bluenose II in North Head harbour, Grand Manan, on August 2. See article on page 35 about the visit to the island by the iconic Canadian schooner. (Arlene Benham photo)

## Students face tough choices after UMM suspends athletics

by RJ Heller

In today's COVID-19 environment life has not been the same, especially since sports were shut down. Today, as athletic contests slowly begin again, there is one program that will remain closed indefinitely. The University of Maine at Machias (UMM) varsity athletic program has been shuttered, and for now no one is saying whether it's temporary or permanent.

On July 21 UMM announced that it was suspending its varsity athletics program effective immediately. The decision leaves 73 student athletes in doubt as to their options to play collegiate sports and two full-time employees and four part-time coaches without jobs.

"While the decision to suspend varsity athletics was not easy, we felt that it was the more sustainable choice for our small campus, and we knew that opportunities

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## Blueberry industry uses early planning to combat pandemic

by Lora Whelan

The announcement by Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) Director Dr. Nirav Shah on August 4 that a few migrant workers at Wyman's in Milbridge were confirmed positive for COVID-19 illustrates the challenges faced by the state's agricultural industries but also is a sign that protocols are working that were put in place with planning that started in March.

Wyman's President and CEO Tony Shurman explains, "Working closely with the Maine Mobile Health Program, a federally qualified health center, we've proactively put in place a strict and rigorous double testing protocol for every individual traveling to Maine prior to being hired for the season." Using this process, five cases were identified out of over 200 people who have been tested. "As soon as these cases were identified, immediate action was taken to move and isolate the individuals, and anyone traveling with

them, into pre-designated quarantine locations. While quarantined, they will be provided the personal and medical care they need, through our relationship with local public health officials, and they will still receive compensation."

The system for testing migrant workers the minute they arrive couldn't have gone any better, says Maine Wild Blueberry Commission Executive Director Eric Venturini. Maine Mobile Health conducted the rapid testing as part of its work with migrant agricultural populations. Maine CDC Communications Director Robert Long explains, "Testing of newly arrived agricultural workers is highly recommended. Maine CDC, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Mobile Health and local partners have set up a program to do so and offer support while they await results."

When migrant agricultural workers ar-

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## Future of Lubec, Calais historic homes in limbo

by Lora Whelan

Two historic homes Downeast have been on Maine Preservation's Most Endangered Historic Places List, with the McGlashan-Nickerson House in Red Beach owned by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Chaloner/Cleaves house in Lubec owned by a reverse mortgage company. Both are in need of care, with Maine Preservation citing its concern that without the current owners actively pursuing transfer of ownership, the buildings could be lost.

### Long-term lessee sought

The NPS has partnered with Maine

Preservation to find a long-term lessee for its property, and on August 6 the potential glory of the historic McGlashan-Nickerson House was on full display during an open house meant to generate interest in becoming the next steward. Despite the house's faded exterior, over 36 interested people wandered the expansive rooms and dreamed aloud. The property is located next to the St. Croix Island International Historic Site and was used by the park for a number of years. However, with the construction of new facilities at the park, the grand old Italianate became excess property, with the NPS ready to take the building off its expense line.

The NPS, with its partner Maine Preservation, has come up with a request for proposal that invites pragmatic dreamers, who've always wanted a grand old manse but do not necessarily have the deep pockets to purchase one, to consider taking on the property for up to a 60-year lease. The caveat is the need to keep the exterior up to national historic preservation standards since the building is on the national register.

Jonathan Hall of Maine Preservation was on hand for the open house and was able to talk to a number of interested people. "When I walked inside, I thought, 'I

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## Tribal-state relationship bills endorsed

by Edward French

Legislation to alter the relationship between the State of Maine and three of the tribes in the state took a major step forward on August 6, when a legislative committee endorsed three bills that would make changes to the act that governs that relationship. Since 1980, when the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act and the corresponding state implementing act were enacted, the tribes have been under state law instead of federal Indian law, unlike almost all of the other tribes in the country. The new framework of a government-to-government relationship between sovereigns – the state and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and Houlton Band of Maliseets – was accepted by most members of the Judiciary Committee.

In voting for the legislation, Rep. Thom Harnett of Gardiner stated, "We have taken your ancestral land, we have taken your children. We have polluted your waters so much that we warn you not to eat fish

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## Great white shark up to 20 feet long seen off St. Andrews

by Edward French

One of the largest great white sharks ever documented was seen earlier this month just north of St. Andrews in Passamaquoddy Bay.

"It was pretty amazing," says Kingsley Pendleton of Lord's Cove, Deer Island, about the shark, which was estimated to be 19 to 20 feet long. Pendleton, who spends a lot of time on the water, says at first he thought it was a basking shark, but then "it turned at me and came towards me." He then realized it was a great white. "I never saw a fin that big."

He was about 500 yards off Hardwood Island, northeast of Ministers Island, in a 19-foot Carolina skiff with his wife Kelly. His daughter Kaitlyn and her boyfriend Nathan McNeil were nearby in another boat. The shark came close to Pendleton's boat, and they realized it was longer than the skiff, with its head by the bow and its tail past the stern. "We could see its mouth and eyes."

"It was a little intimidating," Pendleton

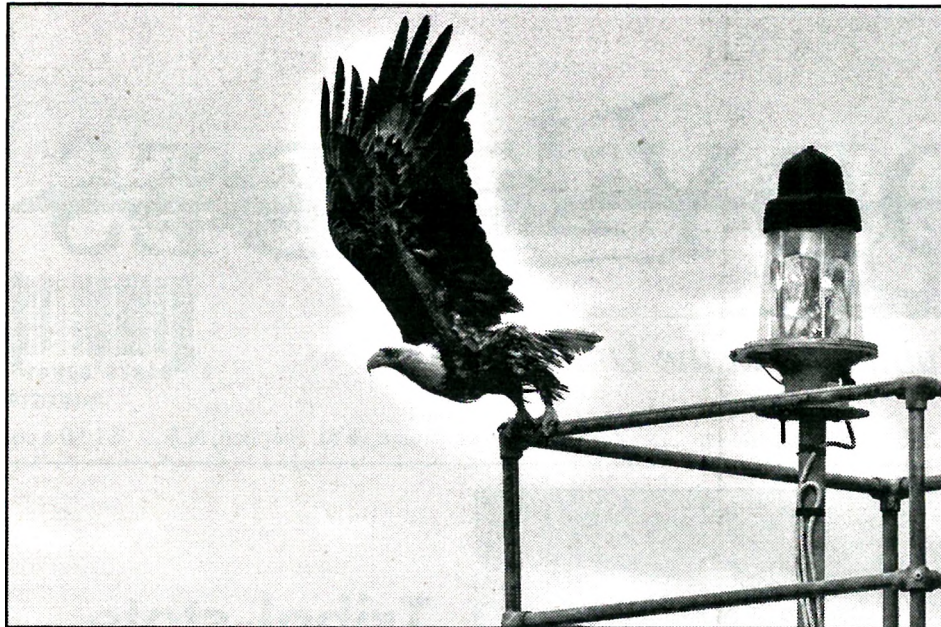
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A BALD EAGLE takes flight from the Cherry Island light. (Don Dunbar photo)

## GREAT WHITE SHARK (from page 1)

says. "It's 5,000 pounds, and my boat is 1,000 pounds with low sides." His daughter put her hand in the water, and he told her to put her selfie stick in instead. "I know it would never attack, but I was a bit nervous," he says. "I should have let it bump [the boat], but I was too nervous."

They saw the shark five times, as it kept turning toward his skiff. "It seemed half-curious with my boat," he says, adding, "I don't think it would bother you, but it would give you a good fight if it wanted to."

This is the second great white Pendleton has seen this year, as he saw a smaller one, perhaps seven or eight feet long, while working at a salmon cage site off Deer Island in July. He was standing on a scow with four divers at the time, with the shark right next to them. He also saw one back in 2005. In addition, his niece videoed a great white killing a porpoise off Dinner Island near Deer Island in 2017. "They seem more common now in the last 10 years," Pendleton says, noting that warmer waters may be bringing them farther north.

John Chisholm, a shark researcher from Plymouth, Mass., who keeps track of sightings and catches of sharks, says the shark Pendleton saw is definitely one of the largest that he knows about that's been documented. "The largest we've seen and tagged was an 18 foot one off Cape Cod." The largest great white that's been measured was at Prince Edward Island in 1983, and Chisholm believes the one Pendleton saw is a little larger. Reportedly the largest great white ever caught was in a weir off White Head, Grand Manan, in

June 1930.

According to Chisholm, great white sharks have always been in the Atlantic Ocean, including from Newfoundland through Gulf of Maine, although they are not common in those areas. He doesn't believe they are changing their geographic range because of warming waters.

Concerns about great white sharks were heightened after a woman was killed by one when she was swimming while wearing a wetsuit in a cove at Bailey Island in Harpswell, Maine, on July 27. Chisholm, though, says the risk the sharks pose to humans is very low and such incidents are pretty rare. "But people have to pay attention, too," he adds. Humans in the water resemble seals, which sharks prey on, and the human would appear to be the weakest link. "You have to weigh the odds. You're getting into their habitat. You need to take precautions and be prepared."

Chisholm, who is retired from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and has been studying sharks for 40 years, says sharks can be identified by their markings and the shape of their fin. While many have been documented and a couple of hundred in the Atlantic are tagged, the one Pendleton saw was not tagged and had not been documented before.

According to Chisholm, that shark could be up to 80 years old. "It makes us realize there's a lot more to these sharks than we know." With the shark never having been documented, he wonders where it's been for that long a time. "There's a lot more we need to do to figure out their life history."

## A close encounter of ship and right whale

by Edward French

Good communication and cooperation across the border were demonstrated recently in ensuring that a young right whale and a freighter headed to the Port of Eastport avoided each other in the narrow Head Harbour Passage off Campobello. With an estimated population of only 400, right whales are an endangered species, and ship strikes are a significant cause of their deaths, along with entanglements in fishing gear.

On July 21 Moira Brown, senior scientist for the Canadian Whale Institute and the Campobello Whale Rescue Team, had been alerted mid-morning by Quoddy Link Marine's captain of a right whale off East Quoddy Head, Campobello. She and Mackie Greene, who leads the Campobello Whale Rescue Team, headed out in his boat, spotting the whale off Chocolate Cove on the eastern shore of Deer Island. By taking photos and sending them to the Right Whale Research Program at the New England Aquarium, they were able to identify the whale, a 1 1/2-year-old female last sighted in February off Daytona Beach in Florida. The whale swam through the Old Sow whirlpool and into U.S. waters off Eastport, where she traveled alongside the cruise ship *Riviera* and entertained the quarantined crew members, before heading as far south as Estes Head.

The whale then swam back into Canadian waters to look at the salmon pens in Friar's Bay and headed back north along the Campobello shore with the ebbing tide. Brown called the local harbor pilot, Bob Peacock, to see if any incoming ships were scheduled, and he told her he was bringing one in that evening. Along with Greene's boat, others were following the whale, and the pilot boat that took Peacock out to the *Star Istind* stayed ahead of the ship to keep an eye out, too. The boats were able to follow the whale near the Campobello shore, letting Peacock know its position as he headed the ship near

Black Rock before turning down Head Harbour Passage. Peacock relates that when the whale spotted the freighter it came right across the passage toward the ship. "I saw it coming, so I stopped the engines," he says. The ship's speed over the bottom dropped from six knots to 2.4 knots, but Peacock could still steer because the freighter has such large rudders. In the narrowest part of the passage, between Black Rock and Casco Island, the whale came alongside the ship, about 10 to 15 feet away, as the two eased past each other in opposite directions. After it was astern of the freighter, Peacock started the engines slow ahead and went back on course. The young whale was last seen heading back out into the Bay of Fundy.

"The ship came in, and the whale swam out, no problem," relates Brown, but she notes that the encounter occurred during a best-case scenario, with the pilot having been informed and good weather, with no fog.

"We had forewarning and great look-outs," Peacock comments, adding that the ship's captain was very cooperative. The ship's crew was as excited as everybody else to see the whale. They then saw a finback and minke off Windmill Point, Campobello, and another finback off Cherry Island, diverting course for those whales, too. "Some trips you see nothing, and then one trip you get four whales," he notes.

Brown observes, "This encounter reflects a great collaborative effort that's developed over many years by friends and colleagues on both sides of these border towns."

Brown notes that right whale sightings had not been that common in Head Harbour Passage for many years, but in the past seven years at least three or four have been reported. Also, more right whales are being seen toward the Wolves during September. A team from the New England Aquarium based in Lubec conducts surveys each year and was able to come up this year in late July.

## Lobster fishery loses MSC certification

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) has suspended its certification of the Gulf of Maine lobster fishery after determining that the fishery was potentially jeopardizing the survival of the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. The decision comes following an increase in North Atlantic right whale deaths and serious injuries caused by entanglement in fishing gear. In April a federal judge found that lobster fisheries on the east coast have been operating in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

The suspension, which goes into effect on August 30 for the 16 client companies that comprise the MSC-certified Gulf of Maine lobster fishery, can only be lifted after the companies submit a "corrective action plan" that will ensure that right

whale mortality is reduced to a level that will promote species survival. The MSC fisheries standard is currently undergoing a review, and one of the main topics to be evaluated is the label's approach to endangered, threatened and protected species.

"In many places around the world including Canada, Scotland, California and Massachusetts, fishermen are testing ropeless or non-vertical line fishing systems that could completely remove dangerous lines in the future in areas where there are whales," says Zack Klyver, science director at Blue Planet Strategies and formerly of Eastport. "At the same time, we are encouraging the fishing industry and governments to identify solutions today that significantly reduce risk and co-occurrence of whales and vertical lines."




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A SUMMER'S DAY at Cutler harbor, with the lobster season now under way. (Edward French photo)

# Weather Report

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

Date	Temperature				Precipitation		Snow		Water		Peak	
	Max		Min		E	R	E	R	E	Temp.	E	R
July	21	76	85	56	61	0	0	0	0	52	10	17
	22	74	81	59	56	0	0	0	0	52	13	14
	23	63	71	56	59	0.19	0.24	0	0	52	9	11
	24	79	86	55	64	0.08	0	0	0	53	14	15
	25	80	89	57	60	0	0	0	0	53	14	15
	26	75	75	64	68	0	0.52	0	0	53	12	19
	27	71	80	56	61	0.86	0.12	0	0	53	9	10
	28	82	85	57	60	0.04	0	0	0	53	14	12
	29	81	90	57	65	trace	0	0	0	53	16	15
	30	70	85	57	60	0	0.02	0	0	53	15	17
Aug.	1	70	85	55	58	0	0	0	0	53	13	14
	2	75	82	58	60	trace	0	0	0	53	16	16
	3	73	87	57	58	0	0	0	0	53	22	24
	4	80	87	58	62	0.09	0.24	0	0	53	23	23
	5	76	82	65	61	trace	0.02	0	0	54	10	15
	6	72	85	59	61	0.46	0.7	0	0	54	31	25
	7	80	83	56	60	0	0	0	0	54	16	22
	8	73	85	61	59	0	0	0	0	54	14	18
	9	72	84	55	57	0	0	0	0	54	14	17
	10	80	89	57	58	0	0	0	0	54	20	20
Aug.	10	66	76	55	62	0	0	0	0	54	15	16

# Tide Table

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

Date	H/W	ht.	L/W	ht.	Date	H/W	ht.	L/W	ht.
SAT. Aug. 15	9:32 am	22.1	3:20 am	5.9	SUN. Aug. 23	3:27 am	27.2	9:43 am	1.6
	9:51 pm	24.1	3:40 pm	6.6		3:53 pm	27.2	10:11 pm	2.1
SUN. Aug. 16	10:24 am	23.1	4:13 am	4.9	MON. Aug. 24	4:20 am	26.6	10:36 am	2.6
	10:41 pm	24.9	4:31 pm	5.9		4:47 pm	26.6	11:07 pm	2.6
MON. Aug. 17	11:12 am	24.1	5:02 am	3.9	TUES. Aug. 25	5:18 am	25.6	11:33 am	3.3
	11:29 pm	25.9	5:20 pm	4.9		5:46 pm	25.9	--	--
TUES. Aug. 18	11:58 am	24.9	5:49 am	3.1	WED. Aug. 26	6:20 am	24.6	12:08 am	3.3
	--	--	6:07 pm	3.6		6:48 pm	25.6	12:34 pm	4.3
WED. Aug. 19	12:15 am	26.9	6:35 am	2.1	THUR. Aug. 27	7:27 am	24.1	1:12 am	3.6
	12:43 pm	25.9	6:53 pm	2.6		7:54 pm	25.3	1:39 pm	4.9
THUR. Aug. 20	1:01 am	27.6	7:20 am	1.3	FRI. Aug. 28	8:33 am	23.6	2:18 am	3.9
	1:28 pm	26.6	7:40 pm	2.1		8:58 pm	24.9	2:45 pm	5.2
FRI. Aug. 21	1:48 am	27.9	8:06 am	1.1	SAT. Aug. 29	9:36 am	23.6	3:21 am	3.9
	2:14 pm	27.2	8:28 pm	1.6		9:59 pm	25.3	3:47 pm	5.2
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## Port of Eastport Eastport & Lubec

### VESSELS ENTERING

July 22 – August 11, 2020

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## Shipping activities: Eastport & Bayside

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No ships have arrived at the Port of Eastport since the *Star Istind* sailed on July 22.

## Sunrise & Sunset EASTPORT, MAINE

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Date	Rise	Set
Aug. 15	5:29	7:35
16	5:30	7:33
17	5:32	7:32
18	5:33	7:30
19	5:34	7:28
20	5:35	7:27
21	5:36	7:25
22	5:38	7:23
23	5:39	7:22
24	5:40	7:20
25	5:41	7:18
26	5:42	7:17
27	5:44	7:15
28	5:45	7:13

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2 p.m.	3 p.m.
4 p.m.	5 p.m.

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## Grants available for fish harvesters

The Government of Canada's \$469.4 million Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program will open for applications on August 24 through September 21. Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada have worked hard to ensure that detailed information about the application process is accessible in advance of its opening. Detailed information is available now to ensure that all interested parties are prepared to apply on August 24. All harvesters wishing to apply should visit the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website to determine if they are eligible and find out what documentation is required to complete the application process.

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2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
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# QUODDY OPINION

## Get outside!

With warm August days already starting to bear the tinge of fall, we urge our readers to get outside while they can and enjoy all that this area has to offer. We may not be able to cross the border, and we need to remember to socially distance and to wear masks where we can't, but we can still enjoy the blessings of nature.

Indeed, the Quoddy area offers many places to hike, canoe, fish, swim and participate in many outdoor activities. The coastal trails on Grand Manan, Campobello, Lubec, Eastport, Cutler and other places offer stunning views of the coastline and bays. During recent hikes we noticed a good number of people outdoors, enjoying the sunshine – and the fog. (We confess we prefer the fog, but that's another matter.)

You may listen to the flute-like song of the olive-backed thrush spiraling upward in a far-off wood, the hypnotic and cheery “zee zee zo zo zee” of the black-throated

green warbler and observe the stillness of scoters and eider ducks on glassy waters of a quiet cove, red-necked phalaropes on rolling swells and piping plovers at play on the shore – all creatures, great and small, passing before our gaze.

Being out in nature can help restore our spirits, which may be feeling somewhat drained by the emotional toll taken by the coronavirus pandemic. And that is needed, so we don't become too stressed. For we fear that the coming winter may be challenging – with the pandemic probably still raging, the economic effects possibly deepening, schools struggling to find the right balance of in-classroom and remote learning, and parents juggling how to work with children being at home.

So, while the sun is shining (through the fog), step outside and be grateful for what the day has to offer to each and every one of us.

Edward French

## MAILBOAT REX IV

### CRUISE SHIP CREW APPRECIATES CITY'S WELCOME

To the editor:

I am a crew member on board *Riviera*, and in representation of all the crew members on board I would like to thank you for all your efforts to make us feel well received and also the warm welcoming from the first day. Eastport will be always in our hearts, because in these moments of emergencies you received us and made us feel like home. Despite that we couldn't go out, we felt how nice people and great hosts you are!

Once again, many thanks to all of you for these amazing two months and your great effort to make us feel comfortable here. We enjoyed the view and all the amenities you prepared for us. Many thanks again, and for my part – and many of us – whenever we can travel again definitely we will be back! For sure I will be back for vacations here! I need to walk in this amazing city and meet personally you all! Thanks to everybody in Eastport and hope to see you all again! Muchas gracias!

Iván Renteria Mena  
Colón, Panama

### CAT SHELTER'S FOUNDER ENRICHED COMMUNITY

To the editor:

Among the losses experienced by the Lubec community recently, one that will be greatly missed is the closing of S.O.S., the Save Our Strays Cat Shelter. Founder and operator Dee Darling has for well over 10 years worked tirelessly to make a difference in our community – that difference being to alleviate the suffering of helpless, innocent animals. Many of us living in town will remember the all-too-common sight of starving, frostbitten, sick and abused cats barely surviving on the streets of Lubec.

Many lamented the situation, but Dee

took action. She made a plan, recruited a dedicated band of volunteers and set about trapping and rescuing as many of the animals as was possible, even seeing to it that they received medical care and were spayed/neutered. This was a labor of years with many obstacles and frustrations along the way. But she persevered, and what a difference her hard work and kindness have made to the well-being of our town. Through her efforts hundreds of cats have been rescued and adopted into forever homes, enriching the lives of both animals and their humans.

Along with this tremendous accomplishment, and nearly as important, is the avenue she has provided both children and adults to express their own kindness and compassion by volunteering at the shelter. Children, especially, are imbued with the need to be kind and helpful. These are qualities that should be nurtured and encouraged in children that they may carry with them throughout their lives.

Dee generously gave of her time, patience and experience in encouraging youngsters to help care for her “strays.” Not only did she teach them to feed, cuddle and care for the kittens, but she went even further. One day I watched as she worked with a group of young neighborhood boys as they measured and sawed lumber to construct crates for the animals. They returned day after day, eager for the chance to help, to make something tangible and to win praise from an adult for their good work.

I would have to call Dee Darling a teacher of good works. My hope is that Dee realizes how much she is appreciated and what an important difference she has made.

Jennifer Multhopp  
Lubec

### WHY NO MASKS IN CALAIS?

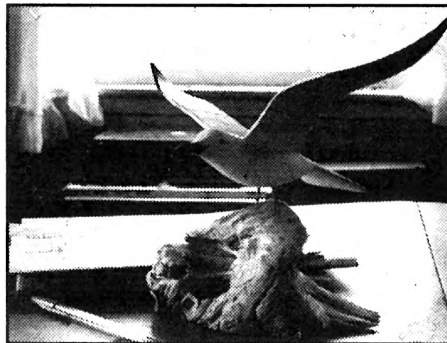
To the editor:

This past weekend during celebrations in Calais no one was wearing masks – not during youth games in the city parking lot nor during the fireworks at night. No social distancing was observed.

At nearly 60, I don't care so much about dying, but I do care about dying in pain. Even the local police have visited me without a mask. How is this possible with a governor's mandate in place?

Local politics makes it so. ... Something to think about (and vote on).

Daniel Matonic  
Calais



## Across Your Editor's Desk

### HIGH-SPEED COMMUTER FERRIES

Arcadia Alliance – a partnership between Front Shipyard in Belfast and Brodrene Shipyard, which is based in Norway – has submitted a proposal to the Department of Transportation to build at least two low-emission, carbon fiber, high-speed passenger ferries at the Front Street facility. The July/August issue of *Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors* explains that the project's backers hope commuters to and from islands in Penobscot Bay will one day be riding on these super-efficient ferries built in Belfast.

The first ferry would commute between Islesboro and Belfast, according to Erik Grimes, Arcadia's vice president of sales and marketing. The vessel will be powered by a diesel engine and have a capacity of 75 passengers. The second ferry would be all electric. Once it is built, it would replace the first vessel on the Islesboro route, while the first ferry would move on to serve other island communities in the bay.

Towns around the bay, including Belfast and Islesboro, have endorsed the concept.

### A WARMING WORLD

Over the last 60 years, every decade has been hotter than the last, and 2020 is on track to be among the hottest years yet. An article in the August 7 *New York Times* explores how the burden of extreme heat is not shared equally – it is significantly worse for people at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder.

Extreme heat can exacerbate poor health, ravage crops and make it dangerous to work outdoors. In many parts of the world, simple things to deal with those effects – like water or electricity to run fans and air conditioners – are a luxury. In Nigeria, hotter nights make it easier for mosquitoes to breed, causing the risk of mosquito-borne disease to increase. Less rain and longer dry seasons are destroying farmlands in Guatemala, where Indigenous farmers may see crop yields drop sharply. In the U.S., heat kills more older people than any other extreme weather event, including hurricanes.

International climate reporter Somini Sengupta calls it “one of the most profound inequalities of the modern age,” and goes on to say combating rising temperatures “requires doing everything pretty differently.”

### BORDER CLOSURE IMPACTS LUBEC AND CAMPOBELLO

Months of limited access across the Franklin D. Roosevelt Bridge, which connects Lubec with Campobello, are having real impacts on residents on both sides of the border. In the August issue of *The Working Waterfront*, Tom Walsh highlights the story of one Lubec resident whose parents and extended family live on Campobello, where she grew up and still owns a home. She is a Canadian citizen but not a resident, so she would need to quarantine for 14 days to stay on the island. While her family members who live on Campobello are allowed to come through Lubec infrequently for essentials, face-to-face cross-border visits have been forbidden. If her family was spotted at the end of her dead-end driveway, they would be required to quarantine.

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## Whirlpool

Hazy, hot and humid are three words that are often used to describe summer weather in New Jersey. This year the three words fit in nicely when describing the weather Downeast. However, despite the warm and sticky days, at least on most nights the temperature drops down into a range that makes sleeping easy.

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On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

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The poet Sylvia Plath once wrote, “August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.”

## The Cove

### SURCEASE

I shall wash myself with rain  
And dry my cheeks in the sun,  
To lie in the arms of grass  
When day is done.  
I shall swim in a silver stream  
To drown my every care  
And, rising, let the wind  
Shake wet pearls from my hair;  
I shall doze to the drone of bees,  
The sound of ecstatic birds;  
I shall sit at the feet of trees  
To learn their words.  
That under the blaze of day  
And night's soft blue descent  
I may somehow forget my stay  
In the House of Discontent.

Leita K. Boone  
Eastport

## Thought for a fortnight

The swallows veering skimmed the golden grain / At midday with a wing aslant and limber; / And yellow cattle browsed upon the plain.

From “Mnemosyne”  
Trumbull Stickney

## Notice to readers

During the past few months a number of subscribers to *The Quoddy Tides* have been experiencing delays in receiving the newspaper through the U.S. Postal Service. Those delays are happening in the mail service nationwide, in part because of the coronavirus pandemic. We understand the frustration of our readers and hope that the issue will be resolved in the near future.



# MAILBOAT REX IV

## ASKING WHY IN CHARLOTTE

To the editor:

After reading the newspaper article regarding the cost of education for the students in Robbinston, an e-mail was sent to the Charlotte School Committee Chair Janet Moholland suggesting the school committee appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of a school committee member, a selectman and at least three Charlotte residents. They would be tasked with researching why it was costing us almost twice as much to educate Charlotte students. They would also be tasked with researching why the students continue to be rated in the lower 50 percentile when compared to more than 280 schools across the state by the Maine Department of Education. When we did not receive a response, we asked about the suggestion at the monthly school committee meeting – via Zoom – and were told by the chair they were not interested in appointing a committee.

We would think the school committee would be interested in finding out why it is costing over \$25,000 to educate Charlotte students versus Robbinston paying a little more than \$13,000 per student. We would especially think they would be interested in finding out why our students appear to be continually underperforming. What is the fear of the school committee? Are they not concerned with the educational results as reflected by state standards or cost to the taxpayers?

This refusal to research costs and level of education is another example of the taxpayers working to feed the egos of a handful of family and friends. Shouldn't they be working to assure affordable cost to the taxpayers and quality education for the students? As an added note, the state has reduced our educational subsidy by approximately \$40,000 this year according to the superintendent, which will require additional local share funding.

The town will be holding a combined annual town meeting and Charlotte School Committee budget meeting on Thursday, August 20, at the Charlotte fire station to approve both budgets. We urge you to attend the meeting, voice your concerns and vote in the best interest of the town and students.

David Bibber  
Bill Jones  
Charlotte

## CHARLOTTE OFFICIALS ARE NOT FOOLS

To the editor:

Over the last several months your newspaper has published letters to the editor by two people with very negative assertions about officers in the Town of Charlotte. Now that the town meeting has been scheduled for later this month, I feel compelled to comment on several assertions of the two parties that have labeled our hard working officials as being incompetent fools and even nefarious, meaning extremely wicked.

Last winter the town was faced with a potential lawsuit by one or possibly both of those parties. One party blamed the town for an illegal assessment, and both members claimed overvaluation of their properties. Months ago one party complained so much that Maine Bureau of Taxation sent three office staff members to Charlotte, two of them certified state assessors. After working here several days those members recommended that our board of assessors not issue the pending abatement requests, but rather increase values on some of the properties being complained about. These Augusta men discovered that our assessors had given one of those taxpayers numerous abatements in the last few years and at least four of their parcels had been sold at a much higher price than the town had val-

ued them. The board of assessors accepted the advice of the State Property Tax Division and shortly after that both taxpayers appealed to the county commissioners but lost their appeal. In short, at least 11 officers looked at the cases – three from the state, three town assessors, three selectmen and two commissioners – yet those people are still complaining.

After receiving a notice that one party had contacted an attorney, and learning that the commissioners advised that both parties could go to superior court to continue their case, I recommended that the board of selectmen ask the town to raise \$24,000 for legal fees at the next town meeting in case we had to go to court – the attorney that we later hired agreed that we should have at least \$24,000. Let me tell you the reason for my recommendation.

Thirty years ago the town had a similar situation. An unhappy party applied for a property tax abatement but was denied. Instead of appealing to the county commissioners for a tax abatement, they went directly to superior court. A sheriff handed me a summons on a Friday, and we had to be in court the next Monday. We had no attorney and no money. It was too late to get an attorney that weekend, so I called Maine Municipal Association and was advised to appear at the hearing to represent the town and that the judge would probably continue the case until later. That is exactly what happened, and we hired attorney John Churchill in Calais to represent us at the second trial. Ultimately the town prevailed in that case. ...

The allegation against the town back in 1990 was that the town had made an illegal assessment. When one of the recent letters to the editor accused the town of an illegal assessment during several selectmen's meetings last winter, I remembered what happened three decades ago and asked the board to have an article in the town meeting warrant to raise \$24,000 for legal fees in case we ended up in court again. Shortly after my recommendation, two letters appeared in the newspapers calling us fools and accusing us of making nefarious decisions. In light of what happened 30 years ago, you decide if we were extremely wicked.

Since neither party has gone to superior court – and it now seems unlikely that they will – we will not have to raise the \$24,000 as planned. But a lot of other allegations have been made locally and in the newspapers by the same two parties that are just as hurtful to the town and its officers. ...

I hope that your readers of past letters written by these two parties realize that maybe Charlotte officials are not fools nor nefarious nor extremely wicked. Maybe they are just wicked good. Or maybe extremely wicked good. What do you think?

Ernest James  
Charlotte

## CHARLOTTE SCHOOL PREPARES STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in support of the Charlotte school. For many years this small-town school has educated children with the capability of providing one-on-one instruction. This little school has produced successful citizens in our community and beyond. Some have become teachers, doctors, nurses, accountants or have served in this country's military. Where did the foundation of their education begin? It began at the Charlotte school.

Being an alumnus of the school, I can tell you that I was very well prepared for my four-year tenure at Calais High School. We did not have a formal science class, art class or music class, but my teachers built these subjects into the curriculum every day in a fun, creative way.

One-on-one instruction was always available, something a child may or may not receive in a larger classroom.

Both of my daughters also attended the Charlotte school, and if not for the additional instruction, they would not have been prepared for their higher education. Neither daughter ever tested well on the standardized tests. I feel you cannot base a child's intelligence or how well they are being educated on standardized testing. Every child learns in a very different way, and some children do not test well for various reasons.

My oldest daughter will be beginning her fourth year at UMPI. Her teachers at the Charlotte school gave her the confidence and inspiration to succeed in high school and further her education. She required one-on-one instruction during her time at Charlotte school, but this instruction well prepared her for the future. She is majoring in art with a focus on art education. At the end of the spring semester 2021 she will be a certified teacher. Where did her future begin? The Charlotte school was her beginning. My other daughter is entering her senior year in high school. She will be studying business administration after her graduation. No one knows what the future will bring for her, but with the foundation that has been set at the Charlotte school, the possibilities remain endless.

This little small-town school has great importance in a child's education. Our future depends on them. Strong foundations are made there to secure a better future for them and us. Please support our hometown school.

Lisa Edgerly  
Charlotte

## APPLES TO ORANGES COMPARISONS IN CHARLOTTE

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the recent one by Mr. Bibber and Mr. Jones advocating closure of the Charlotte school and declaring amazement at "how the Charlotte School Committee continues to take advantage of the Charlotte taxpayers and ignore the education or lack thereof the Charlotte school students are receiving." That accusatory phrase is insulting to a group of people who have worked tirelessly at laughable wages for the benefit of our students. Our school board has stepped up and "been the change they wanted to see" in the lives of our children, and I wish to thank them for their service.

I want to clarify the motive behind their letter, since they have declared a deep concern for the quality of education provided. Neither of these men has ever attended a parent teacher conference or a single day as a student in our school system. They have never been personally involved in the school. They have not educated their children here. They do not mentor any of our students, attend any school functions or support any school activities. Where is their "skin in the game?" They would have you believe it's concern for our children. Hogwash! These folks are well-noted for screaming against the property tax they feel is an unfair burden upon them. I do feel their pain. I have been a Charlotte taxpayer for nearly 50 years, and I don't ever recall thinking our taxes were too low. Our high taxes are largely due to increasing amounts of tax exempt properties and the failure of state and federal governments to fund education at promised levels, despite mandated school expenses.

Their letter is made up of apples to oranges comparisons that bear little resemblance to the actual cost of education. There isn't enough space here to address all of the holes in the logic behind their financial claims, but I will state: I once was convinced their budget concerns were

valid, and I set about proving there were cheaper ways to meet the town's educational responsibilities. My research convinced me that the alternatives would not result in significant savings. I really wanted to believe it didn't need to cost so much but proved to myself that cutting corners did not actually save money.

I particularly resent their statement that the results of a single test given to a few students once a year prove a failed education. Standardized tests are exactly that. They are skewed to a "standard" child and reflect the abilities of a typical, urban child. There are no "cookie cutter kids" in Charlotte, but our little school had five eighth graders graduate four years ago, and all five – 100% – graduated from high

school this year, with an additional student who completed her high school studies in three years. Juvenile delinquency is something we hear about on the

news around here, not something we fear. The 33 students in our school this fall will be sitting at desks that were once occupied by people who are now doctors, nurses, accountants, engineers, welders, lawyers, business owners and teachers. This is a very small sampling of very impressive alumni. It is also worth noting that 64% of the students in our little school are the children and/or grandchildren of previous students. If Charlotte is such a bad place to educate kids, why do so many former students choose this school for their children, despite the tax burden? Please attend the meetings. Ask the questions. Vote.

Diane Brown  
Charlotte

## DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

To the editor:

Here's the thing: Some people are just reeling from everything that is going on; some people can only complain about all that is happening. That is easy to understand when you remember so many have to work, figure things out for the kids, food, school and more. It is less of an impact for retired folks like my husband and me. Still, what impresses us most about "some people" is their reaction to what comes down the pike.

Florence Wood is an example of what "some people" do in challenging circumstances. She and daughter Jodi Norton, along with Terry Wood, work for Hospice Care Connection. They decided to make a local effort to help everyone here that they could. Local folks, like Trudy Stokes, Susan Albee and many others, donated money, fabric and time to provide, cut out and sew masks. When I called to thank her for all the very nice masks she and friends have created and freely distributed – approximately 3,000 so far – she talked about how branches of the military are represented and that they also are now making sizes for children.

How did this all get started? "Odds and ends of fabric, people stopping by, it kinda blew up," states Florence.

I have known Florence since she was a little girl. I was close friends with her sister Lucy Lindsay. I told Florence how proud big sister Lucy is of her now.

For those of you who think it is some sort of inconvenience to wear a mask, please remember it is a gesture of respect and consideration to others. It is not about you at all, nor is it any kind of "political" anything. How grateful are we for people who truly do put others ahead of their own egos? Very grateful. Such an easy step we can all take to begin to understand and limit transmission of this horrific pandemic. Thanks again, Florence and friends, from the bottom – and top – of our hearts!

Christie Bailey Bryant, RN  
Whiting

More opinions  
– pages 6 & 7



# MAILBOAT REX IV

## LAYERED WHITE SUPREMACY

To the editor:

Your editorial on white supremacy and getting a new understanding of history and the people in it [July 10 issue] was timely. However, in my view, we are going to have to go deeper than issues of history as taught and the setting up of monuments.

When one writer wanted a hero, he – unconsciously, I'd say – had a white British aristocrat – Lord Greystoke – strip to a loin cloth and sent him to right wrongs natives were unable, or unwilling, to do it themselves, on a “dark” – unenlightened – continent. Tarzan. Or take the righter of wrongs out west and his sidekick: the Lone Ranger and Tonto. Do you think the writer said, consciously, “I'll have the smart guy white and the follow-at-the-heels dog sidekick non-white?” For an example of layered white supremacy, the 1943 Saturday matinee film production of *Batman*, in 13 installments, is instructive. As you might expect, it being wartime, the bad guys were “Japs,” “slant eyes” and other things. But my college friends and I noticed something else when we saw it in an art movie house in the 1960s. The G-men took as accomplices in this war against the bad guys a group of felons from the Mafia. The message? Even criminals are better than the sneaky “slant eyes.”

Another example of white supremacy is discovered in those who would deny with their last breath they are white supremacists. These are the white liberals. It is good they are joining Black Lives Matter marches and opposing the racism depicted in statues, for they could keep quiet

and stay back and enjoy their white privilege; there is a certain moral courage in their taking a stand with Blacks and the oppressed. And yet at the end of the day, the whites know they are white, and the Blacks know they are Black, and the whites are going to “raise up” the Blacks. This is really a patronizing white supremacy.

Now, re-reading this, you may mark me as some sort of wacky conspiracy nut – and I do own up to some imagination – but think about it. Think about how unconscious we are when we make certain choices.

Ron Cuddy  
Calais

## NO THANKS

To the editor:

Finally, sports are back! I can now go into my “bubble” and forget and not see all the chaos for a few hours.

Billions of dollars in damages, Black Lives Matter visible everywhere, no cops and millions of dollars stolen before burning everything down. ...

So, the first game of the day was WNBA. They started to play the national anthem, and all the players left the floor. “Click,” no thanks! The Red Sox were on next. First a 100' sign, “Black Lives Matter,” a sign on the mound, “Black Lives Matter.” “Click,” no thanks.

NBA basketball next. “Black Lives Matter” signs painted on the floor, players all had political statements on their jerseys. “Click,” no thanks!

Back to my nature programs and maybe a movie. This, because if I want to watch sports, I have to be reminded constantly of the same political messages the

whole game. No thanks.

All lives matter, and what happened to George Floyd is a disgrace, and he [the perpetrator] will be sent to prison for life as he should – maybe even the death penalty. Can we just enjoy sports as before without all of these messages everywhere we look?

Sanford Morrison Sr.  
Eastport

## SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION

To the editor:

In 2020 we are witnessing Gestapo unmarked “police” arresting American citizens exercising their First Amendment constitutional rights to dissent publicly in the streets of Portland, Ore. The presentation of these peaceful demonstrations as “vandalism and rioting” is “bait and switch” to what is really going on. The brutal bullying tactics are wrong. They are a harbinger of things to come if we remain silent, comfortable and complacent with “it can't happen here.” It is happening here right now and will continue to happen across our country if we do not stand up to this illegal, unconstitutional infringement of our rights.

Whether you agree with the politics of the dissent or whether you disagree with them does not allow us to remain silent, because silence is testament to agreement with the fascist misuse of our country's foundational laws. Silence is not an option.

Thomas Millay  
Eastport

## PRAISE FOR CHARLOTTE SCHOOL

To the editor:

As a graduate of Charlotte Elementary School, and one who has grown up in the town of Charlotte, I have been very disheartened to read the negative letters about my school from people who know little to nothing about it. I think it is extremely unfair for our school to be judged by people who have never attended the school, never had family go there or those who have never even gone to a school play or sporting event, graduation or awards night to see what the school and students are like. I would like to share with you my perspective on this matter as a former student.

I graduated from Charlotte Elementary School in 2012. I had some amazing teachers at Charlotte, including Mrs. Priscilla James, who was my first ever teacher, and she gave me the foundation to become a great student by teaching me to read and write and play well with others. Mrs. Peggy White fostered my love for reading and pushed me to try harder material and break out of my comfort zone to help further my learning. Mrs. Mary Anne Spearin fed my creative mind by giving us a unique curriculum that was interesting and educational. One of the teachers from Charlotte Elementary School who stands out to me is Ms. Ann Luginbuhl, who wasn't even a regular classroom teacher at the time; she was the special ed and gifted and talented teacher. When I was in eighth grade, Ms. L. took the time to create an entire English curriculum for me because I was at a higher level in reading than my classmates. She took into account my interests and created lesson plans tailored specifically to me. One of the biggest benefits of a small school is that teachers can provide more of a one-on-one education to students and give them exactly what they need to succeed. ...

I am now beginning my master's degree at Pratt Institute, as one of only 21 students accepted in my field of study. Elementary school is the baseline for our education and development. I would not have been as successful in the rest of my educational career if I had not received such a solid foundation from Charlotte Elementary School.

My brother is special needs. He has a

very rare genetic disability, so there was no baseline for what he would be able to achieve or how to properly treat and educate him. When he entered Charlotte Elementary School he was already extremely developmentally behind his classmates. Ann Luginbuhl – along with many others – took on the task of helping him to reach his potential. My mom continually said that her one goal for him was that he would be able to read and write, even though we didn't even know if it was possible. Ms. L. never said no, and she never stopped trying, even though there were probably times where she wanted to give up. He can now read and write, do math and paint and draw. He went on to graduate from Calais High School. He has beaten all the odds, and this is thanks in large part to Ms. L. and the Charlotte Elementary School staff. My brother would not have gotten the one-on-one education he needed or someone as determined as Ms. L. if he had gone to any other elementary school. Our school provides opportunities for children that other schools can't. ...

The most important thing students are taught at Charlotte Elementary School is treating people with kindness and respect, which unfortunately are qualities that are lacking in today's world. The future of our school should not be determined by people who have never been involved in our school or even put in the effort to learn about our school, its staff or its students. Our school is much more than numbers on a piece of paper.

Felicia Moholland  
Charlotte

## IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP

To the editor:

“The almighty, indeed, sent the potato blight, but the English created the famine.” – John Mitchel, 1861. In every generation great events happen that threaten the fabric of society. The outcome is not so much the degree of the threat but the effectiveness of the response. The potato blight was terrible, but it was the policy of England towards Ireland that caused the famine that killed so many.

Our nation is now being threatened by COVID-19. We have seen in Texas and Florida what the failure to govern looks like: thousands infected and hundreds dead. The governors in those states made a decision based on a cost/benefit analysis. They knew that removing restrictions on business reopening would cost lives, but they felt that the economic benefit to the state's economy would be worth it.

The terrible tragedy is that the reopening of those states needlessly killed and infected people without any long-term recovery in their economy. That is because consumer spending makes up almost 70% of the U.S. economy. Our states' economies will not return to normal until consumers are confident that it is safe to go out and eat in restaurants and shop in stores. And consumer confidence remains low.

For years the Maine State Lottery's advertising slogan was “Just Imagine.” Just imagine becoming rich, even though the chances of winning the lottery are so small that you would be overwhelmingly better off by not buying a ticket and keeping the \$5 or \$10 for yourself. “Just Imagine” is a great advertising slogan for the state lottery but a poor way to manage public health policies during a pandemic. We are lucky in Maine that Governor Janet Mills and Dr. Nirav Shah have managed the pandemic so effectively. Our economy will suffer in the short term, but controlling the transmission of the pandemic is the surest positive way for our economy to continue to recover.

Jeffrey Lovit  
Addison

(Jeffrey Lovit is a candidate for the Maine State Senate District 6.)

# GUEST COLUMN

## Maine's post-COVID economy

by Rep. Anne Perry

Despite the pandemic continuing, and even worsening in many parts of the country – although thankfully not Maine – it is time to start thinking about, and planning for, the changes that will be necessary to restore Maine's economy. That planning is already well under way, thanks to the Economic Recovery Committee set up in May by Governor Janet Mills. This committee is made up of business people – including Washington County's own Kevin Raye and Susan Corbett – elected officials, academics and state officials and has six subcommittees that deal with important economic sectors. Recently this group released its initial recommendations for getting things going again.

The recommendations have three purposes: helping Maine people, helping Maine employers and making Maine's electronic infrastructure ready for the challenges of the new economy. The bulk of the money to pay for these recommendations will come from the federal CARES Act, which provided \$1.2 billion to Maine.

Concerning helping Maine's people, the committee realized that safe schools are critical to economic recovery and the well-being of our children. To that end, it proposed \$300 million in Pre-K to Grade 12 spending, with another \$75 million for higher education. The committee also called for spending \$20 million to improve the public health system and purchase personal protective equipment, \$45 million to help more people get quality affordable childcare and \$50 million for housing to help those already made homeless by the pandemic and prevent future evictions.

COVID-19 had been a terrible blow to Maine's employers, and they will need help if they are to come back and create the jobs needed for a strong recovery. To help them get back on their feet, the com-

mittee recommends a \$300 million grant program to help Maine's for-profit businesses and a separate \$50 million program for the nonprofit sector. Members realize that these are much, much lower figures than the losses actually suffered by Maine businesses but hope that it will allow employers to stabilize their situations and give them the necessary breathing room to regain strength.

To prepare the economy for a better, stronger future, the committee also calls for \$50 million to help innovative businesses get started and another \$30 million in workforce development spending to ensure Maine's workers are trained and ready for the new work environment.

One key lesson that this crisis has taught us is the importance of broadband to a modern economy. Sadly, too much of Maine lacks access to secure, dependable broadband of the kind needed to allow people to work and study from home. To get broadband capacity ready for the new economy, the committee recommends major improvements to the state's infrastructure. The final area of recommendations from the committee calls for spending \$165 million to expand high-speed Internet to those areas that are not currently served and to improve Internet service and availability throughout the state.

Maine has seen hard times before and has always bounced back, and this time is no different. The work done by the Economic Recovery Committee lays the groundwork for that recovery, and I am hopeful that if the recommendations are taken seriously, Maine will come out of this with a stronger, more vibrant economy that will be able to meet the challenges posed by a post-pandemic world.

(Rep. Anne Perry of Calais, a retired family nurse practitioner, represents House District 140.)



# MAILBOAT REX IV

## WILL LOCAL FOOD CO-OP RETURN IN EASTPORT?

To the editor:

Around 2005 a local food buying club was formed in Eastport; by 2013 Eat Local Eastport was serving upwards of 50 households and accounting for \$50,000 in local food sales for 10 plus Washington County food producers. In 2014 the buying club was incorporated as a member owned and governed cooperative. A board of producers and consumers guided a manager in opening a small retail store that saw dynamic growth. In time there was strain in the co-op, which caused the store to hibernate in 2018. This past winter we had a joyful reopening, just in time for COVID-19 to shutter our doors once again.

Now this co-op sits idle, with food insecurity on the rise and our local food system being more important than ever. All of the infrastructure is in place. All of the bylaws, policies and websites have been established. All that is need is humans. We need food advocates. We need a manager. We need business people. We need start-up capital. We need people who are empowered to jump-start access to Washington County grown foods and support farmers in growing their businesses.

Join us Thursday, August 20, at 4 p.m. for a virtual meeting to jump-start operations. The Zoom link is available at <eatlocaleastport.com>.

Anne Hopkins  
Eastport

## NO EMERGENCY REGARDING PPP

To the editor:

The federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was passed after the state legislature adjourned last March. As such, there was not an opportunity to change Maine's tax laws to make it tax exempt before the legislature adjourned.

Changes to Maine's tax law to address PPP can be passed in December, when the new legislature meets, or any time between now and the April 15 tax deadline. Maine's legislature regularly makes changes to "tax conformity" at the start of new sessions.

Unfortunately, my opponent in the next election for state senate has decided to mislead the people of our district and frighten them by sending out letters/articles suggesting the tax on PPP can only be lifted in a prolonged special session in Augusta and that Republicans like myself have prevented this.

In reality, Republicans have been calling for a special session to deal with COVID-19 and emergency legislation since May.

Having heard expert testimony before the legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Taxation last Thursday, it is clear Maine needs to change the state's tax code

to conform with changes on the federal level. In particular, "tax conformity" should eliminate the current state tax on funds from the Paycheck Protection Program, known widely as PPP.

Senate Republicans have made it clear they would welcome the opportunity to return to Augusta for the specific purpose of addressing tax conformity and providing tax relief to the 27,000 Maine businesses who received funds through the PPP. The PPP was designed to bring relief to small businesses across Maine during this economic crisis. To now tax the 27,000 businesses who received PPP funds would be a travesty and counter to the purpose of the program.

Like many other bills awaiting action in Augusta, there is no urgency or emergency regarding PPP. It can and will be taken up by the legislature sometime in the next nine months. In the meantime, spreading fear through falsehoods is not the way Washington Countians should treat one another, especially when it is just to win elections.

Marianne Moore  
Calais

(Marianne Moore represents District 6 in the Maine State Senate and is running for reelection.)

## IN SUPPORT OF SUSAN COLLINS

To the editor:

There's a lot of money behind ads right now to convince Mainers that our Senator Susan Collins has somehow changed. But I would argue that she's the same Susan we've always known because she just keeps delivering for us. Here are the results of some of her recent work as a senior member of [the Appropriations Committee] that will directly benefit our corner of the state: \$10.5 million in federal funding to replace the Jonesport-Beals bridge; \$6 million in federal funding to repair the breakwater and \$2 million to improve cargo handling and storage at the Eastport Port Authority; \$19.6 million in federal funding for the town of Lubec to make safety improvements to the harbor by building a mooring field, boat launch, a two-way road to the end of the pier and two hoists for fishermen to move their products safely and quickly; \$6 million in federal funding to build a new border crossing station in Calais. She has also worked tirelessly to protect our hospital in Calais, which is so vital to our community.

As you can see, Senator Susan Collins hasn't changed. She's still the small-town girl from Aroostook County who works day-in and day-out to deliver for the people of Maine. We need her in Washington, D.C., which is why I would urge you all to vote for her in November.

Marilyn Bernardini  
Calais

## VOTE FOR SENATOR COLLINS

To the editor:

After publicly supporting Senator Susan Collins six years ago in her most-successful reelection campaign, the Maine Council of Machinists, which includes two unions at Bath Iron Works, has recently abandoned their electoral support of Maine's senior senator in favor of a new-comer.

Those who follow Washington politics know that political muscle in Congress, especially in the Senate, traditionally depends heavily on seniority.

Bath Iron Works is struggling to regain its reputation at the Pentagon as one of the

country's best shipbuilders. That striking Bath Iron Works machinists would turn their backs on their strongest and most senior supporter in the U.S. Senate severely challenges common sense. Were Senator Collins reelected, she would be the twelfth most senior of all 100 U.S. senators and the lead Republican on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. Provided access to the facts, I am confident that Maine voters, including members of the machinists, will decide privately and quietly which candidate merits their vote.

Alan L. Baker  
Orrington

# What's Cookin'

## LOBSTER 101

by Nettie Thurston

There is a basic business axiom that says when the demand is depressed the prices drop to help increase the demand. This is why lobsters are selling at their present price level. So, let's help out our lobster fishermen and eat lobsters. Below are three ways we can help.

## WILD RICE AND LOBSTER CASSEROLE

1 cup wild rice cooked according to pkg. directions, reserve  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 lb. lobster meat, cooked  
1/4 cup unsalted butter, plus 2 tbs.  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1/2 cup yellow and green pepper, seeded and diced small  
1/4 cup flour

Fresh ground pepper to taste  
2 cups whole milk  
2 cups grated sharp white cheddar cheese  
Preheat oven to 325°F/160°C. Sauté peppers and onions in 2 tbs. butter until onions are translucent and shiny, about 5 minutes; reserve.

Make a white sauce with above ingredients, after thickening stir in 1 1/2 cups of cheese. Add all the reserved ingredients and turn in to a buttered casserole. Top with remaining cheese. Bake 30 minutes.

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## EASY LOBSTER PIE

1 1/2 cups herbed-seasoned package bread stuffing  
3/4 cups melted butter  
3 tbs. green chives, finely chopped  
1/4 cup sifted flour  
1 1/2 cups whole milk  
1 1/2 to 2 cups cooked lobster meat, diced  
2 tbs. pimentos, diced

1/4 tsp. dry mustard  
1/2 cup sour cream  
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425°F/220°C. Grease 8-inch pie pan. Reduce stuffing mix in a food processor to crumbs or crush with a rolling pin. Turn into a mixing bowl and stir in 1/2 cup butter. Press mixture into the bottom and sides of the pie pan. Melt remaining butter in a saucepan. Sprinkle with flour and gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Add lobster, pimentos, mustard, salt and pepper. Remove from the heat and stir in sour cream, then pour into prepared pie shell. Bake for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves four.

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## LOBSTER CAKES

### LITTLE WATER STREET STYLE

1 lb. lobster meat, cooked, 1/2 inch dice  
3/4 lb. raw scallops  
1 whole egg  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup green onions, chopped  
1 tbs. mayonnaise  
1/2 cup bread crumbs  
1 tbs. sherry  
1/2 cup canola oil

Put scallops in food processor or blender. Add egg, cream, salt and pepper. Blend as finely as possible. Pour into a mixing bowl. Add lobster, green onion, mayonnaise, bread crumbs and sherry; mix thoroughly. Chill mixture 30 minutes, then shape mixture into eight cakes.

In a nonstick skillet heat 1/4 cup oil on medium heat. Cook cakes four minutes each side or until golden brown; remove to heated plate and cook remaining cakes.



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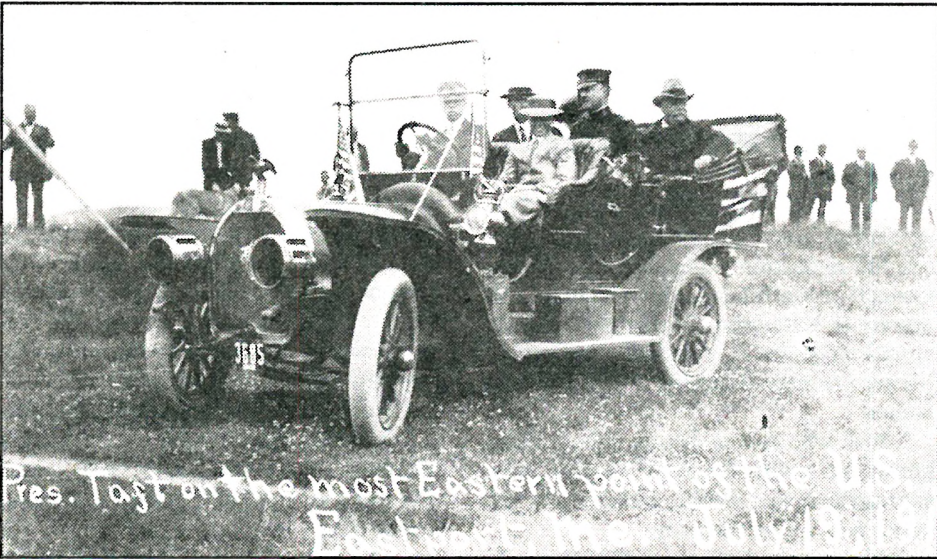
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Of great concern to us during this time are the emotional consequences residents may experience from the isolation required to keep them safe. We recognize the importance of providing additional and creative interaction between residents and staff, and the ability to provide new experiences.

EMNH is a nonprofit – one of only a couple such nursing homes in Maine – so donations are vital. If you're able, please make a donation to help fund one of our 3 current projects – MUSIC & MEMORY®, Comfort Bathing and Transport Van. You can also advocate for us by sharing our mission with a family member or friend. You can donate by writing a check payable to Eastport Memorial Nursing Home, or entering your credit card information below, and mailing to our home.

In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Stay safe and well,

Kevin Raye, President  
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*I am a frayed and nibbled survivor in a fallen world, and I am getting along. I am aging and eaten and have done my share of eating, too. I am not washed and beautiful, in control of a shining world in which everything fits, but instead am wandering awed about on a splintered wreck I have come to care for, whose gnawed trees breathe a delicate air, whose bloodied and scarred creatures are my dearest companions and whose beauty bats and shines, not in its imperfections, but overwhelmingly in spite of them. – Annie Dillard*

Natural events – As July comes to an end and a Blue Moon lights the night, we are still waiting for some real scorching summer days here along the coast. Recently we had temperatures in the low 50s, and a couple of nights we kindled a fire in the Glenwood range. This is not a complaint, mind you. Who among us would rather sleep in a pool of sweat than snuggle under a light blanket on a summer night? Meanwhile, armadas of towering clouds sail the skies with armaments apocalyptic. When they go to war, the skies flash with the firing of their great guns and the explosions echo out to the islands and back. When the cloudy galleons are pierced by hostile fire, water pours forth and deluges the country far below. As horrific as it is, though, the battle is rarely long and at last the ethereal vessels sail grumbling away waving their rainbow flag behind.

Field and forest report – The shy Virginia rose is now in bloom, some call them “rambling rose.” Their single, pink blossoms with five smooth petals last only a day or two, but their fragrance – compared to the smell of the showy hybrid roses in your garden – is like the finest wine compared to Welch’s grape juice. Look quickly or you will miss them.

Saltwater report – For the last several years in midsummer there have been reports of a jellyfish invasion in Maine with large numbers of these strange creatures

floating close to shore. The Gulf of Maine is home to one large and two small species of jelly. The orange lion’s mane jelly can range from the size of a dinner plate to several feet in diameter. A specimen was recorded on Cape Cod in 1870 that was nearly eight feet in diameter with tentacles over 120 feet long, which may be the longest animal ever recorded, and the lion’s mane does sting. This is the stuff of nightmares. The sting is like that of a bee, or like a swarm of bees. They can be painful but rarely fatal to a healthy person. Remedies include vinegar and meat tenderizer. Serious stings should be seen by a doctor.

The white cross jelly and the moon jelly both are just a few inches in diameter, nearly transparent and don’t sting. To unexpectedly paddle or sail through a flotilla of these sea creatures can be an unforgettable experience. Here are animals so different from us as to seem entirely alien: no eyes, no faces, no legs or arms or feet, no fur or hair, no front or back and yet there they float silently and contentedly feeding on plankton and thinking not a thought, like dream flowers of meat or some primitive and archaic idea from the mind of the creator made flesh and set loose to swim for eons slowly and majestically through the deeps, sojourners like us on a watery planet.

Seedpods to carry around with you – Henry Beston, 1888-1968: Animals ... move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travail of the Earth.

Swedish proverb: Don’t let your sorrow come higher than your knees.

That’s the almanack for this quarter moon, but don’t take it from me; go out and see for yourself.

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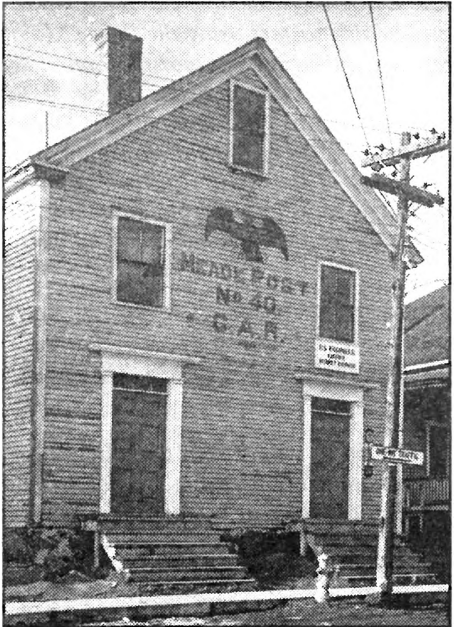




## TIMA restores Civil War book and room

An invaluable book dating to 1871 that outlines Eastporters' involvement in the American Civil War has now been fully restored and is back in Eastport. Native Eastporter Charles Eldridge wrote the volume. He worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C., at the time and had research access to military records.

Last year, the Peavey Memorial Library placed the volume for safe keeping with the Tides Institute & Museum Art (TIMA). In return, TIMA promised to have the volume restored and digitized and sent the document to the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Mass., to do this work he COVID-19 situation resulted in the closure of the Center for several months which delayed their work on the volume. But the center



THE GAR HALL BUILDING, now owned by the Tides Institute & Museum of Art, as it appeared in 1935. TIMA hopes to restore the original lettering on the front of the building this fall.

reopened again in the late spring and they were able to complete the work by late July. The restored volume arrived on July 29 back in Eastport, where it will remain. Digital copies of the volume will be placed with the Peavey Memorial Library and the Border Historical Society, in addition to TIMA. The cost of restoring and digitizing the volume was \$9,000, and TIMA raised the funds from private individuals. Hugh French, director of TIMA, says, "We are extremely grateful to the individuals who generously supported the costs of restoring and digitizing this important book and ensuring that the book remains in Eastport where it belongs."

The return of the restored volume comes at a good time, as TIMA has recently completed the initial reorganization of the second floor of its Civil War GAR Veterans Hall building in Eastport into a "Civil War Room." The room contains over 100 area Civil War and GAR historical artifacts ranging from framed prints and portraits to military artifacts to furniture. The room itself is surrounded with period late 19th century historical GAR Civil War murals that TIMA is hoping to restore. TIMA also hopes to have the original GAR lettering on the front of the building repainted.

French says, "The GAR Hall building was gifted to us six years ago by John and Alice Seelye. They discovered the original Civil War GAR murals on the building's second floor and had a dropped ceiling removed so that the murals could be viewed again for the first time in perhaps 75 years. We've had two large groupings of area Civil War and GAR artifacts come into our collections in the past six months – one came from the Crescent Masonic Lodge in Pembroke and the other from the Border Historical Society of Eastport."

TIMA plans to have the Civil War Room open to the public by next summer.

## Committee cancels 2020 Pirate Festival

The time has come to make a tough decision regarding the 2020 Eastport Pirate Festival. Eastport comes alive each September with the arrival of pirates from near and far, as young and old open their imaginations to the world of make believe.

The Pirate Festival Committee has made the painful decision to cancel the 2020 festival because of the COVID-19

pandemic and logistics in planning around the issues it presents. Residents are encouraged to be on the lookout for any events that may be held by local businesses during the normal festival weekend and help support them in this time.

The committee hopes pirate enthusiasts will continue to monitor its social media accounts for information about the 2021 festival.

## Sales up of chamber's sardine label bags

by Lora Whelan

Many happy customers have purchased from the limited run of 1,000 sardine label bags created by the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce as a fundraiser for the chamber and as a celebration of the island city's heritage. Area businesses that are chamber members snapped up over 500 of the bags to sell. Shopkeepers have reported brisk sales.

Chamber President Kevin Raye says, "It comes at a crucial time for the chamber, which, like many organizations, is suffering financially as many chamber members are finding it challenging to pay dues at a time when business revenues are down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic decline."

The bag has been a chamber affair through and through. Member Lisa Stephen came up with the idea. The graphic design features a sardine cannery label provided by the Tides Institute & Museum of Art, also a member. Chamber board member Karen Raye proposed securing

sponsorships from area businesses to cover the full costs of the bag, so it could truly be a fundraiser for the chamber. Sponsors include: First National Bank; Due East Real Estate; Eastport Arts Center; Eastport Health Care Inc.; Eastport Port Authority; the City of Eastport; Heather's Nail Salon; Holley Properties; ORPC; Raye's Mustard; and Realty of Maine.

Locally, the bags are being sold for \$5 apiece at a number of chamber-affiliated local businesses and gift shops. Those wishing to purchase bags by mail can order them online.

Kevin Raye reports that Christy Whitmore, the chamber's volunteer webmaster, "did yeoman's work to make it possible for people to also purchase bags through the chamber website." He adds that chamber Treasurer Jeanne Peacock has been instrumental in handling the financial logistics of the project.

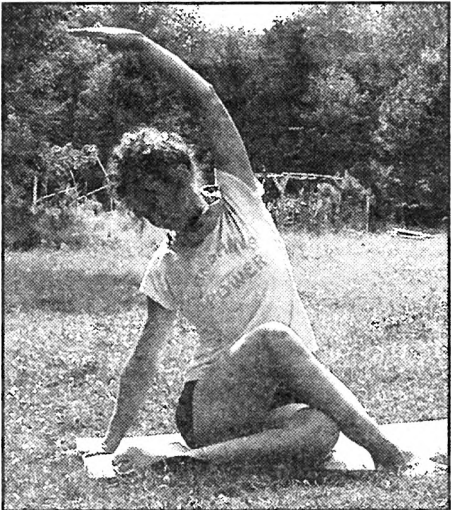
For additional information, please visit <[www.eastportchamber.net](http://www.eastportchamber.net)>.

## Area yoga instructors bridge the distance

"Through yoga I've learned to take a moment to breathe when faced with an unfavorable situation – COVID-19, in this instance," says Katie Melancon, who like Eastport Arts Center's (EAC) other yoga instructor, Lilli Danaea, has continued to meet weekly with her students via Zoom since the EAC building closed in March. "No longer being able to be face to face with my weekly yogis was discouraging. Rather than give up on that weekly connection, we moved online." In recent weeks, Melancon's weekly session on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. has been based on study of the body's chakras, or energy centers, with postures beneficial to each week's focus area. E-mail <[anchorandbalanceyoga@gmail.com](mailto:anchorandbalanceyoga@gmail.com)> for a link.

"Teaching at the Eastport Art Center has been a joy," says Danaea, who teaches two Tuesday classes: on Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – e-mail <[lillireally@gmail.com](mailto:lillireally@gmail.com)> for link – and outdoors at Hope's Haven Farm in Pembroke at 1 p.m. "When it was clear that holding classes [at EAC] would need to be put on pause due to the pan-

demic, it didn't take too long to open to the idea of offering the classes via Zoom." Danaea adds, "The classes I offer aim to



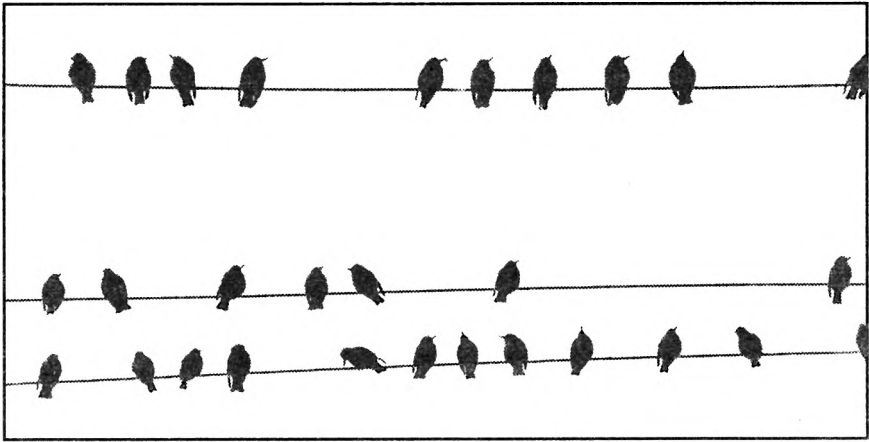
YOGA INSTRUCTOR Lilli Danaea augments her Zoom-based teaching with outdoor sessions at Hope's Haven Farm in Pembroke. (Lauren Koss photo)

give individuals the opportunity to learn how to more deeply inhabit their bodies, to feel safe in doing so and hopefully gain a better appreciation of being human in all our complexities."

Another popular yoga teacher in the area is Samantha Williams. In addition to twice weekly Zoom-based sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. – e-mail <[boldcoastyoga@gmail.com](mailto:boldcoastyoga@gmail.com)> for link – Williams leads outdoor sessions at West Quoddy Lighthouse "most Fridays." "It's been a pleasure to hold a space for connecting with others and supporting the practice of yoga during these times," says Williams. "Learning how to use the microphone and camera was certainly interesting, but I'm grateful for the technology that allows us to continue our classes safely."

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# Artist meets challenge with new works

by Lora Whelan

The pandemic has wrought many challenges, and for Italian artist Vittoria Chierici, who ended up having to stay in Eastport during the winter and spring rather than return to her country, that challenge became an opportunity for her to explore her art in new ways.

Chierici has been dividing her time between Eastport, New York City and Milan, Italy, for the last two years. She had planned to return to Italy in March. The pandemic changed everything. "I had an appointment in Rome, but I couldn't go. Everything fell apart," Chierici says. In the middle of February Italy was considered the hot spot of the health crisis. "I was very concerned about my sisters, my niece and nephew, my aunt." She talked with them on the phone every day. "But at the same time I felt a certain kind of joy at the challenge of having to rethink my work."

While Chierici had lost her "triangle" of work and social life among the three places, she felt lucky to be in Eastport where she had the space to think, to create and to be safe. "I felt more free," she says. "There were no more borders in my work despite the real borders closed."

Chierici works on multiple projects at a time, taking breaks from one to focus on another. While in Eastport during 2018 she began her Leonardo drawing that is now the focus of a pop-up show being held in downtown Eastport for the month of August. It's part of a larger project she created to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci's death in 2019, a marker that was celebrated around the world by artists, cultural institutions

and more.

Her art project was shown in New York City and in Italy, and there are plans for it to go to England in the future. But for the Eastport pop-up, with work started during the early months of the pandemic and finished in May, she returned to her 2018 drawing imagining da Vinci as a young man.

Using her portable projector, Chierici made 16 small paintings based on that first portrait. Each is different, with varying colors, highlights and tones of light and dark. Chierici is known as a colorist and works to a degree in abstractions. With the Leonardo work for Eastport she thought, "Why not paint in the so-called traditional way, but also experiment because we've found out [with the pandemic] that there is no such thing as a traditional way. That belongs to the 20th century. The 21st century has to be wide open."

She adds, "In a way I couldn't have had this thought if I hadn't been in Eastport during the pandemic."

"Your Leonardo" is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at 49 Water Street, the former site of the Eat Local Eastport shop at The Commons. To visit, masks, physical distancing and a limited number of people at one time are required. Chierici is finding the experience a revelation. Usually her works hang in galleries and she rarely interacts with the public. "People are coming in. They like it." She adds, "It's really fun."

For more information visit <<http://www.vittoriachierici.com>> and look under proposals with a click on the Leonardo image.



OUTSIDE OF HER POP-SHOW, "Your Leonardo," in downtown Eastport is Italian artist Vittoria Chierici, who was unable to return to Italy during the winter and spring because of the pandemic and turned her time in Eastport into an exploration of her art. (Lora Whelan photo)



SPEAKERS during the "Let's Talk about It" domestic violence discussion in Eastport on July 25 were (left to right) Jeannine Oren of Casco, Christine Buckley of Lincolnville, Mary Lou Smith of Scarborough, Amber Hatch of Whitefield and Patrisha McLean, the founder of Finding Our Voices nonprofit. (Edward French photo)

## Domestic abuse survivors tell their stories

by Edward French

"I want your love and compassion, not your pity and your judgment. That makes me a victim, and I will never be a victim again," stated 80-year-old Mary Lou Smith of Scarborough during a series of talks by domestic violence survivors on July 25 in Eastport. They told their stories to listeners at the Sutherland Overlook Park Amphitheater as part of the "Let's Talk about It" campaign that was started by the Finding Our Voices nonprofit.

Smith related that her abusive husband was an upstanding member of the church and a college professor. She hadn't realized she was suffering from domestic violence and was shocked when her therapist told her that. For years she believed that the relationship would get better. After coming to understand that the abuse wouldn't end, she planned her suicide but stopped herself after realizing she "had more living to do." She told her husband about her pain, and he left the room and came back with a gun, telling her, "I'll show you how to put a gun to your head." After pausing, she related, "I was frozen in fear - an empty shell of myself."

"I did the dance of domestic violence," but at age 65 she left her 43-year marriage. She noted that now her husband will never have the opportunity to physically, psychologically or emotionally abuse her again. "I have given myself the gift of a second chance," she said. "I'm evidence that it's never too late to leave."

The domestic violence campaign sponsored by Finding Our Voices also included displays of banners featuring individual survivors in the windows of Eastport businesses and organizations throughout the month of July. Patrisha McLean, the founder of Finding Our Voices, noted during the July 25 discussion that she had started the banner project in April in the mid-coast region, with exhibits and slide shows. With the coronavirus shutdown, for women "to be forced to isolate with an abuser is like the worst nightmare of all," she said. "It's more important than ever for us to tell our stories" and get the local community involved. McLean said that only someone who has been in an abusive relationship can understand how one's partner "breaks you down" so you have no self-confidence.

Approximately half of the murders in Maine are a result of domestic violence, and McLean pointed out that many domestic violence cases are either dismissed or pled down to lesser charges in court. She noted that there is now more training for police on how to handle domestic violence situations, including from The Next Step Domestic Violence Project. In 1994 she had called the police about her husband's abuse, and they did not arrest him.

Some 21 years later, when the same situation occurred, they did arrest him.

Another survivor, Christine Buckley of Lincolnville, told listeners that many women who suffer domestic abuse feel they are alone. After she began telling her story, she was "amazed at how many" women came up to her to say they were abused. "It's so pervasive."

"No woman should be ashamed," she said, adding that after leaving her abusive relationship she feels "more powerful than I have in my entire life."

Amber Hatch of Whitefield, who works in law enforcement, related how her tattoos, including lines from some of Robert Frost's poems, serve as reminders of promises she's made to herself. The lines, "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, / But I have promises to keep," remind her to be safe for her children's sake. Although her partner kept abusing her, she believed he could be better. "He was a volcano, and I was a tornado," she related. "I would self-destruct." The lines, "Some say the world will end in fire," remind her that passion can "consume you in a domestic violence relationship," until there is nothing left. Once, he was choking her to death on a bridge in Machias at 4 in the morning, and she felt "that would be fantastic, as I wouldn't feel that pain." He then realized that he had lost his control over her. She is now a survivor with "three amazing children, because I chose to live that day on that bridge."

Jeannine Oren of Casco told listeners, "We have a problem in our global culture with greed," which she said is used for power and control. "It's fueled by our global toxic culture, misogyny and male privilege." She noted that the World Health Organization has stated that domestic violence and sexual assault are a health epidemic, with 36.5% of women worldwide affected. Stating that people who are abusive need to be held accountable, she suggested that citizens' review boards could be formed to address domestic violence. "I do believe we can move to a place as global citizens where we are not violent toward each other."

Missy Fairfield of The Next Step noted that survivors of domestic violence often "carry a lot of shame and judgment." If someone is being abused, the best thing one can do "is let them know you're concerned." She added, "Just be there for them, as someone to be trusted." Hatch observed that community support "is incredibly important" and that support networks will work with people "from all walks of life, not just heteronormative people."

Fairfield related that The Next Step offers legal services, emergency shelter, support groups, community education and a 24/7 helpline at 1-800-315-5579.

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THE EVENING BEFORE THE RIVIERA left the Eastport breakwater, Ross and Brandy Argir played two sets of music on the fish pier so that many of the crew could get a chance to hear the fiddle tunes. (Don Dunbar photo)

## Cell tower plans proceeding in Eastport

by Lora Whelan

The Eastport Planning Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the request by Rising Tide Towers LLC to site a 100' cell tower behind the Passamaquoddy Water District water tower on city land near the elementary school, along with an eight-foot-high chain link fence incorporating green landscaping material to surround the tower. The city's cell phone tower ordinance requires that the planning board review such applications and allows for a tower height of up to 190'.

The next step will be for the application to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special exception permit. A public hearing and special meeting will be held by the ZBA on Wednesday, August 26, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Then the application will proceed to the city council. If approved, the city would lease the land to the company. Rising Tide LLC has had the area surveyed and staked out, notes Code Enforcement Officer Robert Scott.

As part of the siting application process, Scott issued letters to 29 property owners within 200 feet of the project, he explained during the public hearing. With no other questions from the board or the public, planning board Chair Michael Morse closed the public hearing and asked for a motion at the special meeting that promptly followed.

The cell tower is one of about 30 towers that Black Diamond Construction has put in place along Route 1 from Gouldsboro to Calais, as well as along parts of Route 9 up to Houlton, explained Rising Tide and Black Diamond representative Bud Rich. Rising Tide will own the tower but lease it to AT&T as part of the federally funded national FirstNet emergency management first responder network. In addition, the cell tower will allow for expanded cell and wireless service through normal channels. Morse noted that AT&T will join U.S. Cellular and Verizon as the pool of service providers to the area.

## Eastport police issue report for July

Along with other arrests during July that were previously reported, on July 30 Eastport police arrested Edward Sockabasin for operating under the influence of drugs.

Police Chief Peter Harris notes that mental health related complaints are the most time-consuming calls for service, as officers normally become part of the stabilization process, assisting emergency medical services with transport and assisting hospital staff with stabilizing people in crisis.

During the month of July, the department responded to: six theft complaints; six motor vehicle complaints; seven unfounded 911 calls; six domestic disturbance complaints; three assault complaints, including assault on an offic-

er; four well-being checks; five complaints of shots fired; four motor vehicle stops; five civil assists; two criminal mischief complaints; two agency assists; two animal complaints; one burglary complaint; four criminal trespass complaints; seven mental health related calls for suicidal person; four harassment complaints; one criminal threatening complaint; three business alarms; six theft complaints; one public intoxication complaint; four motor vehicle accidents; and two OUI drug arrests. The police department answered 75 calls for service that involved 121 incidents.

The department has announced the hiring of reserve officer Nicholas Johnson, an Eastport native who has been serving in the state as a reserve officer since 2011.

## City signs MOU with ORPC, cell tower lease

by Lora Whelan

The City of Eastport will sign a memorandum of understanding with Ocean Renewable Power Company on the smart-grid renewable energy project that is expected to roll-out over five years and could have the ability to power the entire city with renewable energy. In addition, the council approved the lease contract for a telecommunications cell tower to be located behind the water tower, with the contract contingent on any and all permits and approvals still to come from the zoning board of appeals at its August 26 meeting reserved for the granting of a special exception permit. Both decisions were made at the council's August 12 meeting.

With a packed agenda, the council slogged through item after item with a meeting that stretched for three hours. Even Councillor Jeanne Peacock, a former school principal and no stranger to long meetings, mentioned the length of the agenda in less than glowing terms.

A fair amount of housekeeping got done, with property of different types being the focus of much of the action. The council approved moving forward with "motion to quit" and return all checks received after foreclosure notices had already been sent for 15 Adams Street. At its September 9 meeting the council will hold a public hearing on the sale of 1 Elm Street. In addition, the city manager was authorized to proceed with the small claims process with Michael Griffin, a tenant at the former Guilford mill building. Doug and Shirley Richardson were granted their request for refund of overpayment of property taxes for two years for a total of \$472.50.

The city will put out to bid for stumpage a portion of its land next to the public works garage. A portion of the stumpage lies in shoreland zone, which will need to be marked out. The fencing on Deep Cove Road that is required by the Department of Transportation to surround the airport is in need of repair and will be put out to

bid. Also to be put out to bid will be three pieces of equipment as a package deal that are no longer of use to the city: 2014 and 2015 mowers and an old snowplow. On the subject of mowers, public works was approved to purchase a new mower for \$5,074.

The city rotates cleaning out Quoddy Village and Redoubt Hill septic tanks on a three-year rotation, with 35 tanks ready for clean-out in Quoddy Village at a cost of \$5,950.

Parks and Recreation Department Chair Ross Argir will work with the city manager on finding grants to repair and refurbish the playground park on Sullivan Street and the dog park on Drummond Road, which will have all of its old fencing removed. City Manager Thomas Hoskins said that the original agreement with the city was that a dog park committee would maintain the park. With the dog park committee no longer in existence, the fencing in bad shape and dangerous because of sharp edges, Hoskins said it made sense to start with a clean slate by taking it all down.

The council will revisit a construction project needed for the end of Clark Street, where water run-off has caused extensive erosion and is affecting private property. The bid of \$58,000 from Downeast Masonry and Construction would necessitate the taking out of a loan. Councillor Hailley Bradbury suggested that Hoskins discuss the project with the Public Works Department to see if any of it could be done in-house. The discussion was tabled until the September meeting.

Also tabled until September was the discussion of working with Georgie Kendall of Healthy Acadia on a municipal public tobacco policy that could garner the city a mini-grant for signage or other projects. The council will revisit in September whether to hold its meetings in person or continue with the virtual format.

## Area students on UMA dean's lists

Washington County students on the spring dean's list for full-time students at the University of Maine at Augusta are: Krista Mozalak, Cherryfield; Sean Ellis, Machias; Courtney Hooper, Machias; Caleb Ross, Machias; Colby Ross, Machias; Denise Curtis, Milbridge; Stephanie Moores, Milbridge; Terri Stanwood, Steuben. Washington County students on the 2019-2020 dean's list for part-time students are: Lauren Cook, Baileyville; Sadie Smith, Baileyville; Luke Knowles, Calais; Aimee Sampson, Calais; Ashlee Worsham, Calais; Lacey Kalloch, Cutler; Brooke Larrabee, East Machias; Hillery Trickett, Machias; Katrina Long, Vanceboro; Tisheena Foss, Weston.

## Nomination papers available soon for municipal positions

Nomination papers for Eastport municipal positions will be available beginning Thursday, August 20, at the city clerk's office. Two three-year seats on the city council, currently held by Rocky Archer and Hailley Bradbury, are up for election. On the school board, two three-year positions held by Elizabeth Hastings-Renner and Will Bradbury are available, and a four-year term on the Eastport Port Authority board, currently held by Earl Small, is up for election. Small is finishing the term for the seat that had been held by Hollis Ferguson.

Nomination papers for the November 3 election are due by Friday, September 4, with at least 21 signatures needed.

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## Eastport schools getting ready to reopen

by Edward French

Schools in Eastport will be reopening for in-person learning on Tuesday, September 8, with new guidelines in place to protect the health of students and staff and with changes in the schedules. At Eastport Elementary School, the school day will now be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Shead High School, the school day will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with seniors and freshmen attending on Mondays and Thursdays and juniors and sophomores on Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will be used for distance learning.

In a letter to parents, Principal Paul Theriault writes, "Given the relatively low numbers of COVID-19 cases in our area, we are able to open our doors to students, and we are excited about that. But please understand that in order to be able to offer in-person instruction, we will need the help of our school partners."

He asks that parents not send their child to school if they are sick, and temperatures will be checked before students get on the bus or enter the school building. Students will sanitize their hands often and will wear face masks while on the bus and

in the building. Mask breaks will occur throughout the school day in a safe environment. Students will remain at least six feet apart throughout the school day. At the elementary school, all class levels will have their own rooms. Meals will be served in classrooms at the elementary school and in the lobby area at the high school.

Both the elementary and high schools will provide a remote learning option for families that are not comfortable sending their child to school out of concerns over COVID-19.

All non-essential visits to the schools will be discouraged. Visitors are subject to screening questions and temperature checks and will be required to wear face masks at all times and observe six-foot physical distancing.

"We, at Eastport schools, are keenly aware of the importance of a quality education, and with the planning that is happening we hope to continue with those goals," Theriault wrote. "But we also know that the most important goal for us is to keep our students and their families and our staff and their families safe."

## State issues guidance to reopen schools

The Mills administration has released updated guidance to assist schools in making decisions about how to resume instruction this fall in the face of COVID-19. This guidance includes the Health Advisory System that classifies counties' relative risk by color as well as updated requirements for schools to reopen safely. The Health Advisory System is a collaboration among the Maine Department of Education (DOE), the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The initial assessment showed that 16 Maine counties are currently categorized as "green," suggesting a relatively low COVID-19 risk at this time and that in-person instruction can be adopted as long as schools can implement the six requirements for safely opening schools in the fall. All counties, like the state as a whole, have COVID-19 prevalence below that of virtually all other states.

Circumstances could change between now and the official start of the school year. The Health Advisory System reflects ongoing analysis of evolving data. It will be updated every two weeks, serving as

one piece of information that school and district leaders can use to make decisions about how to deliver education this fall.

DOE Commissioner Pender Makin says, "While I'm grateful to know that our state continues to be relatively safe due to the vigilance of Maine people, this risk evaluation is intended to be, and should be, just one of several variables that local school districts take into consideration as they make decisions that are best for their communities."

The requirements for safely opening schools in the fall are required by all schools if they decide to return to in-classroom instruction, regardless of their county's red, yellow or green designation, to protect the safety and well-being of staff, students and families. They fall into six categories: symptom screenings before coming to school; physical distancing and school facilities; masks/face coverings; hand hygiene; personal protective equipment; return to school after illness.

A school administrative unit may opt for hybrid instruction if its buildings or readiness make adhering to these requirements a challenge.



WITH THE DEPARTURE of the cruise ship Riviera from Eastport on August 1, presentations were made to express the appreciation felt by the crew for the welcome they received during their stay at the island city. Tania Peña, representing the crew, presented a plaque to Don Dunbar, who along with David Oja were unofficial community ambassadors in forging friendships through social media with crew members. Dunbar, in turn, is shown presenting a City of Eastport flag to Peña. Left to right are David Oja, Tessa Ftorek, one of the port authority's cruise ship ambassadors, Dunbar, Peña and Kevin Raye, president of the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce, who also presented gifts for the crew. Peña told the Eastport representatives, "You really made it feel like we were home. You really made us very happy." (Edward French photo)

## Riviera leaves Eastport for Europe

by Edward French

While the Riviera cruise ship that had been docked at the Eastport breakwater since June 14 left on August 1 for Europe, in order to help get its crew home, the Eastport Port Authority is still hopeful that another dormant cruise ship may come to berth in the island city later this summer or fall. The Riviera, after fueling up in Gibraltar, was headed to Italy.

Chris Gardner, executive director of the port authority, says the cruise ship would have stayed in Eastport if they could fly their crew members home using commercial airlines. While the port authority worked on that issue, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had not granted approval. The CDC uses a color coding certification ranking for the cruise industry to ensure they have met the CDC's requirements, including no confirmed cases of COVID-19 for 28 days. Gardner says the CDC has been slow in completing the required paperwork for full green status for the cruise ships, including for the Riviera. Just recently some cruise lines, including Royal Caribbean, have been upgraded from the provisional green status.

"The port is continuing to market itself to the industry for those with full green status to try to bring another ship to Eastport," says Gardner. "We're in conversations with a couple of cruise lines." Because the ships are longer than 800 feet, any vessel that does come to Eastport most

likely would need to berth at the Estes Head pier instead of the breakwater, since 800 feet is about the limit for the size of vessels that can berth there. The Riviera is 785 feet long.

"I think we're very much in the running, but it's a business decision for them," says Gardner, who hopes to hear word within the coming days or weeks. He says the port authority is working with the state so that any necessary approvals are in place for bringing another vessel to Eastport. Gardner says that the city council's last discussion about cruise ships appeared to indicate that the council did not want to revisit the issue again, so he doesn't believe council approval would be needed.

Of the stay by the Riviera, Gardner says, "The crew has spoken very highly of their time here." The success of the visit by the Riviera will provide some long-term benefits for the city, Gardner believes, as it forged a relationship with Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, the owner of the vessel, "that all the marketing in the world could not have bought us." Noting that the cruise industry will be undergoing a "tremendous transformation" because of the upheaval caused by the coronavirus, he says the companies may change where their vessels go in the future. "We've done a very good thing of putting ourselves on the map," he says, expressing appreciation to all who supported the port authority's effort in bringing the Riviera to Eastport.



USING HAPPY HANDS to wave goodbye to the crew of the Riviera cruise ship as it departs Eastport are Kathleen Dunbar and Teresa Graves. (Don Dunbar photo)

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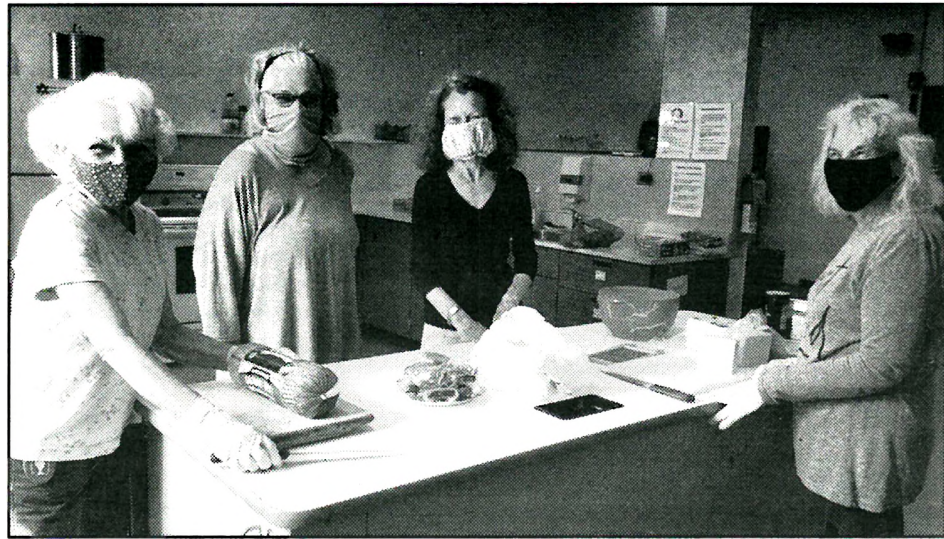
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A FEW OF THE VOLUNTEERS who work to prepare meals for area students in the Lubec Community Outreach Center's kitchen are (left to right) Geri Ilg, Nancy Harrison, Denise Rule and Nancy Begley. (Melissa Lee photo)

## Volunteers continue student meal service

by J.D. Rule

Nearly 100 meals have been delivered to Lubec area students since the conclusion of the school year. The effort is a collaboration between two members of the Lubec school board, the Lubec Woman's Club and the Lubec Community Outreach Center (LCOC). The project is expected to continue until the end of August.

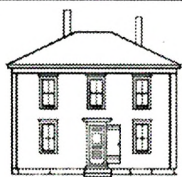
The project began when school board members Wanda Matthews and Melissa Lee proposed continuing the meals program that had begun when the Lubec school went into the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Headstone cleaning workshop to be held

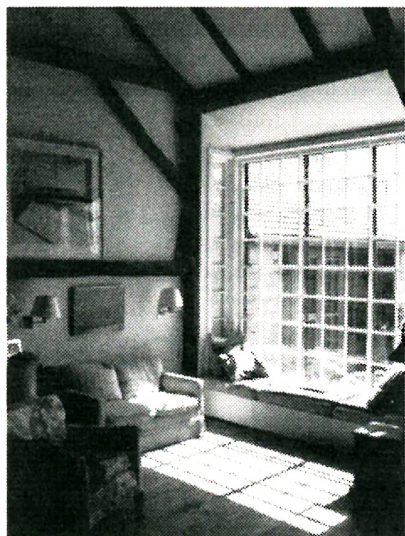
On Saturday, August 22, the Lubec Historical Society will hold a workshop on how to clean cemetery tombstones. Check-in time will be 8:15 a.m. at the society's building. The workshop is \$20 per person. Anyone who has taken the workshop with the historical society previously can attend at no charge. Register with Barbara Sellitto by calling 733-2994.

Registration forms are available at the Lubec Town Office, or you can e-mail <lubehistoricalociety@yahoo.com>. All participants must register for the workshop.

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Open hours have been increased to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition, there are now two computers avail-

able for public use. Face coverings and social distancing continue to be required. Hand sanitizer is provided.

### LUBEC MARKET

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

### FOOD PANTRY

The Lubec Community Outreach Center food pantry will be open Wednesday, August 19. Call 733-5262 for hours. The pantry will also be open Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

## Church plans 200th anniversary events

The 200th anniversary of the oldest church building in Lubec will take place at the end of August. The church was organized by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, and the building was completed in August 1820. A group of citizens raised the initial money for the church because they believed Lubec needed a large church to be a symbol of stability, to promote the cause of good order, virtue and piety, as well as a social institution. Throughout these 200 years the Congregational Christian Church has attempted to be a beacon on the hill and a place where faithful people meet for worship and fellowship.

In order to fully celebrate the meaning of the past 200 years, events have been planned for area residents to honor the ongoingness of the church – while adhering to Centers for Disease Control guide-

lines. On Tuesday, August 25, an ice cream social and sing-along will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. On Wednesday, August 26, a 7:30 p.m. a summer concert will be held, and on Thursday, August 27, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. a light breakfast will be available. There will be a drive-in fish chowder and blueberry shortcake supper on Saturday, August 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, August 30, at 2:30 p.m. the 200th anniversary celebration will occur.

In addition, the Sunday, August 23, worship service at 11 a.m. will center on remembering Gerry Green, a long-time member of the Congregational church in Lubec who died in January. Special moments will be shared in the sanctuary and around the flower garden in the church yard.

## Lions Club members support community

by Susan Reilly

As a teenager, Howard McFadden wanted to join the Lubec Lions Club when it was first chartered in 1953, but Uncle Sam wanted McFadden to serve his country by fighting in the Korean War, so joining the Lubec Lions Club got postponed. It was 1982 when McFadden finally joined the Lubec Lions Club, and he has been a member ever since. "Almost 40 years," McFadden notes, then quickly adds, "But others were members longer." This past year, the club lost two members – James McFadden Sr. and William Corey – who had both been active members for 50 years.

McFadden explains his own long-time commitment by saying, "I like to contribute to the community. I was born and went to high school in Lubec, and even though I live in Dennysville now, I'm a Lubecker. And I enjoy the collegiality among the members. There's no politics! We're not Democrats or Republicans; we're all just Lions," McFadden emphasizes.

All of the members pitch in to carry out the various activities that support the charitable works of the group. Among the best known of those activities is the July 4th chicken barbecue. This year, because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the barbecue didn't happen. "We might do a turkey shoot in September instead," McFadden says. The club did

just hold an outdoor grill raffle, with Junia Lehman as the winner.

All the monies the Lubec Lions Club raises goes to help individuals and organizations in the community. In the past year, the club has awarded four scholarships to second semester college students and has given assistance to the Lubec Community Outreach Center, the food pantry, the Lubec Memorial Library's Reading is Fun program and the Lubec Fire Department, among others.

"They check all the boxes," is how new member Dee Kosch describes the Lubec Lions Club. "They help everyone from kids to veterans to seniors, and that's what I like," Kosch adds. Kosch was invited to join the club by member Oscar Robinson. At the time, she knew about the club chiefly because of its work in promoting eye health and providing eyeglasses for the visually impaired. This is work Lions clubs do worldwide. In Lubec, the club offers free eye exams to first and second graders, with their parents' permission. If someone who needs eyeglasses needs financial assistance to purchase prescription glasses, the club can help. The club also keeps a box for the donation of used eyeglasses at the town office.

Kosch, who moved to Lubec seven years ago, learned a lot more about the Lubec Lions Club from information Robinson gave her. "When I saw how much good the group does, I was glad to become a member," Kosch explains. She adds that she enjoys the fact that the membership is intergenerational.

And as McFadden remarks, "Having folks who moved here from other states – I don't use the expression 'from away' – become members has instilled new life into the club."

With some 30 members, both new and long-standing, the Lubec Lions Club continues to be an active force for good in the community.

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## Lubec passes \$2.28 million school budget

by J.D. Rule

On August 6 Lubec voters passed the school budget for the upcoming year. Forty-two participants required just under one hour to pass the 16 articles listed in the warrant under the guidance of Moderator Cecil Moores. Each of the articles passed by near-unanimous votes.

The adopted budget requires a total local revenue of \$1,710,222 to be raised from local taxpayers – a decrease of \$40,000 from the 2019-2020 budget – leading to a grand total, including state and federal contributions, of \$2,280,165. The grand total is an increase of \$96,496 from the previous year; the reduced tax burden was achieved by withdrawing \$225,200 from the fund balance – an increase of \$75,000 over the previous year's withdrawal. The effect on state contributions to the school, if any, of COVID-19 projected state revenue decreases is not known at this time.

The fund balance, as AOS 77 Superintendent Kenneth Johnson has explained several times, is an accumulation of budgeted but unspent funds and works in similar manner to the unallocated funds account in the municipal budget. The total amount in this fund is established by the annual audit – due to be completed later this year. Johnson has warned that excessive fund balance withdrawals may limit future usage, thus forcing a larger share of that year's budget onto taxpayers.

Moores kept the meeting moving efficiently despite the persistent objections of local resident Barbara Thompson, who took issue with the wording of the announcement of the July 15 emergency

meeting of the school board. During that meeting, which lasted four minutes, the board approved the budget by a 4-1 vote, allowing it to be presented to the voters in the referendum.

When Article 2 – the first to deal with fiscal matters – was read, Thompson read a lengthy prepared comment objecting to the emergency meeting announcement process, prompting a motion to “move the question” that was overwhelmingly supported by meeting participants. Thompson's objection was based on the wording of the emergency meeting agenda, which did not include the word “budget,” an omission termed a typo by Johnson. When she attempted to read the same objection into each of the remaining articles, Moores interrupted her, stating that her objection was “so noted.” “It should have been called a ‘special meeting,’” said Thompson.

Dana Bradley asked about the school's heating system, which is in need of costly replacement. Johnson replied that it was his expectation that the new school board, which is slated to meet August 13, would take up the issue, and that at that time Donald Bresnahan, senior vice president of Saco-based Building Infrastructure Management Solutions, would be presenting his findings as discussed during the February 27 board meeting. “I hope to be able to put this to the voters during the November voting,” Johnson said. Bresnahan has previously stated his preference for systems that can be maintained by local contractors rather than requiring specialists to be brought in from distant locations.

## Residents OK \$1.36 million town budget

by J.D. Rule

Lubec's annual business meeting went smoothly and quickly, despite a daunting line-up of 64 articles. The August 12 meeting attracted 32 mask-wearing and social-distancing registered voters who needed less than an hour and 20 minutes to complete the first public meeting since the COVID-19 lockdown began in March. Moderator Harold Bailey kept the process moving while making sure that all who wished to ask questions were allowed to do so.

All articles were approved by unanimous vote, with only two attracting extended questioning and a few more needing clarification. Article 6 asked for voter approval for the town to acquire a newer and larger fire tanker/pumper, pegged at \$300,060, including projected finance costs. Fire Chief Robert “Bobby” Hood explained that the town currently has two tankers, one holding 1,000 gallons and the other 750, and that both are aging. “The bigger one can pump 1,000 gallons a minute,” he said, “and it only

holds 1,000 gallons.” With the town experiencing growth in areas not served by the water district, the ability to transport water to a fire at a remote residence has become critical. Additionally, Hood explained, area fire departments including those with whom Lubec shares mutual aid agreements, are having difficulty attracting new members, thus placing additional demands on the equipment. The new tanker holds 2,500 gallons.

Article 62 asked for approval to appropriate up to \$115,000 to finance “a town-wide real and personal property revaluation” through a withdrawal from the town's undesignated fund, which currently shows a balance of \$856,627. Assessor's Agent Jim Clark, in response to a question, stated that the last general revaluation took place in 1997. The task will be put out to bid, and the results are expected to be published within three years, said Clark. Those who live out-of-town will be notified by mail as part of the process.

The only article withdrawn was number 33, which was an annual third-party request to provide assistance to Save Our Strays, which is no longer in operation. A number in the audience expressed appreciation for the work of Dee Darling, who operated the cat shelter for many years.

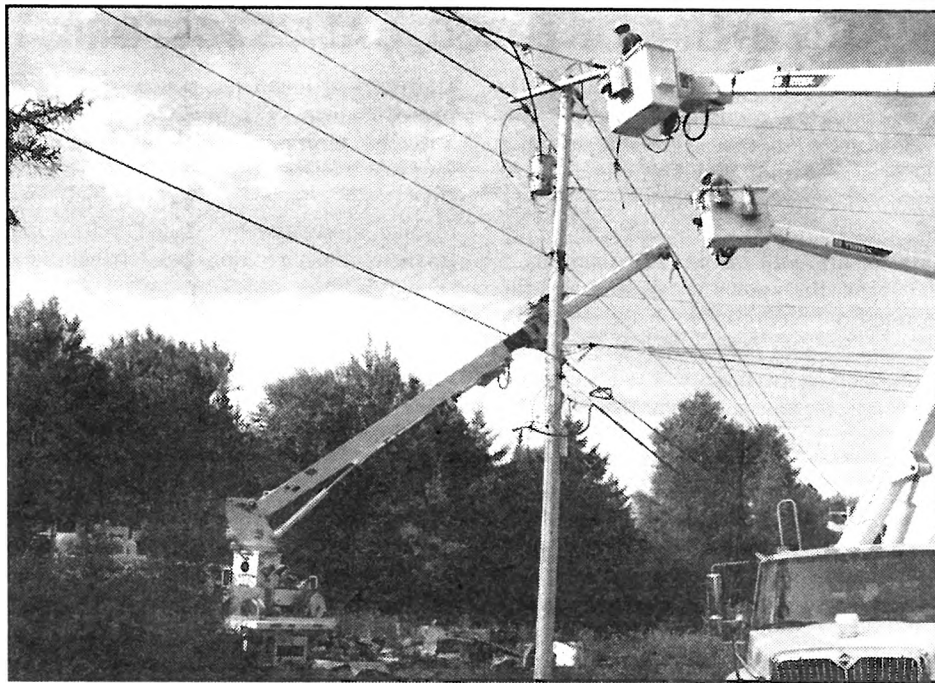
The total municipal budget, not including the school budget or the county tax, is \$1,362,532, an increase of \$8,908 or 1% over the previous year's budget.

## Lubec voters elect municipal officers

by J.D. Rule

A total of 335 Lubec voters went to the polls on August 11 to select individuals to fill municipal positions, including 88 who cast absentee ballots, compared to a total of 263 voters to cast ballots in 2019.

The final results were 207 votes for Carol Dennison and 190 for Daniel Wagner, who were running for the position of selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor. Sineidin O’Niall received 167 votes for the three-year position on the school board, and Joanne H. Case received 210 for the two-year position – the balance of the term she had been appointed to fill. Michael Jenkins received 124 votes for the three-year position on the budget committee, and David Marston received 235 votes for water district trustee. All candidates ran unopposed on the ballot.



WORKERS with Versant Power clear damaged cables in preparation to restore power after an August 6 fire left Lubec in the dark. The Trescott fire, which caused no injuries, left the peninsula without power or communications services. (J.D. Rule photo)

## Trescott fire knocks out power in Lubec

by J.D. Rule

A fire in Trescott during the evening of August 6 left Lubec in the dark and lacking most communications services. The fire occurred in an unoccupied structure known locally as “the old schoolhouse” on Route 189 opposite the Cobscook Institute. Power was lost for 1,500 customers just before 10 p.m. on August 6 and remained out until 11 a.m. on August 7, with cable-supplied services not restored until late that evening. There were no injuries, says Lubec Fire Captain Randy Hall.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” says Hall. “It was hot, real hot.” Hall described watching the insulation on adjacent high-voltage power lines burn and made sure that all firefighters were on the road side of the lines, fearing that personnel could be trapped when the lines came down. “There wasn’t much we could do,” he says. As the desiccated building's windows were long ago demolished, the fire “got all the air it wanted.” When the wires

came down, “the flash was huge.” He went on to say, “We’re lucky there was no wind, because it didn’t spread into the woods.”

The multi-story structure was leveled by the fire, with no part standing above two feet high. The roadside was littered with burned cables with shreds of insulation hanging off. As of late afternoon on August 7, Versant Power workers had replaced the broken wires and restored power, but crews from various communications services were still at work replacing and resplicing cables. The connection to the Dixie Road cell tower was disrupted, so only those able to reach other towers were able to call out until repairs were completed.

Investigators from the fire marshal's office searched the area with a dog on August 7. Hall did not venture to guess about the cause for the fire, which was the second within the community in an unoccupied structure with no electric service within the last four months.

## Planned pirate invasion nixed by board

by J.D. Rule

The Lubec Select Board voted to cancel earlier plans for the annual pirate invasion, following the announcement that Eastport has canceled the larger event that includes the invasion. “People just aren’t ready for this, with the COVID pandemic,” said Selectman Rachel Rubeor during the regularly scheduled August 5 meeting, held by Zoom with limited public access to the meeting location.

A preliminary step to the engineering studies for the Safe Harbor project was approved by a 4-0 vote, with Selectman Sonja Bailey not present. “Very preliminary probing” will be conducted of the bottom, to be paid by a \$30,000 grant and involving no taxpayer funds. The board also tabled a bid for the bike lane contract associated with Red Point Park.

The board approved the liquor license renewal for the Downeast Dragonfly, only

after the applicants reviewed the town's Special Amusement Permit Ordinance, enacted during the July 2001 annual town meeting. This ordinance spells out the various types of entertainment that can be offered in the town's restaurants and bars and the level of license needed for each. “Don’t worry,” said Dragonfly owner Tamara McGrath, “there’s not going to be any nude dancing.” The renewal was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Needed improvements to the town's bandstand were reviewed. The board authorized the submission of a request for proposal for replacing the roof and other specified components, with the work expected to be performed next spring.

Board Chair Carol Dennison also thanked Hanscom Construction for the Washington Street sidewalk repair, which she said is “coming in under budget.” The final cost won’t be known until later.



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## FUTURE OF LUBEC, CALAIS HISTORIC HOMES IN STATE OF LIMBO (from page 1)

could live in it as is," he remarked. He pointed out to a young man closely scrutinizing the barn that while the exterior needs a new roof and a fair amount of scraping, painting and wood repair, the house was eminently livable. Plenty of details remain with the kitchen featuring a slate sink, the pantry a dry sink and the second floor bathroom a tub and sink worthy of *This Old House*. The ceilings are high, even in the basement, and the windows tall. Despite trees near the property, the interior is light and welcoming.

"It's a pretty rare scenario where you can live in a property for the rest or most of your life for no money down," says Maine Preservation President Greg Paxton. He's enthusiastic about the "homesteading" aspect of the proposal, similar in a way to the old federal programs that encouraged homesteaders to take a risk by going out west and improving land before they could gain title to it. While the next steward of the McGlashan-Nickerson House wouldn't gain title and would have to abide by upkeep agreements, it could make a fine home. "A lot of the work the homeowner can do," he adds, while some would need to be done by professionals.

Proposals are due by October 10, 2021, says St. Croix Island Site Manager Meg Scheid. Information about the property can be found at <[www.nps.gov/sacr/get-involved/dobusinesswithus.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacr/get-involved/dobusinesswithus.htm)>.

### Cleaves Tavern in limbo

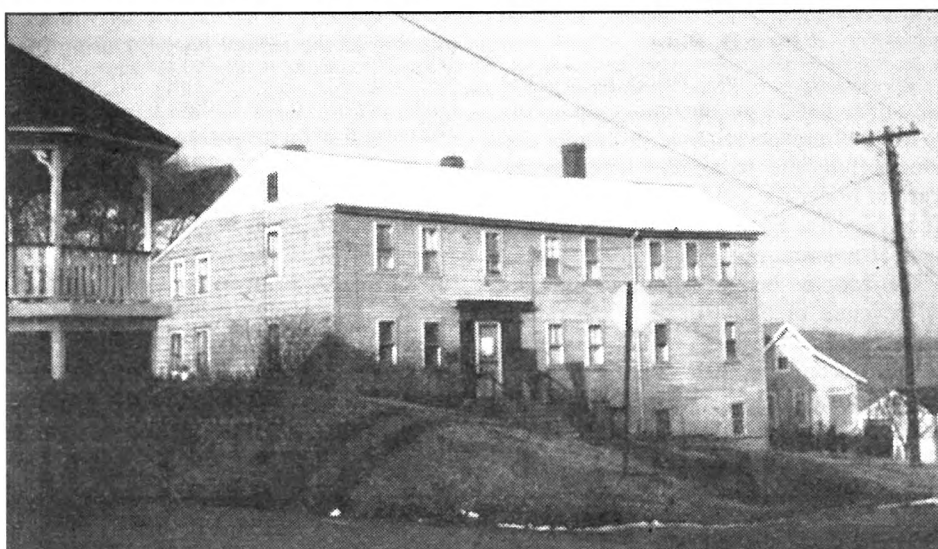
Over in Lubec another historic property is not shining so brightly with possibilities. The Chaloner House at 3 Pleasant Street, known by some as Cleaves Tavern, is loved by Lubec residents and is possibly the oldest standing residence in the community. It is on Maine Preservation's most endangered list, and with good reason. While the previous owner, Norma

Harrop, had loved the house dearly and owned it since 1971, in 2007 she took out a reverse mortgage to help pay her bills. After a long and fruitful life, Harrop passed away in 2019. Unfortunately, the reverse mortgage, purchased before the financial crash of 2008, has left behind a state of limbo.

"You'd think they'd want to sell it even if it means a loss," says Roger Quirk, a Lubec resident and member of the Lubec Historical Society. His family has been in Lubec since 1845 when they came over from Ireland to escape the potato famine. "The house is in a condition that in another few years it won't make it," he adds.

The house, which was built around 1818, was constructed as a long saltbox near the Lubec waterfront. Maine Preservation notes that its timber-frame structure is unusual for a floor plan that features two primary entrances and three formal front rooms on each floor – unlike the vast majority of Federal-era houses. The non-profit states that the floor plan and historic evidence strongly suggest that the house provided living quarters for a family as well as somewhat separate, and significantly less formal, facilities for boarders. The Chaloner House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. The importance of the house to the region is stressed as expanding "our conceptions of the living arrangements of 19th century residents of Maine," and it represents a regionally rare property type.

Quirk is leaving no stone unturned in his quest to save the property from further decline. He has contacted NOVAD Management Company, the name given to him by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as the building's ownership contact when Harrop entered a nursing home and her possessions were removed from the house. Quirk has spo-



WITH A LONG AND BELOVED HISTORY IN LUBEC, the Chaloner House/Cleaves Tavern may be the oldest standing property in the town and is in a state of limbo and decline with a reverse mortgage company the owner and interested buyers unable to make contact. Maine Preservation has placed the building on its Most Endangered list. (Photo courtesy of Lubec Historic Society)

ken with Maine Preservation and Hugh French, director of The Tides Institute & Museum of Art, contacted Rep. Will Tuell and Senator Susan Collins and has called the management company numerous times with no response. Currently a new management company has a sign on the front door, and it is unclear whether NOVAD is still involved with the property.

"It's a bit of a dilemma," says Maine Preservation's Paxton. The situation could prove very difficult given that the reverse mortgage was purchased in 2007 when values were at a peak, mortgages were being bundled for sale by financial institutions and then the crash of 2008 created chaos with bank failures. "It's very frustrating. Properties just sit, yet no one is taking responsibility." He adds, "It can be difficult to get a hold of these financial institutions; it can be hard to know or find out" who the actual owner is because of the way that mortgages were bundled together and sold many times. He explains that while he doesn't know the exact situation, if the reverse mortgage amount is valued at more than the property is worth, then the mortgage holder would take a loss to sell it, which becomes a part of the company's internal politics and discussions to figure out how to take that loss.

A number of people have expressed interest in the property. While it has a nonsense starkness to its exterior, Quirk remembers the interior as grand, with a double staircase that meets on the second floor and over 20 rooms. People would come and go. It was very busy and happy, he says, reminiscing about how Harrop would hold gatherings in the backyard, grilling hot dogs and pouring wine.

Georgie Kendall, a realtor with Realty of Maine, says that she's had some interest in the property, with one buyer in particular. "As a real estate agent with strong ties to way Downeast Maine living on one of the oldest houses in Perry in a fifth-generation farmstead, I am one who loves old homes and my buyers who love them, too. It's important to me that we do our best to keep our historic properties in good hands for the future."

The housing market in Washington

County has exploded in a way she's never seen before, says Kendall. Buyers from all over the country are flocking to eastern Maine. "Not only do they want to retire here or have a second home, but they are considering homesteading and moving here to live away from the hustle and bustle of the crowded metropolitan areas." She points out that many of these buyers are interested in historic homes, older homes and fixer-uppers. "Washington County has more older homes than perhaps any county in New England and many in disrepair that need attention before we lose them." However, she explains that many of these houses have fallen into foreclosure. She explains, "It is often difficult to connect with mortgage and management companies to find out who to talk to about getting access to the property or who to talk to about submitting an offer prior to it going into foreclosure or to auction."

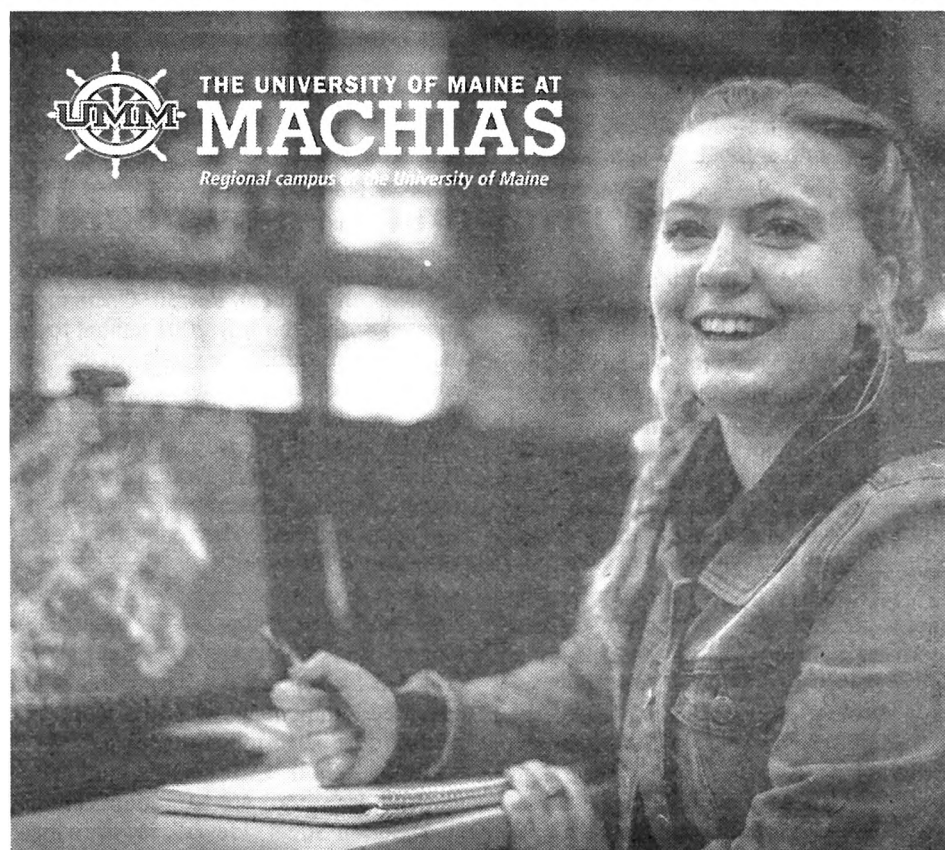
Quirk is beginning to think that a lawyer interested in donating some time may be needed to help understand the stumbling blocks or outright challenges to getting the Chaloner House on the market so that a buyer can sweep in and get started before the building's decline becomes too much of a liability. "The bottom line is that no one can do anything until the company puts it out for sale."

The building is so much a part of the town's history and roots, he adds, "When it's gone, it can't be replaced. It's really worth fighting for. It's one of the most important buildings in the town right up there with McCurdy's Smokehouse and the lighthouse."

### Gas meters given to fire departments

In the wake of last September's explosion in Farmington, which was caused by a gas leak and claimed the life of Farmington Fire Department Captain Michael Bell and injured several others, Governor Janet Mills' administration has purchased gas detection meters for 20 fire departments across Maine, including Machias, Marshfield, Cherryfield and Danforth. The gas detection meters will allow firefighters to detect the presence of dangerous gasses and take appropriate precautions to protect themselves and others.

Following the explosion at the LEAP facility in Farmington last year, Governor Mills instructed the Department of Public Safety to determine if any fire departments in Maine lacked gas detection capabilities. The Department of Public Safety, the Maine Fire Chief's Association and the Maine Municipal Association surveyed all Maine fire departments. Twenty departments responded that they had no way to detect the presence of a gas leak while responding to a call.



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## Reflections from Destiny Bay

by Delia Mae Farris

"Stay-cation" journeys from Milbridge around to the Eastport/Calais region invite a deeper appreciation of August delights way Downeast. The Schooner Gallery for Contemporary Fine Art on Main Street is showcasing artists who live within 44 nautical miles of Milbridge through Wednesday, September 9. Cynthia Huntington from Cherryfield, who has exhibited at the Mulholland Gallery in Lubec, is represented by three intriguing creative works. Her paintings are also featured at Odds N' Ends/Eats N' Treats behind the Milbridge branch of the Camden National Bank.

On the other end of Routes 1 and 190, the Eastport Gallery at 109 Water Street has just opened with equal care following mask and social distancing guidelines. Elizabeth Ostrander is one of the rotating artists who may treat visitors to an especially expansive view from the gallery's deck overlooking the city's breakwater. The bulk of the cruise ship *Riviera* no longer blocks the peaceful vision of the little blue and white Deer Island-based ferry plying the waters off the green shores of Campobello Island.

The Milbridge Commons cultivated land along with the Incredible Edible gardens near the Red Barn Motel are now producing an abundance of vegetables that are intended to be picked and eaten by the public. Master gardener Janis Lesbines has also guided the creation of pollinator flower beds at both sites. A little water con-

tainer and a resting rock for bees, butterflies and other insects complete the garden.

*The Magic of Findhorn* by Paul Hawken is the fascinating story of a miraculous community where a modern garden of Eden grew in a compost-enriched caravan park of sandy soils along the western shore of Scotland. The Milbridge vegetable bounty is just such a quiet testimony to the flourishing of plants and people working quietly in harmony with nature's light and power.

Driving slowly east on summery back roads to Pembroke and Perry, I encounter trucks loaded with bushel boxes of blueberries and bales of sweet smelling hay. I stop with carrots for horses swishing their tails in pastures and ease up carefully to a massive Oreo cookie patterned bull lazily chewing his cud behind barbed wire. Admiring the bounty of inland gardens with corn, pole beans and squash helps take the edge off living with the fogs and Grand Manan Channel chill that rarely allow us to cultivate such crops along the cold Fundy coast.

Church buildings and Grange halls from the Wyman district of Milbridge to the Red Beach shores beyond Robbinston are either newly reviving or slowly slipping into spiritual and social disrepair. The former and present ministers who own some of the cottages at Jacksonville's Camp Meeting grounds are part of efforts to keep community traditions alive. Nate Pennell, who works out of the soil and water district office in Machias, is equally dedicated to Pomona Grange.

Returning to quiet Cutler Harbor from these refreshing local travels, I learn from Stephen Cates about our stunningly beautiful village's sporting life. He has been teeing off weekly on the Barren View Golf Course outside of Jonesboro. Remnants of the Cutler Cardinals fielded a team for the Tony Tammaro tournament in Calais. Under the coaching of Bill Corbett and Stephen, they swept the first two games, then their running and hitting skills succumbed to the heat and humidity on August 2. For the second year in a row, recent Washington Academy graduate Ryan Lemieux entered his sleek, gray *Obsession* in the Winter Harbor Lobster Boat Races. As he was gunning his engine for another trophy, he was beaten out by another fellow who had souped up his engine from the 2019 races.

### New tiny house to give veteran a home

In June 2019 Downeast Community Partners, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, the CF Adams Foundation and Maine Seacoast Mission took their long successful track record of working together to make homes in rural Downeast Maine safe and warm and launched a new venture: the Downeast Maine Tiny House Project. This project had the four groups building a new tiny house in Milbridge for a formerly homeless veteran with a disability. The veteran is also helping with financing the project.

On July 30 the nearly completed tiny house was moved to its Milbridge site, in a new subdivision at 7 River Run at the Milbridge end of Kansas Road.




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### Machias man dies in single-car crash

A Machias man was killed in a single-vehicle crash in Northfield on August 7. John Dinsmore, 32, died at the scene of the accident.

According to the Maine State Police, at approximately 9 p.m. Dinsmore was driving a 2006 GMC Envoy south on Rt. 192 when he failed to negotiate a left-hand corner. The SUV went off the roadway and rolled over. Dinsmore was ejected from the vehicle, and the vehicle landed on top of him. He was the lone occupant and was not wearing a seatbelt. Speed and alcohol appear to be factors in the crash.

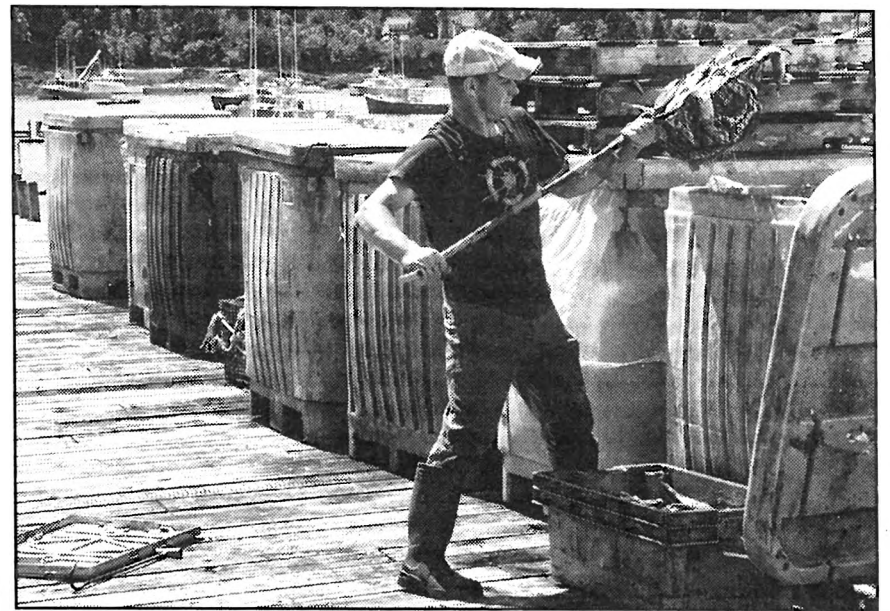
Trooper Kim Sawyer is the primary investigator and was assisted by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Machias Police Department, Maine Warden Service and Maine Forest Service. The crash remains under investigation.

### Reusable bag effort aids Healthy Acadia

Healthy Acadia has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of August. The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, which launched in April 2014, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. Healthy Acadia was selected as the August 2020 beneficiary of the program by store leadership at the Machias Hannaford. Healthy Acadia will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during the month.

"We are so honored and appreciative to be selected as a Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program beneficiary by the team at Machias Hannaford," says Shoshona Smith, Healthy Acadia's development director. Several Hannaford stores, including the Machias location, are once again permitting use of reusable shopping bags, provided customers bag their own groceries.

For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit <hannaford.bags4mycause.com>.



LOADING UP HERRING BAIT to help his children, Avery and Max, fish their lobster traps is Josh Cates at Cates' Wharf in Cutler. Below, they head out in the Pinching Pennies, with Cates' boat, the Avery Grace, in the background. (Edward French photos)



### Woman injured in East Machias collision

A head-on collision in East Machias seriously injured a young woman from Danforth on August 9. Two vehicles struck head-on on Route 1, near Guptill's Logging Supplies, just after 4 p.m. According to the Maine State Police, it appeared both vehicles at some point crossed the center line and the crash occurred in the southbound lane. A 2002 Chevrolet pickup owned by Brandon Norton, 23, of Jonesboro was traveling north on Route 1. Two other people in the vehicle with Norton were Kellee Moores, 19, and Alexander

Coombs, 19, of Trenton.

A 2003 Chevrolet pickup owned and operated by Joshua Archer, 19, of East Machias was traveling south on Route 1. After colliding with Norton's truck, Archer's pickup went off the west side of the road and rolled over. The passenger in Archer's vehicle, Erika Pillius, 19, of Danforth, was ejected from the pickup and was transported to Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor for her injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

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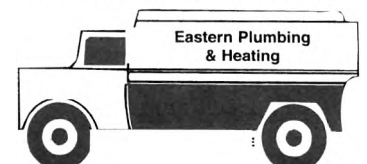
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## Cooper voters pass town, school budgets

by Karen Holmes

At the annual Cooper town meeting on July 25, the seven warrant articles of the 2020-21 school budget elicited lengthy discussion. Superintendents William Braun and Patricia Metta of AOS 90 explained why the town will be paying \$195,775 in the fiscal year 2020-21 as its share for the total cost of funding public education. All attending the meeting voted to change Article 6 to become Article 7 of the education warrant articles, as the change enabled a clear understanding of how the total of \$288,170 was authorized for the AOS 90 budget for the fiscal year.

Lengthy discussion also occurred about the quality of public education provided within the restraints of the COVID-19 pandemic. Selectman Dan Ackley said he hopes the town will be able to provide more support to parents who choose to do home-schooling. Better reliable and faster Internet access will be needed. Moderator Ted Carter explained how new fiber optic access is happening in Alexander and that it might be possible for Cooper to access this in the future.

Concern was conveyed to the superintendents about how the increasing education budget each year is a heavy and

worrisome burden for taxpayers and town officers.

Article 31, which voters approved, shows that the state provides education subsidies of \$19,532; municipal revenue sharing of \$12,368; local road assistance of \$9,852; tree growth reimbursement of \$13,596; and homestead reimbursement of \$12,000. Article 36 was also approved, which requires the town to pay \$42,795 for the county tax. Voters also approved raising and appropriating various funds, which include: \$10,000 for the Marion Transfer Station; \$108,840 total for winter maintenance and sand and salt expenses; \$3,500 for mowing and cleanup of the town cemeteries; \$5,500 for the fire protection contract with Alexander and maintenance and repairs to the Cooper firehouse; \$300 for membership in the Washington County Council of Governments; \$500 for the animal control officer; \$4,332 for the yearly stipend for Downeast EMS; and \$10,000 to add to the already approved total of \$31,841 for future improvements to the Cooper Community Center/Cooper Grange Hall. A total of \$3,000 in Article 35 was also approved for funding third party requests.

Town officials were voted on, and all ran unopposed. Brenda Gove will continue for three more years on the select board, Scott Jameison for three more years as tax assessor and Laurie Pike for three more years as treasurer/tax collector. Voters also approved allowing the select board to appoint a new treasurer/tax collector in the future. Erica Perkins was elected to a three-year term on the Cooper School Committee.

The Cooper Select Board stated that in the near future there will be public hearings for residents to consider a marijuana ordinance, shoreland zoning laws and the future of the Cooper Community Center/Cooper Grange Hall.

## Missing Cooper road signs to be replaced

by Karen Holmes

Months ago someone removed many signs from residential roads throughout Cooper. This caused non-residents to have difficulty finding these roads. State Trooper Micah Perkins located the stolen signs in the beginning of June. He has since brought them to Cooper Selectman Dan Ackley. During the August 1 select board meeting, Ackley reaffirmed that new tops will have to be ordered to mount them, but the signs can be reused. The process to put them back will begin soon.

## DENNYSVILLE

### EDMUNDS SCHOOL

Edmunds Consolidated School has created a plan for the school year 2020-2021. Students will return for class at the school building on Monday, August 31, with a regular daily schedule. All three types of learning environments will be accommodated, in school, hybrid and remote, as required. Safety will be emphasized, and time each day will be taken to prepare students to learn and staff to teach from any location as the pandemic situation changes.

Small class numbers and large classrooms are major factors that allow Edmunds students to return safely to school, and social distancing will be the rule. Students and staff will be wearing masks – with scheduled mask breaks during the day – and there will be increased focus on hygiene and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces. This return to school will not be “normal” in the usual sense, but school staff will be happy to see students in person again.

This plan will be adjusted as new guidelines come out from the Department of Education and Maine Center for Disease Control. Changes will reflect the need to protect the safety and learning of students. The school has sent letters to all families with information and lists of needed supplies.

Call Principal Trudy Newcomb at 726-4478 with any questions or visit the new school website for updates.

### SUE'S CAFÉ

Sue's Cobscook Bay Café is tentatively set to open around Labor Day in September. The café will be open for breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with take-out, curbside pickup and picnic tables outside. Indoor seating will conform to Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

### ATELIER LAFOREST GALLERY

The Atelier LaForest Gallery is not sponsoring showings at this time. The gallery is owned by John and Melinda Jaques, who also own the historic Lincoln House.

The word “atelier” in French means “studio workshop,” and “LaForest” was a pet name that Lucy Audubon called her husband, John James Audubon. The Jaques named the gallery after John James Audubon in recognition of his visit to Dennysville in 1832-1833 as a friend of the Lincoln family.

### TOWN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There will be meetings of two town of Dennysville committees on Tuesday, Au-

gust 18, in the town office. The planning board will meet at 5 p.m., and the cemetery committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Town Clerk Katrina Holmes has begun her new hours at the town office. She is now available on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, she may be reached by calling 726-2108 or 726-5271 or e-mailing <Dennysvilletownclerk@gmail.com>.

Members are selling raffle tickets on a \$1,000 five-minute shopping spree at the Calais IGA. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and the drawing of the lucky ticket will take place on November 20. Tickets are also being sold on a cord of maple firewood at \$5 each or three for \$10.

### ATV CLUB

The Dennysville snowmobile/ATV club, the Eastern Rail Riders, will sponsor a breakfast on Saturday, August 15, at a cost of \$6. The club will also have a yard sale that day beginning at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse on Milwaukee Road in Dennysville. Donations are being accepted. Contact Julia at 214-8041 for information.

The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. with a supper at 5:30 p.m.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

The Dennysville Farmers' Market is being held at the Dennysville snowmobile/ATV clubhouse on Milwaukee Road on Wednesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Vendors are welcome, and the cost is \$3 per table.

### LINCOLN LIBRARY

The Lincoln Memorial Public Library is in need of volunteers. The library is open during regular hours on Monday evening from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4 p.m., with social distancing rules in effect.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dennys River Historical Society is looking forward to resuming its regular monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month, beginning Tuesday, September 29, at the Lincoln Memorial Library at 7 p.m. with a long-anticipated program on wrought iron. For more information, please call 726-3905.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Regular morning worship services are held each Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church. A communion service is held on the first Sunday of each month, and fifth Sundays are song Sundays. Donations for the Labor of Love food pantry are always accepted.

The Dennysville Festival Choir is rehearsing pieces to sing at the Lubec Congregational Church's 200th anniversary celebration toward the end of August.

The church held its annual meeting on July 26 after morning worship. Officers elected for two-year terms were Richard Stanhope, deacon; Barbara Ward, trustee; Mary McFadden, clerk; Melanie Tardiff, chancel committee chair; Colin Windhorst, music committee chair; Bill Attick, pastoral committee chair; and Barbara Windhorst, Christian education committee chair.

The group decided to give the same donations to organizations as last year. There was discussion of the church having a website, and this will be pursued further.

Janice Stanhope will be chair of a communications committee, which will set up a phone tree to let members know church news. This committee will also revise the church directory.

A letter to people in the community asking for donations is in the works. Those wishing to donate to help the church cover operating costs may send checks to Dennysville-Edmunds Congregational Church, P.O. Box 65, Dennysville, ME 04628.

## Historian offers connections to past

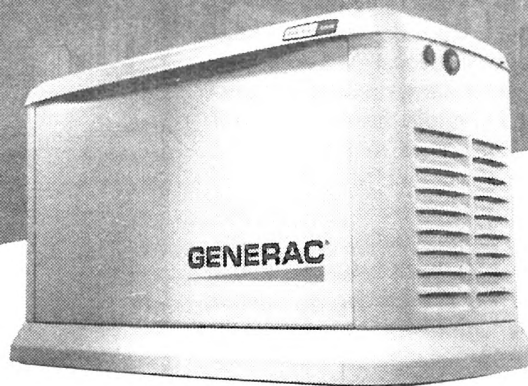
by Karen Holmes

Historian John Dudley of Alexander always introduces his programs with his conviction that recognizing the names of the people who were involved in historical events is important. He wants his audience to make “connections” with these people. The attendees at his programs during July and August at the Alexander Grange Hall have made such connections. He not only described many historical events, but named many people who probably were ancestors of audience members. His emphasis was on events in Downeast Maine and especially the Alexander area.

Dudley was the editor of the Alexander-Crawford history newsletter and is recognized as an expert on local history. He presented five programs during July and August on Native Americans as the first inhabitants, the early French settlers, the impact of the American Revolution, the process of dividing the land between the St. Croix and Penobscot rivers into towns and townships and the impact of the War of 1812. His last program will be on Sunday, August 16, at 1 p.m. at the Alexander Grange Hall.

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### TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual town meeting that was planned for March 30 and postponed because of the pandemic is now scheduled for Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station.

There is room enough for 50 people to sit with social distancing. Residents will be provided with a packet of voting materials and a face covering. If more than 50 people want to attend the meeting, there will be chairs outside. If votes are done by ballot, the ballot clerks will collect the votes to eliminate a line. If voting by hand, a voting card will need to be held up to be counted.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A school board meeting was held via Zoom on July 27, and a date was set for voting on the school budget. It will be on the agenda for the town meeting on Thursday, August 20.

Lauren Cook, Zachary Gower, Ashton James and Colton Sherrard were Grade 8 graduates at Charlotte Elementary School four years ago. They continued their education at Calais Middle/High School and completed their high school education in June. The parents of the senior class organized a senior prom for them on August 1. The graduation ceremony was finally held on August 2.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

A worship service was held on August 2 for the first time since the church closed in March because of COVID-19. Morning worship is being held at 11 a.m. and is the only service being held at the present time.

### FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Boat training was held on July 21. Several donations have been received in memory of Thursa Sawyer. Pump training with instructors Larry Colarusso and Jeff Orchard will be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m.

### CVF&R AUXILIARY

No fundraisers have been held to raise money for the fire department this year. Members are grateful to those who have sent money to help support the department.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Eileen Clark and Sandra Sawyer are grateful to Gerald Gower of Raymond for lending photos that are being used in publishing a special newsletter. The newsletter will contain memories of his mother, Karin Sherrard Gower. The newsletter, "The Loon II," will be published soon and sent to all members.

Eileen Clark, Betty Closes and Sandra

Sawyer continue updating records at the genealogy library. Larry Colarusso has donated some military information and photos and information about Mabel Loila James when she was post mistress at Ayers Junction and Charlotte.

Anyone willing to share photos, stories and memories of the town and its people can contact Eileen Clark or any other member. Members are grateful for all the recent donations. Anyone wishing to continue membership or who would like to become a new member should send \$10 for a single membership or \$15 for a couple to Treasurer Eileen Clark, 9 Annas Drive, Charlotte, ME 04666.

### AROUND AND ABOUT

Donald Clark was finally able to have his hip replaced on August 3 in Bangor. His hip was removed on December 23, 2019, and could not be replaced at that time because of an infection. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery. He is now recuperating at home.

Continued get-well wishes go out to Joan Tracy, who had surgery on July 15 in Bangor and continues recuperating at home.

Ruth Sawyer will be having her 99th birthday on Thursday, August 27. She was outside working in her flower garden when she had a fall and injured her leg. Hopefully she will feel better soon and will be able to enjoy her birthday.

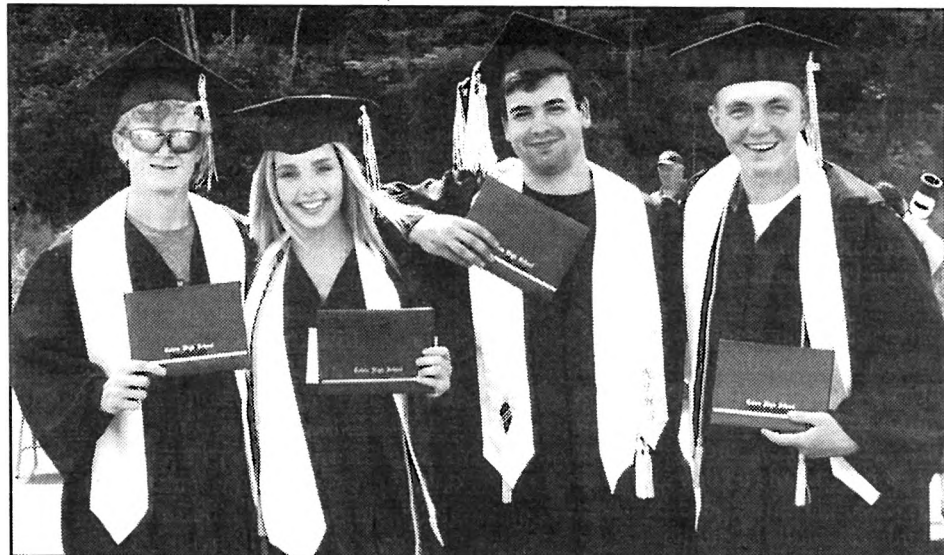
David Mehr of Milwaukee, Wisc., has been visiting with his brother Patrick Mehr for a few days at Mt. Tom and connecting with some of his friends in Charlotte. Mt. Tom blueberries and Eastport lobster were thoroughly enjoyed. David said that his brother is now a grandfather and has recently visited with his daughter Elizabeth and new grandchild in Damariscotta.

Art Carter is organizing a family gathering of the descendants of John, Robert and George Diffin of Robbinston at the Sewall Memorial Congregational Church on Sunday, August 23. For more information, call Carter at 454-8238 or e-mail <cartera2@earthlink.net>.

Bruce, Amy and Rachel Meacock of Yardley, Pa., have been enjoying their cottage at Pennamaquan Lake. They have been visiting with his mother Peg Meacock and his brother Leslie and sister-in-law Sharon Meacock, who also have cottages at the lake.

Sarah Meacock and a friend have been visiting with her parents Sharon and Les Meacock and her grandmother Peg Meacock.

A mother bear and her two cubs have been seen in a blueberry field on the Station Road. They all seem to be enjoying those blueberries.



FINALLY being able to hold graduation at Calais Middle/High School on August 2 are four former Charlotte Elementary School students – Ashton James, Lauren Cook, Colton Sherrard and Zachary Gower – who were among the graduates. (Jessica Gower photo)

## Local resident raises funds for LifeFlight

by Wayne Tripp

When a serious injury or medical emergency happens in Washington County, the amount of time required to reach advanced medical care in Bangor or Portland is critical. Fortunately, LifeFlight of Maine, which operates three helicopters and a fixed-wing aircraft, is there to speed the trip. In the last three years LifeFlight had 163 missions to the area that utilized the Eastport airport and even more from the two hospitals or remote landing zones. LifeFlight operates as a charitable organization, relying on fundraising to help offset some expenses.

The Islesboro Crossing is an annual 3.1-mile open water swim that raises funds for LifeFlight of Maine. The swim was first held in 2013 and is held from Northport to Islesboro in late August. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic forced a change to assure safety for the participants this year. Rather than a single location with 150 swimmers – and the dedicated safety paddlers – this year the swim is instead being conducted virtually. Participants across the state – and beyond – are paddling or swimming individual 3.1-mile "crossings" remotely. Each participant has from August 1 to August 16 to complete a crossing.

Dennysville resident Nancy Curtis, a recipient of LifeFlight services, answered the call. She set out with a goal of pad-

dling 10 miles and raising \$500, and she has already paddled more than 12 miles and raised over \$1,000. When asked why she joined the event, Curtis replies, "I have several friends who wouldn't be here without LifeFlight, but haven't been able to join the annual swim in the past. This year, being able to participate where I live at my own pace, I felt it was important to do whatever I could." Sometimes paddling alone, sometimes joined by two friends, Curtis has paddled the Dennys River to Cobscook Bay and Cuthance Lake.

Over the last seven years, swimmers, paddlers, volunteers and sponsors have raised nearly \$1.5 million to support LifeFlight. According to the fundraiser's website, "Because of your work and dedication, we've moved even closer to our goal of purchasing two new helicopters to replace our oldest models, Echo Mike and Charlie Mike. We've purchased specialized medical equipment designed specifically to take care of seriously ill patients in the transport environment. We've offered advanced clinical training and education to emergency medical providers across the state. All of that means you're helping even more people in Maine – residents and visitors alike – get the critical care and transport they need, when they need it."

For information or to support Curtis, visit <<https://lifeflight.donordrive.com/>>.

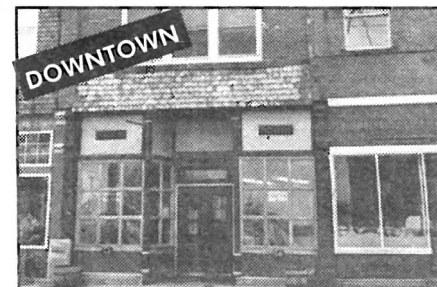


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# Pembroke residents pass town budget

by Edward French  
and Michael Mulleavey

Only 16 voters turned out for the Pembroke town meeting on August 3 to approve raising \$1.5 million from taxation for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. The amount to be raised is down by over \$100,000 from the previous year, mainly because of a decrease in the local share for the school budget. The school budget local share is for \$1,006,934, the municipal appropriation is \$384,400, and the county tax is \$121,907. The total school budget is for just over \$1.8 million.

Superintendent Ken Johnson noted the school budget share has decreased because of an increase in state subsidy, a drop in high school tuition costs with the graduation of a number of high school students and an increase in revenue from out-of-town students attending the elementary school. "Pembroke maintains the highest test scores in the district," Johnson said. "People in other towns are hearing this."

When asked about the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the school budget, Johnson explained costs associated with pandemic requirements, such as transportation and materials, will be covered by federal funding. Materials include masks, as well as tents, which may be used for classes to be held outside, weather permitting, according to Principal Debbie Jamieson.

The current school reopening plan, according to Johnson, is to be compliant with the state requirements. Pandemic guidelines include "for example, one student per seat on buses," he said. "While siblings may sit together, we will enforce the guidelines. And we'll encourage parents to bring students to school."

The town approved in a ballot vote, with some residents opposed, appropriating additional funds to exceed state funding of Essential Programs and Services for the school.

In town elections, Milan Jamieson was reelected to a three-year term as selectman, and Janice Stanhope was reelected

for three years as town clerk and tax collector. Tabitha Bennett and Niki Brown were elected to three-year terms on the school board, and Jeremy Brown was elected to fill a vacancy on the water district board. A recommendation to extend the fire warden term of service from one to three years was approved along with the nomination of James Ramsdell as fire warden.

In addition to the school budget and county tax, the following appropriations were approved: town administration, \$70,000; town office, \$7,000; winter roads, \$195,000; solid waste, \$43,000; forest fire insurance, \$6,600; cemetery maintenance, \$7,000; fire department, \$8,000; fire station maintenance, \$6,000; Dennys River Ambulance, \$4,500; federal and state taxes, \$16,000; property and casualty insurance, \$8,500; workers' compensation insurance, \$5,500; Downeast Community Partners, \$1,000; Pembroke Library, \$500; Washington County Council of Governments, \$700; Maine Municipal Association dues, \$2,000; animal control, \$1,500; Reversing Falls Park maintenance, \$600; Labor of Love food pantry, \$500; Calais food pantry, \$500. A discussion occurred when the recommendation to appropriate funds for the Calais food pantry was read. Because some Pembroke residents use the Calais-based service, it has requested funding from the town. A motion to add funds to the recommended appropriation met with some opposition, based on the opinion that Eastport's food pantry has more Pembroke residents using its services.

Using funding from excise taxes and other sources, voters also approved \$204,303 for highways and bridges and \$19,912 for the payment on the town office building. They also approved accepting the revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance as presented by the state and the operation of the alewife fishery on the Pennamaquan River.

The next selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, in the Pembroke Town Office at 6 p.m.

# PEMBROKE

## HORSE SHOW

The Down East Border Riders Saddle Club will be holding a pleasure show at the Pembroke Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wanda Louder will be the guest judge. There will be a walk trot pleasure sweeps class and a WTC pleasure sweeps class.

## YARD SALE

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 59 will hold a yard sale to benefit its programs on Saturday, August 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pembroke Legion Hall on Front Street. The sale will be outside this year. Gloves and hand cleaner will be available, and everyone is asked to follow current Center for Disease Control guidelines.

Yard sale donations are still needed. Items can be dropped off or picked up. To have donations picked up, call Muriel at 726-2003 or Lisa at 726-1041.

## SCHOOL BOARD

Because there was not a quorum for the scheduled August 10 meeting of the Pembroke School Committee, the board will meet on Monday, August 17, at 5:30

p.m. at the elementary school. Along with other issues, the board will consider the reopening plan for the school. Most schools in AOS 77 are reopening on Tuesday, September 8.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the Pembroke UMC are still meeting carefully, masked and distanced at the church. There is still room enough for more people to safely gather. Attendees have enjoyed having Gabe, Helena and 6-month-old Johannes attend for the last couple of Sundays. They had to wait a while until they could attend, but it was worth it. That was the good news. The sad news is that long-time member and tireless worker for the church, Norma Kilby, will soon be moving to Texas to be with her son and family. All were shocked and sorry to hear of the move, but understood how great it is to be with family. Many friends went to the Country View Apartments to take part in a surprise going-away party for her on Sunday afternoon, August 9.

Regular Sunday service is at 10:45 a.m. at the Pembroke UMC. All are welcome. Bible study is suspended for a bit longer.

# Rental assistance program is expanded

Downeast Community Partners (DCP) will locally administer an expanded rental assistance program that will double the amount households impacted economically by COVID-19 are eligible to receive and extend the number of months applicants can receive support.

"We have many clients that will be extremely relieved to know that they will be able to have additional assistance with their housing costs," says Lee Hardison, energy service director at DCP. Hardison oversees the rental assistance program at DCP. "While some may have been able to go back to work, it will take them many months to catch up with those monthly expenses that fell behind all while trying to pay for current months as well. This is a huge help to the residents of Hancock and Washington counties."

DCP staff processed over 460 applications for the initial program that provided a one-time \$500 support payment. There has been growing anxiety for many households impacted economically by COVID-19 that received a benefit in April, May or June and whose financial circumstances have not changed nor improved. This new program comes at a critical time.

On July 30 Governor Janet Mills announced that the partnership between MaineHousing and Maine's Community Action Agencies is increasing its rental assistance from \$500 to \$1,000 through the COVID-19 Rental Relief Program. The governor, who established the program with MaineHousing and the 10 Community Action Agencies across the state in April, is dedicating \$5 million in coronavirus relief funds to support the expansion. The governor also signed an executive order continuing expanded timeframe protections for renters in the evictions process. The order allows evic-

tions scheduled for hearing prior to, and unrelated to, the pandemic to move forward. However, it continues to protect tenants who are considered "at will," meaning they do not have a legal agreement with their landlord and cannot make their rent payment, by requiring a landlord to provide at least 45 days notice, rather than the 30 under law, for a tenant to leave. If the landlord is attempting to evict at-will tenants, the order also extends an eviction notice timeframe from seven to 30 days.

The moves come as the Maine Supreme Judicial Court reopened courts for hearings and as the federal government appears poised to reduce federal unemployment benefits.

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program is for renters who cannot afford to pay their rent because of circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants who applied for and received funds under the initial program that ran from April through July are able to apply to receive support through this newly expanded program. Applications for the program are on the Maine Community Action Partnership website at <www.mecap.org>.

As soon as possible after receiving the completed online application, residents living in Washington and Hancock counties will be contacted by DCP staff to process and confirm the information provided on the application. The DCP staff will also connect with applicants to see what other assistance the household might need and work to connect them to other services.

DCP staff will also work directly with the landlord to enroll them into the program. More information about the COVID-19 Rental Relief Program, including eligibility requirements, application materials, statistics about the program and frequently asked questions may be found at <www.mainehousing.org/covidrent>.

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## Perry school plans for in-person classes

by Eileen Curry

In-person classes will be held at the Perry Elementary School this fall, starting on Tuesday, September 8. The decision was made at the August 5 school committee meeting, when board members voted in favor of the state reopening plan.

Principal Linda Green gave an overview of plans to parents and board members. Students and staff will be required to wear face masks at the school and while riding the bus. The school day will be modified to meet the minimum requirement for full day attendance, which is five hours, from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. There will not be a 12 noon Pre-K bus run.

Teachers will set up online learning with students so some lessons can be completed at home. Green said, "We are not going to try to make up for where we left off at the unexpected end of the school year; we are going to start fresh and see where the students are and go from there."

New rules to comply with safe distancing on the buses and safety procedures will be in place, including the rearrangement of student seating, the use of desk shields and the use of electro-static spray to sanitize classrooms. Breakfast and lunch will be staggered. All sports programs have been canceled until further notice.

The school board voted unanimously to use COVID-19 funds to replace all 21 windows in the school with more modern ones that will help with ventilation and air circulation. The funds will also be used to replace the secretarial office window with a plexiglass window, and plexiglass will be installed at the opening in the kitchen where students receive lunches.

The elementary school will have a "medical room" this year. Green said, "This is for any student who becomes sick at school. The student will be removed from the classroom, supervised and made comfortable in another space until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up." All students will have their temperatures checked daily.

## Perry church plans country music show

Ken and Jane Brooks will present a concert of folk, bluegrass, gospel and classic country music at the Perry Congregational Church on Saturday, August 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. The free concert will be held on the lawn in front of the church. Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair, but regular chairs will be available.

Ken and Jane Brooks grew up in Robbinston and are known for their vocal performances across Maine and New England. They have released a number of CDs and are the recipients of multiple Vocal Duo of the Year awards from the Maine County Music Hall of Fame and the Bluegrass Duo of the Year Award from the Maine Academy of Country Music.

In case of rain, the concert will be held inside with the guidelines for social distancing and masks in effect. For more information, call the church at 726-3905.

Parents or guardians who wish to schedule meetings with a teacher or the principal should call the school and arrange a time after school hours. Meetings will be encouraged to be held remotely.

Superintendent Kenneth Johnson said he is "uncertain on how many students will return to school." Johnson said he did receive some requests for home-schooling. The current enrollment at the Perry school is 79. Green gave the board the staff roster and teacher-student ratio and classroom assignments. Green said, "As of now, educational technicians will remain in the classrooms rather than moving students throughout the building," and the assignments are subject to change with the unknown enrollment.

Green sent letters home to parents and guardians of Perry and Robbinston students attending the school to ensure an understanding of the framework. Johnson also stated that the school board can take action to close the school if COVID-19 cases are detected and pose a threat to students and staff.

The school board was informed of the reappointment of Kaloua Stanhope, school nurse; Roseann Kowal, ed tech III; and Vicky Gray, Pre-K and Kindergarten teacher for the 2020-21 school year. The board accepted policies on nepotism, board member freedom of access training, immunizations of students and communicable infectious diseases.

The next school board meeting will be Wednesday, September 2.

## Perry town meeting and election slated

The Perry annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m. at the Perry Elementary School, and town elections will take place on Monday, August 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Perry Town Office. Masks are required at both locations. The ballot includes elections for selectmen, school committee and planning board members, all for three-year terms. Incumbent candidates are Selectman Ann Bellefleur and school committee member Denise Harris.

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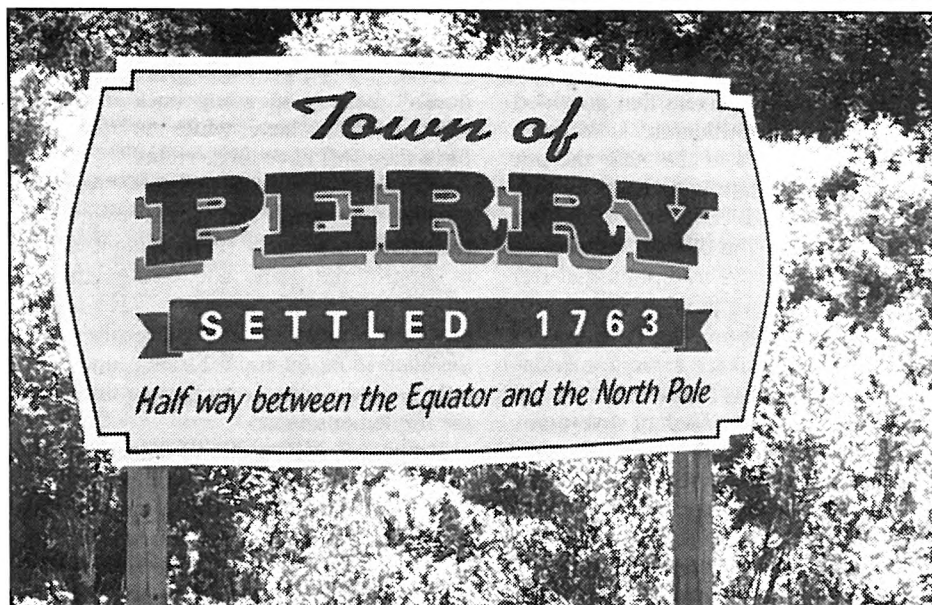
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## TRIBAL-STATE RELATIONSHIP BILLS ENDORSED BY COMMITTEE (from page 1)

from your rivers, the rivers that provided you sustenance for millennia. ... We have treated you as wards of the state and not as free human beings with liberties that others have enjoyed." He continued, "We have tried to strip you of your culture, of your language, of the traditions that defined you because we thought you should be more like us." Noting the resistance to accepting the task force's recommendations, he observed, "Maine still is not ready to recognize the inherent sovereignty of Maine's first peoples."

The committee then recommended in 6-1 votes, with six members absent, three bills that encompass the 22 proposals made by a task force after 16 months of work. What will happen with those bills, though, is unclear, as the legislature is not expected to return into session this year. The agreements that were reached, though, could be taken up by the next legislature in 2021. The bills, along with all other bills, had been put on hold when the legislature adjourned in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic. In late July negotiations began again, and the legislature's Judiciary Committee has been holding work sessions on the legislation.

### Changing the implementing act

Tribal leaders prefer to have the changes made in the Maine Implementing Act, rather than in state law, as both the state and the tribes would have to agree on making any changes again.

When Senator Michael Carpenter, the Senate chair of the committee, asked if the state was willing to amend the act, Chris Taub of the Attorney General's Office said the state is willing to do so for certain areas such as criminal jurisdiction but is concerned "about making sweeping changes in a rushed manner" that would be difficult to undo in the future, since both state and tribal agreement would be needed. He also noted that the state

doesn't believe in going back to treaty rights the tribes have, while the tribes believe they still have those rights.

Rep. Harnett then responded, "Are we dealing with each other as sovereigns, or just sometimes? Is the state saying it wants to control the game and change things with just one side agreeing?" He noted that the task force wanted the tribes and the state to be on equal footing, and "the only way to do that is by putting things in the implementing act."

Penobscot Nation Chief Kirk Francis stated, "For 40 years, we've been unable to have a meaningful voice in effecting change to address real conditions in Indian territory in Maine. The Indians in Maine lag far behind everyone else in the country, and that is indisputable." He added, "Memorializing the changes in the implementing act allows for a sovereign-to-sovereign, government-to-government relationship. It doesn't give either unilateral authority. If you don't change the implementing act, the state is saying it doesn't trust the tribes right now."

### Correcting a historic wrong

The main bill, LD 2094, had incorporated the 22 recommended changes to state law concerning criminal jurisdiction, fish and game, land use and natural resources, taxing authority, gaming, civil jurisdiction, federal law provisions and trust land acquisition. Senator Shenna Bellows of Manchester stated that the bill is a comprehensive amendment to the settlement act to correct a historic wrong, "treating the tribes as a municipal subdivision in the state rather than as inherent sovereign authorities."

The tribes would have civil legislative and adjudicatory jurisdiction over tribal lands, as in federal Indian law. The bill would allow sustenance fishing on all tribal lands and give the tribes exclusive jurisdiction to regulate fishing and hunting

on tribal lands by both tribal and non-tribal citizens.

The issue of tribal gaming was separated out in another bill, LD 2118, and taxation, criminal jurisdiction and land acquisition were all placed in a third bill, LD 1392.

Under the settlement act, the Passamaquoddy and the Penobscots had each been guaranteed that they could acquire 150,000 acres of lands in the state that would be held in trust for the tribes by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, but neither has purchased more than 100,000 acres. LD 1392 eliminates the time constraints for trust land acquisitions, which had originally been by January 1991. The tribes would be restricted to acquiring more trust lands to Penobscot, Franklin, Hancock, Piscataquis, Washington and Aroostook counties, and agreements would need to be reached with municipalities concerning payments in lieu of taxes, mutual aid for law enforcement and restrictions to not use land in a manner contrary to local zoning ordinances. However, state and local governments would not have veto power over trust acquisitions.

Corey Hinton, an attorney for the Passamaquoddy Tribe, noted that the Passamaquoddy would be allowed an exception to place tribal fee land into trust to allow for a tribal solution to the drinking water issue at Sipayik and for "critical infrastructure projects," with municipal consent not being required. The tribe has been working for some time to use an aquifer in Perry instead of Boyden's Lake as a source of drinking water. It was also noted that the municipal consent provision would not apply to fee lands the tribe owns in Calais and Centerville.

On taxation, the three tribes would be exempt from sales tax on tribal lands and from state income tax for income earned on tribal lands if the individual resides on tribal lands. The state and the tribes are still working on whether tribal entities would be included in the income tax exemption.

For criminal jurisdiction, the bill would expand tribal court jurisdiction from only Class D and E crimes to also Class C crimes, but not Class A and B crimes like murder and arson. It would also expand the jurisdiction from only the reservations to all tribal territory. If the victim is not a member of the tribe, there would be concurrent jurisdiction with the state.

### Gaming legislation

The gaming bill makes clear that the tribes in Maine are subject to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and that nothing in state law would prevent them from operating under IGRA. The bill would allow the tribes to conduct gaming on tribal lands subject to IGRA. Because IGRA was adopted after the 1980 settlement act, it has not applied in Maine. Unlike tribes in the rest of the country, Maine tribes have had to obtain state permission to establish gaming facilities.

Rep. Chris Babbidge of Kennebunk, a member of the committee who voted against all three bills and says he is opposed to gambling, said he was worried about giving preference to the tribes to operate casinos and about "out-of-state interests" moving in to set up casinos that "would be owned in name only by the tribes." Another committee member, Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland, responded that his comments represented "an absolute failure to understand the historical and cultural genocide that's taken place" with the tribes in Maine. Rep. Thom Harnett stated that the tribes in Maine "have been shut out of gaming completely," as their proposals have been voted down by Maine people every time. "It's not giving them preference over other Maine people." And Senator Bellows said that gaming in the state "is a white supremacist

structure," where "whites can and Indians can't."

Penobscot Chief Francis stated, "There's no more of an example of an inequity in this state than this issue of the tribes and gaming." Two non-tribal casinos have been approved by Maine voters, with outside interests holding the largest stake in each, and "a lot of that money leaves the state," he said. All of the proposals for casinos by the tribes have been turned down, but the revenues from tribal casinos "would predominantly stay in the state." Under IGRA, a tribe negotiates a compact with the state governing the casino's operation, and out-of-state companies can have no more than 30% interest in the casino.

Allison Binney, an attorney for the Penobscot Nation, noted that it's likely that the legislation will result in litigation by other gaming interests, with lobbyists for the two casinos previously expressing objections to any more casinos in the state.

### Tribal leaders express frustration

At the July 31 work session on the bill, Chief Francis said, "The tribal leaders are extremely frustrated at this point." It was not clear whether or not portions of the bill were now off the table. While a letter from Governor Janet Mills indicates a willingness to continue discussions, it appeared as though the executive branch is not willing to consider amendments to the Maine Implementing Act. "The committee owes it to the state and the tribes to move this bill forward," he said. "We can't compromise further who we are as a people, who we are as governments and continue to submit to state regulation around sovereign government activities." While the tribes are willing to discuss issues concerning gaming and those that affect neighboring communities, he said, "It just can't be a carte blanche 'no' all the time."

Linda Pistner, the governor's deputy legal counsel, said she was not able to answer the broad question of recognizing tribal sovereignty through changing the settlement act. "We haven't been invited in on the process," she said, noting that the task force and then the legislative committee have been discussing the issues with the tribes, although the Attorney General's Office has also been having discussions. "I'm not aware of any impasses," she said, adding that she was not sure if "anything is off the table." However, she felt that the many changes that would be made to state and federal laws through the bill will require time to look at all of the implications before the question of sovereignty can be answered.

Those comments triggered responses from some legislative committee members, including Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos of Friendship, who stated that advocates for the bill "are asking for what the other 49 states already have. This shouldn't be that difficult." He added, "The country is coming around to realize that sovereignty is not something that anybody can grant." Rep. Talbot Ross commented, "This is an absolute travesty for the state of Maine to continue to debate the issue of sovereignty."

Attorney Hinton also objected to Pistner's suggestion of a graduated approach to expanding criminal jurisdiction for the tribes. "Putting training wheels on tribal sovereignty — it's hurtful and it's offensive," Hinton stated. "We are not here for bread crumbs, we are not here for graduated steps to the inherent recognition of inherent rights."

To advocate for tribal sovereignty, the four tribes in Maine formed the Wabanaki Alliance in June. The alliance's website states, "The settlement act was supposed to be a living document that would be improved upon. Under political duress the tribes agreed to the settlement act but with the hope to continue improving the relationship between the State of Maine and the tribes. For 40 years this has not happened."



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## Case count slowly increases in county

by Edward French

The COVID-19 case count in Washington County has slowly been increasing during the past few weeks. As of August 12 there were 13 confirmed cases, with nine people having recovered and no hospitalizations.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now releasing zip code data. Per Maine CDC's privacy policy, case counts are not released for zip codes with fewer than 50 people, and exact case counts are suppressed in zip codes with five or fewer cases. Zip codes that include between one and five positive cases are for Brookton, Robbinston, Pembroke, Lubec, Machias, Cherryfield and Steuben. Also, there has been a confirmed case at Indian Township. In a July 24 posting on Facebook the Indian Township Health Center urged residents to take extra precautions, social distance and isolate if they are notified by the CDC or a health center team member that they have been exposed or in close contact with the individual.

The health center then conducted drive-through testing for community members, including non-tribal individuals who reside in a tribal home and employees, on July 27 through 29. Staff administered 235 COVID-19 tests in those three days, according to the Facebook posting. As of July 31, the health center reported 517

negative tests and only one positive. Also, the health center staff conducted contact tracing. Contact tracers notify the COVID-19 case's close contacts about their possible exposure. They do not disclose the name or any other personal details of the COVID-19 case to the contacts.

As of August 11, the Pleasant Point Health Center had administered 334 tests, with none being positive. Both the Pleasant Point and Indian Township health centers have Abbott Laboratories test machines, which give results within 15 minutes, and they also send out tests to the Maine CDC and the Northern Light labs. The Pleasant Point Health Center did conduct drive-through testing outside the health center on three days, from July 27 through 29, and will be offering that again in the future, according to the center's health director, Elizabeth Neptune.

The Calais Regional Hospital has administered 517 tests at its swab-and-go site since it opened outside the hospital on July 6. Only two tests have come back positive. The average wait time to receive test results from either the Maine CDC lab or the Northern Light lab is 24 to 72 hours. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the hospital has administered a total of 803 tests, with 53 results still pending, as of August 10.

At the Down East Community Hospital in Machias, a total of 217 tests have been administered, and all have been negative. The turnaround time is 24 hours for inpatient and 48 hours for outpatient.

## Wabanaki Health awarded funding

The Wabanaki Health and Wellness (WHW) organization will receive a total of \$1,054,504 to help build and expand the community's public health infrastructure. This funding, awarded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, will assist WHW with providing clinical case management, administering free health and preventive testing and hosting wellness meetings, among other services.

Established in 1996, Wabanaki Health and Wellness is a not-for-profit organization for tribally-enrolled Native Americans in Penobscot, Washington and Aroostook counties.

## Tribe receives local preparedness grant

The Department of Homeland Security has awarded a total of \$10,251,895 in state and local preparedness grants to the State of Maine, including \$374,000 to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point. The Tribal Homeland Security Grant program will help protect the tribe against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

This funding was awarded through the State and Local Preparedness Grant Program to help address the nation's immediate security needs and ensure public safety in communities across the country.



**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES** at Beatrice Rafferty School are (left to right) Ella Russell, Taylor Farrell, Aleksa Suddy, Aurora Francis-Bassett, Tamara Socabasin and Dawson Toney.

## Six graduate at Beatrice Rafferty School

Beatrice Rafferty School celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2020 on Wednesday, August 12. Given the COVID-19 guidelines, the ceremony looked very different.

The ceremony began with a Passamaquoddy prayer and Honor Song performed by Lynn Mitchell. Ernie Neptune presented the tribal scholarships to the top three grade-point averages in the class, with Aurora Francis-Bassett highest, then Ella Russell and Taylor Farrell.

Principal Dan Morang addressed the graduates and guests about his time with the group. Morang's first year at Beatrice Rafferty School was as the sixth-grade teacher, and this was his class. He recounted his time with them, telling stories that they all laughed at.

Teacher Rhonda Stevens presented the academic awards as well as the Edward Bassett Awards and the Beatrice Rafferty Award. Taylor Farrell was recognized for her general academic effort and, for being the most improved in science and social studies. For the MAPS tests, she more than doubled the expected improvement in the area of reading and was also recognized for her achievement in art.

Aurora Francis-Bassett was honored for earning the highest average in reading, social studies and English. She made the honor roll for both trimesters before the pandemic and was recognized for her outstanding academic effort. For the MAPS testing, she tripled the expected gain in the area of reading, and she was recognized for her excellence in art.

Ella Russell was honored for having the highest average in science, English, spelling and for her excellent writing ability. She was also recognized for her ex-

cellence in health and art. During the MAPS tests, she doubled her expected growth in the area of science. She also made honor roll for both trimesters before the pandemic and was recognized for her exceptional academic effort and organization.

Tamara Socabasin worked very hard while in school, earning the most improved in reading and spelling. She was recognized for her excellent penmanship and organizational skills. She was recognized for excellence in physical education and art. Also, she took home her sculpture named "Harry," which was on display at the Eastport Arts Center. Tamara was also recognized for her improvement in MAPS testing. In the area of reading, she more than doubled the expectation and in science quadrupled the expectation.

Aleksa Suddy was recognized for her strong analytical abilities in reading. In art, she was recognized for her art achievement. During the MAPS tests, she made considerable gains in the area of language, more than tripling the expectation and doubled the expected gains in the area of science.

Dawson Toney joined the class in late February. He was recognized for his improvement in English, his excellence in sportsmanship during physical education and for his art achievement.

The Edward Bassett Awards were presented to Taylor Farrell for improvement in academics, Tamara Socabasin for effort in athletics and Aurora Francis Bassett for overall improvement. The final two awards were the Principal's Award, given to Aurora Francis-Bassett, and the Beatrice Rafferty Award, which was given to Ella Russell.

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# Downeast Broadband Utility finishes network installation

by Derwin Gowan

Calais and Baileyville now have the Internet speed to keep up with the century ahead, according to supporters of the region's new broadband service. Downeast Broadband Utility (DBU) finished installing the last pieces of its \$3-million dark-fiber open-access network past 99% of homes and businesses in the two St. Croix Valley communities on June 30, says board President Dan Sullivan. Pioneer Broadband, so far the only Internet service provider (ISP) using DBU's infrastructure, has signed up 300 customers and aims for 1,000 in three years, according to CEO Tim McAfee.

Customers will like the speed, 100 mbps for both uploading and downloading, compared to DSL and television cable technologies, especially the upload speed, McAfee says. The \$59.95 monthly flat rate covers taxes and fees.

Sullivan, who lives in Cooper, retired after 25 years as information technology manager at Woodland Pulp. He began ad-

vocating for faster Internet service in 2009. Calais and Baileyville agreed in 2017 to guarantee the loans to build the network. "If it fails, then the towns would have to pay, but if the project succeeds, which we have every reason to believe that it will, the actual loans will be paid by people who subscribe on the network, so it has zero impact to the taxpayer," Sullivan says. He said that four banks competed for the business.

"Would we [Pioneer Broadband] have taken the risk on our own? We didn't, we chose not to, but having Calais and Baileyville take that risk and have it open to other providers seemed to be the best thing to do for everybody," McAfee says, adding that \$3 million would be considered a small project for water or sewer infrastructure.

Pioneer Broadband was formed in 2001 when the F.A. Peabody insurance agency based in Houlton needed better communications between its branch offices, cheaper than what the telephone company charged. The insurance agency still owns Pioneer Broadband, which today has close to 5,000 customers across the state, including the 300 in Calais and Baileyville. "We're a pretty small player in the overall scheme of things. I think there are 300,000 households, so our 5,000 is pretty minute," McAfee says. Pioneer is negotiating with six other communities north of Bangor and hopes to grow to 6,000 to 7,000 customers.

Both men agree that larger players would not find it worthwhile to run fiber optic cable past every house and shop in places as small as Calais and Baileyville. "These companies are run by shareholders. They want a return on investment. They want their return on investment next week," Sullivan says. He and McAfee also contend that governments allow big players to use public funds to upgrade existing DSL and cable television technology, which cannot match the speed of data traveling over fiber-optic cable. "It's why I think it is important that small communities take advantage of the need for broadband and come up with their own



PIONEER BROADBAND, a Maine-based Internet service provider, is signing up customers in Calais and Baileyville.

solutions," McAfee says, adding, "It takes money and it takes organization and it takes a certain desire to make that happen; and it's happening out of need."

DBU, Pioneer and others went to Augusta to lobby the state to change the rules about hooking fiber-optic cables to poles belonging to telephone and electrical utilities, making this project more feasible. Under the old rules, ISPs had to attach their lines in their assigned place – above the electrical wire, below the television cable, even if it meant moving lines already in place. Under the new rules, DBU could attach its wires in the next available space on the pole as long as it met technical and safety standards, McAfee says. This regulatory change saved DBU \$150,000, Sullivan says.

A "dark fiber" network means that DBU runs lines past homes and businesses. "Open access" means that different ISPs, including Pioneer Broadband, can "light" the dark fiber by sending data through it. McAfee describes it as the electronic equivalent of an interstate highway. DBU connects to Maine's Three Ring Binder, a 1,100-mile fiber-optic network spanning rural regions of the state in three large rings, allowing the local

utility in Calais and Baileyville to connect to the entire Internet. Pioneer Broadband, as the ISP, runs a fiber-optic cable from the pole to the customer's home or business. Pioneer attaches the end of the cable in the house to something called an "optical network terminal." The customer attaches a router, wireless or otherwise, to take the signal to computers and other electronic devices.

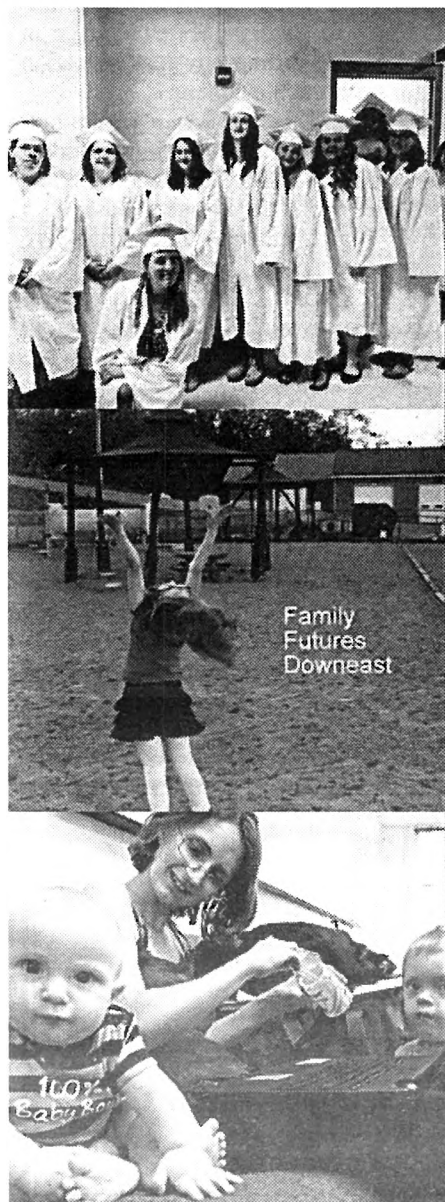
Sullivan calls DBU a "home-run network," meaning that each customer gets a dedicated fiber, not split along the way. "We did this because we wanted to plan for the future. We wanted to make this thing pretty much future-proof for the next 100 years," he says, adding, "It's a very advanced network."

According to Sullivan, COVID-19 makes high-speed Internet critical for video-conferencing with doctors and teachers, for example. "The networks are just overwhelmed. The cable networks can't handle it. The DSL phone networks can't handle it. It's the fiber ones that are built for this kind of stuff," he says. Sullivan says that other Maine communities are making inquiries about this project, and Alexander will vote shortly on guaranteeing loans to expand DBU to that community.

## Unsolicited mailed seeds trigger alarm

The Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry (DACF) is advising Maine residents to send it any unsolicited seed packets that arrive in the mail and are marked from China. While the exact types of seeds in the packages are unknown, the seeds are thought to be either invasive or to pose a plant health risk and are not believed to be harmful to humans or pets, but they could pose a significant risk to agriculture or the environment.

Because of the volume of reports the department has been receiving, DACF will not be able to reply to each individual regarding the identification results. The department is asking that any such seed packets, and if possible their original envelope and packing material, be placed in a resealable baggie and mailed to: USDA-APHIS-PPQ, 15 Iron Road, Suite 1, Hermon, ME 0440.



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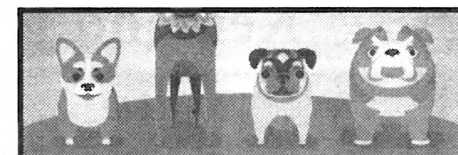
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## BLUEBERRY INDUSTRY USES EARLY PLANNING TO COMBAT PANDEMIC (from page 1)

rive, Long explains, "A system is in place to test them all and provide quarantine and isolation space when they arrive. Maine contact tracers would collect information on all of their contacts, and Maine CDC does case investigations on any newly arrived agricultural worker who tests positive." He notes that Maine Housing and the Department of Health and Human Services arrange for temporary housing and other support services with funding from the CARES Act and refundable Federal Emergency Management Agency disbursements.

### Planning for testing, public safety

Back in March when Maine and the nation suddenly realized that COVID-19 wasn't something to ignore, the commission, the blueberry industry, state government and social service agencies and organizations came together to plan for the harvest season later in the year. While the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission is usually working on research, promotion and policy work, this year was "a whole new world for us," Venturini says. Not only were the national and international markets changing with the pandemic, labor shortages were anticipated, and keeping farmers, workers and communities safe had to be added to the planning for the upcoming work season.

Shurman says, "Since March, we've been working with local government and public health experts to prepare for this year's harvest." He adds, "The proactive safety measures and pre-employment testing processes are expansive to efforts we've had in place in our facilities for months, and the preemptive screening of these employees is working exactly as intended."

Maine has the largest commercial harvest of the tiny blue fruit in the world. Its harvest is an important economic engine, worth about \$250 million to the state in direct and indirect revenue. "It's important to keep in mind that it's an iconic crop," says Venturini of the blueberry harvest. "It's extraordinarily important," he adds, especially because most of the harvesting is done Downeast where economic engines are most needed and most easily hurt if things go wrong.

At Wyman's, many of the seasonal workforce have returned to work with the company for the four- to six-week period, "year after year for many years, and all are a vital part of our broader employee family," says Shurman. "This will be a harvest season unlike any other. We only have one month to bring in the fruit that we'll sell for the next 12 months, and our goal from the start has been to do so as safely and effectively as possible."

### Housing and raking protocols

Harvesters are usually supplied housing by the companies they work for. The state has set up guidelines for how em-

ployers such as Wyman's should go about configuring the housing and the way rakers work in the field. The Maine CDC outlines the importance of creating household groups that are limited in number and that can be based on work units so that household members travel together and do not mix with other household groups. Within the housing, employers must create bed configurations that are at least six feet apart; minimize bunk bed use; install flexible plastic screens between beds where six feet distancing is not possible; consider installing plastic shields between side-by-side sinks in bathrooms; and encourage workers to use face masks whenever possible and particularly if interacting with other housing groups.

In the field, employers are required to set up an increased number of hand sanitation stations. Brian Altwater, board president of the Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company, notes that the company has set up far more stations than in the past. "It's quite different from what it used to be." Manager Darren Paul notes that Wabanaki Public Health has provided assistance with the station set-up and other needs.

### Labor shortages felt; hand-raking dying out

Anticipating that many seasonal workers would not be available to work the blueberry barrens and other agricultural harvests, the Maine Department of Labor and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry formed the Farming for ME initiative. The state has faced labor shortages in its farming community for years, but the pandemic has exacerbated an already scarce resource. By connecting employers with potential employees through existing job platforms, the initiative hopes that openings can be filled while educating Mainers generally about opportunities in agriculture.

Mechanical harvesting has been growing as a tool used by the blueberry industry in the face of declining labor. The Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company has been hit hard by the pandemic, with the Canada/U.S. border closed. The tribe's company usually has around 250 rakers come from Canada every year, with camps set up for them, but this year the company decided not to open camps. "We couldn't keep them safe," explains Paul. Even if the company had set up the camps, "They can't get across [the border]," says Altwater. The company is relying on a crew of less than 50 day rakers. Paul explains that the company, like the industry as a whole, is "turning to mechanical harvesting more and more," although the company will always try to provide jobs for tribal members who want them. "We used to employ 500 to 650 rakers." He adds, "Hand-raking is slowly dying out."



HAND-RAKING of wild blueberries, as shown in this photo from the Quoddy area several years ago, is slowly dying out. (Chessie Crowe photo)

## Quest for accurate global maps led to stone obelisk in Calais

by Lura Jackson

Climbing up to one of the highest points in the city proper of Calais – just behind the recreation center on Academy Street – one finds a stone obelisk rising from the granite mound. Colloquially known for generations as "The Chimney" due to its assumed role in a now-absent dwelling, since 2005 the marker has connoted a much more significant history: that of Calais' role in the development of accurate global maps through the use of a transatlantic telegraphic connection.

In the early to mid-1800s, the United States was heavily involved in producing a uniform map of its coastline as part of what is now known as the U.S. National Geodetic Survey. With the invention of the telegraph, a major part of the work involved determining the longitude of various points along the coast.

In 1851, the first telegraphic observatory in Maine was established at Thomas Hill in Bangor by Sears Cook Walker, the head of the coast survey's astronomical division at the time. Once it was connected to an observatory located at Harvard via telegraph, it was used to determine longitudinal accuracy. Observers carefully watched the stars through a telescope with a marked lens; when a particular star passed the marker, the observer hit a telegraph key to make an indicator on the chronograph.

Having a precise understanding of when certain stars passed overhead in relation to when they passed elsewhere in the country enabled accurate longitude to be determined. As the work continued, cities and geographic markers became plotted correctly in relation to one another and those located all around the world.

In 1857, right after similar work was completed in Cherryfield, workers were sent to Calais to build an observatory behind what was then Calais Academy. A small building was erected, along with stones that would support the instruments

necessary for the work. Among the stones put up was "The Chimney," now thought to have served as the support for the Hardy astronomical clock that made the marks on the chronograph.

In 1858, work on creating the first transatlantic telegraphic connection was successful – albeit that it was only between Ireland and Newfoundland, and it stopped working within a month. The onset of the Civil War delayed any further work until 1866.

In 1866, a complete circuit was established between Newfoundland and Calais, and accurate signals could now be sent in real time from Calais to Ireland and various points along the circuit's legs through magnetic repeaters. The work was slow and challenging, as it required clear skies in the different regions that were involved as well as sound electrical connections along the line.

It wasn't until December 7 when a sharp frost caused the telegraphic lines to snap into perfect clarity, giving observers the opportunity they needed to harvest data over the next week. On December 16, 1866, the last observations were made, concluding a significant portion of the U.S. National Geodetic Survey's mission. At that point, the relative location of the United States in relation to the rest of the world could be accurately depicted on global maps.

In 1904, telegraphic connections and observations were successfully completed all over the world as part of a global network that included Calais. A fully accurate map for each point on the globe was thus available.

Over the 20th century, the Calais Observatory fell into obscurity until state employee Harold Nelson of Newport found several references to it in his research. He reached out to the City of Calais and the St. Croix Historical Society in 1988, setting the ball rolling for the establishment of a locally and nationally recognized site called Meridian Park. The city, historical society and many volunteers gradually worked to research the site further and restore the placement of the transit stone next to the larger pillar.

On May 19, 2005, Meridian Park was named the first stop on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Heritage Trail. Some markers have been erected at the site, indicating to visitors that the stone obelisk before them once played a major role in the establishment of modern place and time. The full story, however, has remained less well-known.

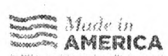
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## Calais schools plan for return to classes

by Michael R. Brown

At the Calais School Committee meeting on August 5, Superintendent Ron Jenkins announced that classes for the fall will begin on Monday, September 14. Jenkins said, "There is no intention to delay the school year, but we need time for teacher training." Also, the delay will allow staff to ensure the school is ready for students to return with safety measures in place.

The school will offer both in-person classes and remote distance learning. One option being considered is to have two groups of students, who would alternate days at school, so that only about half of the students would be at school at one time. One bus will be provided to transport 24 to 25 students, with one student allowed per seat, unless siblings are travelling together. Masks and plastic shields will be provided.

Jenkins went on to say, "If parents don't want a kid in school, we will work to help the child. In August we will meet with all the students and parents. We are working on a plan if we get shut down."

In order to keep track of the changes of days for attendance, Mary Anne Spearin,

principal of the high school, will set a day-by-day schedule for students. She added, "We can't flip flop on day schedules. At distance or here, we have to make an effort to stagger family attendance." She also noted that cell phones, shirts, hats and water-only drinks will be monitored.

Jenkins added, "If there is another outbreak, we will have to adjust as we go along."

The school board and city council are continuing a discussion on the proposed elementary school expansion project, which is being temporarily postponed.

In action at the July 29 school board meeting, Jenkins nominated and the board approved Heather Bowles as assistant principal for the middle/high school. Jacob Scott was transferred to the middle/high school, and Amber McIver is transferring to the alternative school. Devon McPhee was hired as elementary school art teacher. The board also accepted resignations of custodian Ed Marshall at the middle/high school, Steve McGinley as physical education teacher at the elementary/middle school and Ellie Cox as ed tech III at the alternative school.

## Baileyville woman faces drug charges

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA) arrested a Baileyville woman on drug trafficking charges on August 3. Kayla Thistlewood, 27, was charged with Class A aggravated trafficking in cocaine base and heroin/fentanyl.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. agents from the MDEA Downeast Drug Task Force and officers of the Baileyville Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Main Street in Baileyville of a 2014 GMC Terrain belonging to Thistlewood. Thistlewood was operating the vehicle with her two children, ages 1 and 4.

Thistlewood was stopped as part of an ongoing drug distribution investigation. Over the past several months agents investigated Thistlewood for distributing heroin throughout the greater Baileyville area. During the investigation agents conducted undercover purchases of heroin

from Thistlewood.

During the traffic stop, a drug detection dog with the Washington County Sheriff's Office alerted officers to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 43.1 grams of cocaine base, with a retail street value \$4,300, 235 grams of heroin/fentanyl, with a retail street value exceeding \$70,000, and \$7,820 of suspected drug proceeds.

Thistlewood was transported to the Washington County Jail without incident, where she remains with bail set at \$10,000 cash. Thistlewood's children are being cared for by a family member who responded to the scene.

MDEA received assistance from the Maine State Police and the state Department of Health and Human Services during the investigation.

## Gideon hosts healthcare listening session

by Wayne Tripp

Community health advocacy, recovery and mental health providers participating in a campaign listening session held in Calais on July 27 agreed that the three major issues faced in Washington County are the availability of local specialty healthcare such as chemotherapy, the inability to attract and retain experienced medical providers and the level of knowledge among many in the county concerning basic medical and health related care.

Sara Gideon, candidate for the U.S. Senate, opened the session by stressing that access to healthcare is the most significant challenge facing rural communities. While offering few policy details, Gideon indicated that while the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is in need of revision, there are key components that must be protected. She stressed that she is not an advocate of "Medicare for all" but believes that Medicare should be made more broadly available as an insurance option.

The availability of specialty care is a major concern, with patient Mark Wren of Robbinston noting that he must drive to Brewer – spending most of five hours driving – for a one-hour treatment. Wren also noted that the ACA is not affordable for everyone, and negotiating the enrollment process is cumbersome and sometimes frustrating.

Angela Fochesato, community health program manager for Washington County and cancer patient navigator with Healthy Acadia, stressed, "We need more local care. It is difficult for many patients to make the two to four hour trips for specialty care." Fochesato listed the need to take a full day off from work to receive treatment as one of the major concerns by patients. She also noted that there is a

fairly low level of health literacy in Washington County and a need for someone to serve as the link between specialty care providers and the patient's primary care physician.

The need for more reliable transportation to services was mentioned by several attendees. Currently, there is very limited public transportation to the Bangor area, resulting in patients spending long hours either waiting for their appointment or waiting for the return bus. While there are a few community groups offering in-county transportation for appointments, they also face challenges related to scheduling volunteers to meet patient appointment schedules.

Clement Deveau of the Aroostook Mental Health Center suggested that the identified concerns about the availability of healthcare in Washington County boiled down to the cumbersome and inadequate reimbursement and financial support mechanisms, which contribute to the inability to attract and retain healthcare providers. "The existing mechanisms present challenges in implementing a sustainable financial structure which compensates at a level comparative to other regions" noted Deveau. Without a sustainable and competitive financial system, it is difficult to attract professionals to this area. Deveau also stressed the lack of proximity to medical care, which contributes to some patients not seeking care for conditions resulting in poor health outcomes.

The final speaker, Maine Rep. Anne Perry of Calais, noted that the population age, low density and net outflow over the past several years all increase the healthcare related risks in Washington County. Perry reiterated the importance of modifying the Medicaid reimbursement structures to ensure that the small hospitals serving rural communities can stay open and achieve financial stability.

According to the Gideon campaign, Gideon believes there is a need to expand access to quality and affordable healthcare to every person, including those with pre-existing conditions, and to allow anyone to choose to buy into Medicare through a newly created public option, while preserving the choice for those who like their private insurance to keep it.

Gideon also visited the Wild Wescogus Berries farm in Addison to learn how the federal government can better support the Maine wild blueberry industry. While meeting with Axiom Technologies in Machias, Gideon discussed the importance of continued work to strengthen and expand the availability of broadband access to rural areas.

## ROBBINSTON

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Diffin family has chosen a stained glass window for the church. On Sunday, August 23, at 4 p.m. all members of the Diffin family and friends and neighbors are encouraged to attend the afternoon service. The family hopes to bring in the rest of the funds needed for the window at this time. There will be no morning service at the church on August 23 because members will attend the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lubec Congregational Church.

Women's Day is planned for Thursday, August 20, at Bonnie Lyons' cottage on Western Lake in Robbinston. There are still a few openings for people who would like to visit with the women of the church.

There will be a hymn sing at the church on Sunday, August 30, and everyone is welcome to attend. On Monday, August 24, the children's ministry will host a day-long event with the theme of "Daniel in the Lion's Den."

The National Coloring Day event on August 3 was well attended.

### ATV CLUB

The Robbinston ATV Club is grateful to Earle Stanhope II of Stanhope Trucking for the work he has done on the trails. Stanhope has been a long-time sponsor of the club.

by Helen Brooks  
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### GRANGE NEWS

Members of the Pomona Grange No. 16 met at the Jacksonville Grange on August 4 for the monthly meeting. There are five Granges in Washington County, and each reported that it is doing well.

Members who are taking part in the reading contest must have their lists to State Lecturer Margaret Morse by Tuesday, September 1. Her mailing address is 850 Main St., Eliot, ME 03903. Junior members can send their lists to Helen Brooks, P.O. Box 76, Robbinston, ME 04671.

The 147th annual convention of the Maine State Grange will be held on October 22 at the Golden Harvest Grange #33 in Carmel. Members who plan to attend need to let State Master Sherry Harriman know so pandemic restrictions can be followed.

### AROUND AND ABOUT

Sympathy is extended to the family of Michael Joseph Musante on his passing on July 31. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in East Machias.

Sympathy also goes to the family of Marvelle Cora Pottle, who passed away on August 5. She grew up in Robbinston. A graveside service was held on August 8 at the Brewer Cemetery.

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## CRH tries new avenue for PPP funding

by Edward French

Calais Regional Hospital is continuing to try to obtain \$1.8 million in federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds, since the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) has prevented organizations that have filed for bankruptcy, like CRH, from seeking the funding. The hospital's latest attempt was by seeking to have the bankruptcy court dismiss its case, applying for PPP funds while outside of the Chapter 11 reorganization process, and then filing again for bankruptcy. However, after a number of creditors objected to the proposal, on July 30 the hospital withdrew its request.

Among the creditors that objected were Katahdin Trust Company, Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Bluewater Emergency Partners, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the SBA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In its court filing, Katahdin Trust attorneys noted its claim for over \$3.6 million relating to a \$5 million loan to the hospital and the USDA's claim for \$10.8 million on a \$13 million loan. Of the \$266,636 in payments due on the \$5 million loan and the \$650,000 due on the \$13 million loan, the hospital "has paid nothing on either debt," the filing states. Although the hospital "has never treated a COVID-19 patient," it has "enjoyed a fortuitous improvement because of the coronavirus pandemic," the attorneys allege. While revenues have declined at the hospital because of fewer patient visits, the attorneys point out that CRH has received nearly \$4.5 million in federal coronavirus relief funds to replace lost revenue because of the pandemic.

In other developments, on July 31 U.S. District Court Judge Jon Levy ordered the

bankruptcy court to reconsider its earlier decision to deny the complaint against the SBA filed both by CRH and Penobscot Valley Hospital (PVH) in Lincoln, which is also seeking bankruptcy protection. Their complaint alleged that the SBA's decision denying access to PPP funds to organizations in bankruptcy is unfair and illegal.

At the end of April Judge Michael Fagone of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine had issued a temporary restraining order so that the hospitals could apply for the federal funding to help prevent them from closing. While area banks initially did not accept the applications from either hospital because they are involved in bankruptcy proceedings, Machias Savings Bank ended up submitting an application for PVH for a \$1.5 million PPP loan. CRH had been unable to find a bank willing to process its application, but the hospital noted in its request for dismissal of its bankruptcy case that the First National Bank was willing to submit a PPP application if CRH is not in Chapter 11.

While that effort has ended, members of Maine's congressional delegation have written to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza on behalf of struggling critical access hospitals like Calais Regional that have been cut off from PPP relief. The lawmakers urged the agency heads to make a targeted regulatory fix that would allow hospitals currently undergoing Chapter 11 reorganization to access the needed relief funds. The members of Congress have also proposed legislation in both the House and Senate to put the change into law.

## Calais Police Department report for July

The Calais Police Department report for July includes the following charges.

On July 1 Christopher Whitten, 35, of Calais was summonsed for criminal mischief.

On July 7 Alvin Hanson, 61, of Calais was summonsed for criminal trespass.

On July 7 a juvenile male, 14, of Calais was summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor.

On July 9 Stephen Cook, 55, of Calais

was summonsed for theft of lost, mislaid or mistakenly delivered property.

On July 9 Keith Gehringer, 18, of Calais was summonsed for assault.

On July 9 Karen Matthews, 56, of Calais was summonsed for unlawful possession of schedule drugs.

On July 11 Dominic Sapiel, 32, of Perry was summonsed for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer (shoplifting).

On July 19 Patrick Tomah, 37, of Bangor was summonsed for criminal mischief.

On July 20 Daniel Matonic, 59, of Calais was summonsed for aggravated assault.

On July 22 Michael Williams, 73, of Calais was arrested for criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon.

On July 22 Eric Demolet, 34, of Eastport was arrested on three active warrants.

On July 30 Michael Francis, 34, of Calais was summonsed for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer (shoplifting).

On July 31 Lina Godin, 54, of Missisquoi, Ont., was summonsed for trafficking in schedule drugs and possession of schedule drugs.

On July 31 Michel Saypharath, 36, of Thornhill, Ont., was summonsed for trafficking in schedule drugs.

During July, the Calais Police Department responded to 181 incidents, including 159 calls for service, 11 accidents and 11 citations.

## Area students on dean's list at MMA

Washington County students named to the second semester dean's list at Maine Maritime Academy are Roxanna MacGregor, Eastport; Alessandro Marotta, Lubec; and Ashley Porter, Cutler.

The following Maine Maritime Academy graduates from Washington County completed their degree requirements between January 1 and May 5: John Curry, Perry; Patrick Finn, Whiting; and Zachary Look, Columbia.

## CRH welcomes new physician assistant

Calais Regional Hospital (CRH) is pleased to welcome physician assistant Chandan Singh to its team. Singh will be

working as a hospitalist on the inpatient care unit. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in biology from Park University in Parkville, Mo., and served in the U.S. Army as a healthcare specialist. Upon the conclusion of his military service



Chandan Singh

he completed his master's of science degree in physician assistant studies at the City University of New York School of Medicine. Outside of emergency and inpatient care experience, Chandan has also worked as a trauma surgery physician assistant.

Chandan first came to CRH as a temporary fill-in provider in March. As of June 30 he officially joined CRH as a member of the medical staff. He explains that the team on the inpatient care unit led him to decide to join CRH on a more permanent basis. "Everyone is excellent and works together as a team," he says.



AMONG THE CHILDREN'S GAMES at the All Together Community Barbecue in Calais was the duck shoot. (Michael R. Brown photo)

## Community barbecue fosters togetherness

by Michael R. Brown

On August 8 the Calais community came together at the All Together Community Barbecue organized by John Cowell, the Dunkin' Donuts manager. The full day of events featured activities for all ages. Children brandished their weapons of choice, tooted plastic horns and ducked those whose eyes they attracted. As the afternoon warmed up, young women pushed their cloth masks beneath their chins while men arranged prize-winning targets, and the Lionesses sold 50/50 tickets.

Brian Giles was the emcee for the day, and his moves on the stage attracted a small gaggle of spritely munchkins to dance around him. Contests included a corn hole tournament and opportunities for youthful artists to enter the sidewalk chalk competition.

On the elevation that surrounds Triangle Park there were refreshment stands for tacos, funnel cakes and cold drinks. There were also trinkets, jewelry displays and a small table of census takers. Under an overhead tent in the center of the oval, clusters of elderly people and families stayed in the shade.

Antique cars lined the parking lot at the tourist center, each one a colorful and spotless attraction. Entrants ranged from a 1930s Italian sportster to a 1950s Corvette. Elderly owners engaged prideful youth in mutually appreciative conversation.

By 6 p.m. the stage was set for the band, but only the drummer is there rattling his sticks. The lead guitar player shows up in back of a microphone and tunes while he

awaits the second guitarist and the bass player. The band's "Old Skool" banner graced the front of the stage, and the group entertained the growing crowd with well-known music.

Teens came by threes down the hill to the river to scout the best vantage point to see the fireworks. Toddlers project big yawns as they were transported on fathers' shoulders. Teens crowded the riverfront as the audience continued to grow. Bikers coasted down the road to the river. A few children rolled down the hill with an occasional squeal of delight.

Across the St. Croix River cars in St. Stephen lined the riverfront to watch the fireworks from the Canadian side. The sky was cloudless and dark, the right screen for a bright display. The sizzle of fireworks overhead caught everyone's attention, and the brilliant shower sprayed continuously for over half an hour.

Cowell was pleased with how the event turned out and grateful for the support from the community. He says, "I witnessed my community coming together as one. We all have a common enemy in this world, and that's COVID. I didn't see division. All I saw was a gathering of different nationalities having a good time and helping to make memories on this special day we called 'all together.' Thank you, guys, for your kind words, trust and overall support."

He adds, "Remember, there is no 'all together' without all of you who came out to this event and realized that the vision is not to be afraid but to be safe and to help one another take the same precautions in doing that."



SELLING HER JEWELRY at the All Together Community Barbecue on August 8 was Melissa Miliano, who was among the vendors. (Michael R. Brown photo)

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## Fund to keep people in recovery connected

For people struggling with substance use disorder, COVID-19 has created new challenges and barriers for those seeking recovery. Support meetings, coaching sessions and many clinical treatments have moved to online or virtual formats. Not everyone has access to reliable cell phone or Internet service. The economic impact of the pandemic on many of the region's business sectors has also meant that many people have lost income, making it even more difficult for them to access virtual support.

Healthy Acadia has received grant funding from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation and Machias Savings Bank to help remove these technology and communications barriers for people in recovery who reside in Hancock or Washington

counties. "It is more important than ever that community members in recovery have reliable communications," says Penny Guisinger, Healthy Acadia's recovery programs director. "Staying connected to peers and other supports can be vital to an individual's recovery success."

Individuals in recovery can apply for funds to cover the cost of a cell phone, assistance with covering the cost of home Internet, cell phone service or an upgrade to service, phone cards with minutes and data as well as other possibilities that will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The application can be completed online at <<https://forms.gle/QqZHDvmCiT7XwY4v6>>. For more information or to request a printable application, contact Beth Alteri at 460-2312 or <[beth.alteri@healthyacadia.org](mailto:beth.alteri@healthyacadia.org)>.

## Restorative practices programs slated

Healthy Acadia and Maine Outdoor School are offering two new exploratory summer programs. "Nature-Based Restorative Practices," a three-day program scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, through Thursday, August 20, will introduce youth entering grades 7-12 this fall to restorative practices and how they tie into the natural world. Restorative practices are rooted in First Nation and Indigenous community traditions and philosophies and designed to build healthy relationships and a sense of community to prevent and address conflict and wrongdoing.

The program will be facilitated by Corrie Hunkler, Healthy Acadia's youth engagement coordinator, and Hazel Stark, registered Maine guide and co-founder of Maine Outdoor School, and will pair the Maine Youth Action Network's restorative practices curriculum with fun and engaging activities. The program is designed to help youth develop outdoor and conflict-resolution skills and an increased awareness of the community and the natural world.

The program will be held at the Machias River Preserve in Machias. Sessions will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, and participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Snacks and water will be provided. All COVID-19 prevention guidelines for Maine summer youth programs and outdoor recreation activities will be followed.

On Thursday, August 20, from 4 to 6

p.m. Healthy Acadia, Maine Youth Action Network and Maine Outdoor School will host a training session for educators and others who work with children and young adults. Participants will explore restorative practices and ways to incorporate them into their work. The training session will be held at Middle River Park in Machias. Participants are asked to bring a camp chair.

There is no cost to participate in either program; however, advance registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Hunkler at 598-8519 or <[corrie.hunkler@healthyacadia.org](mailto:corrie.hunkler@healthyacadia.org)>.

## State police report for Quoddy area

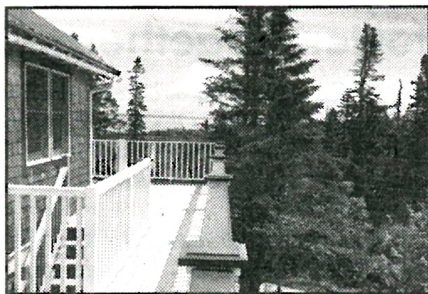
The report for State Police Troop J includes the following incidents from eastern Washington County.

On July 20 Trooper Andy Foss conducted a well-being check in Cooper. Everyone was found to be OK at this time.

On August 1 Trooper Caleb McGary summonsed Steven Welsch, 65, of Robinston, for criminal speed after a traffic stop in Amherst. Speed was 86 in a 55 zone.

On August 2 Sergeant Jeff Ingemi arrested James Lewis, 41, of Charlotte, for operating under the influence of drugs after responding to a crash in Charlotte. Washington County Sheriff Office and Baileyville Police Department assisted.

On August 3 Trooper Blaine Silk responded to a road rage incident in Cherryfield. Two vehicles were involved in the altercation. As a result of the investigation, Jonathan Sprague, 23, of Milbridge was charged with operating after license suspension.



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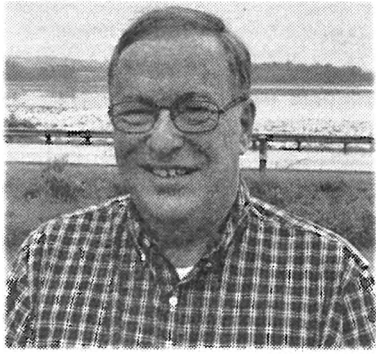
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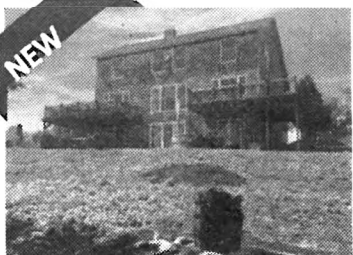


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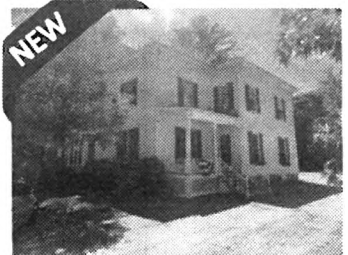
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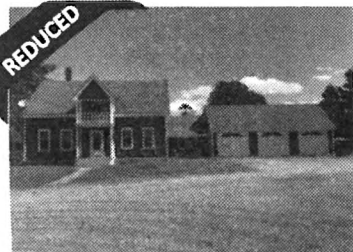
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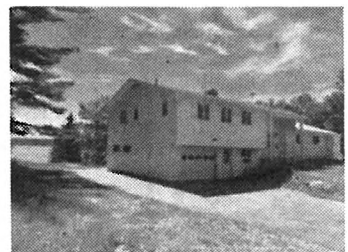
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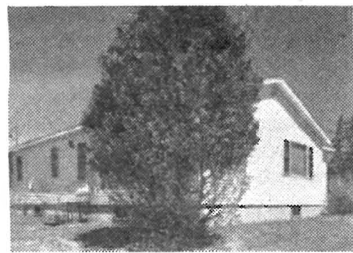
**253 County Rd., Lubec**  
 Completely renovated high-quality 4BR 2 Bath home on 9.4 acres w/gorgeous water views. A stunning property! **\$486,000 MLS#1456186**



**20 Water St., Eastport**  
 Gracious, sunny & well-kept 4BR, 3 bath home w/waterfront views, steps from downtown shops & restaurants. **\$259,900 MLS#1455246**



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 Roomy 4 BR, 2.5 bath split-level on 5.28 acres with 550 ft on Cobscook Bay & awesome views! **\$295,500 MLS#1459034**



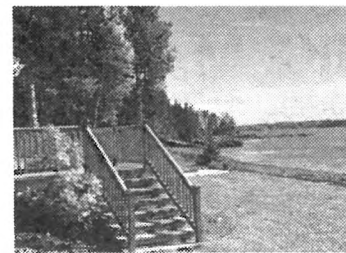
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 Comfortable 3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch with detached 2-car garage on 11 acres. **\$157,500 MLS#1458137**



**512 Old Eastport Rd., Perry**  
 Waterfront privacy with outstanding views! Well-built & comfortable, 2 car garage. **\$187,500 MLS#1355617**



**694 River Rd., Calais**  
 Built in 1825, this historic granite home offers lovely grounds & sweeping views of the St. Croix River. A MUST see!! **\$519,000 MLS#1446850**



**38-42 Deep Cove Rd., Eastport**  
 One-of-a-kind 25.87 acre coastal property w/extraordinary 4,350' of water frontage. Motivated Seller! **\$850,000 MLS#1423016**



**00 Hidden Lane, Charlotte**  
 Secluded lakeside hideaway - older 3BR mobile home with 394' ft. of waterfront. **\$123,900 MLS#1454172**

## GOING ... GOING ...



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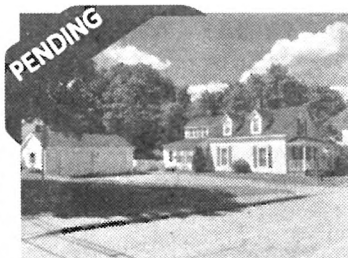
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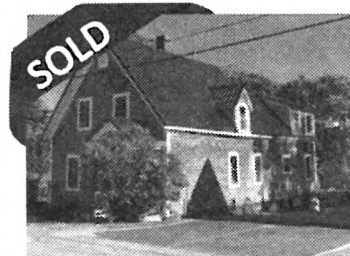


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CALAIS**

## GONE!!!



**57 Key Street  
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**Garnet Head Rd.  
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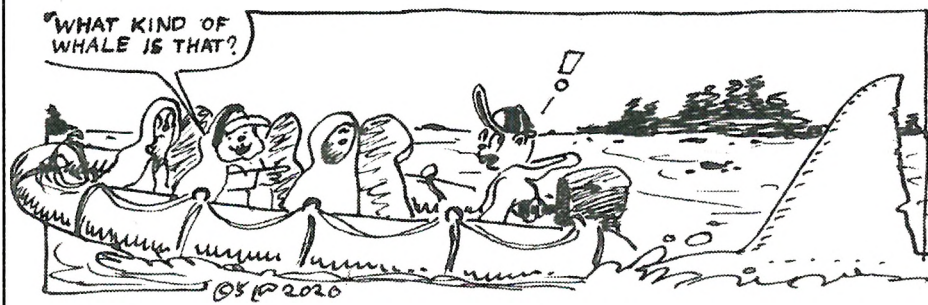


**25 Toll Bridge Rd.  
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## CHIVAREE BAY

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**Crossword**  
by Myles Mellor

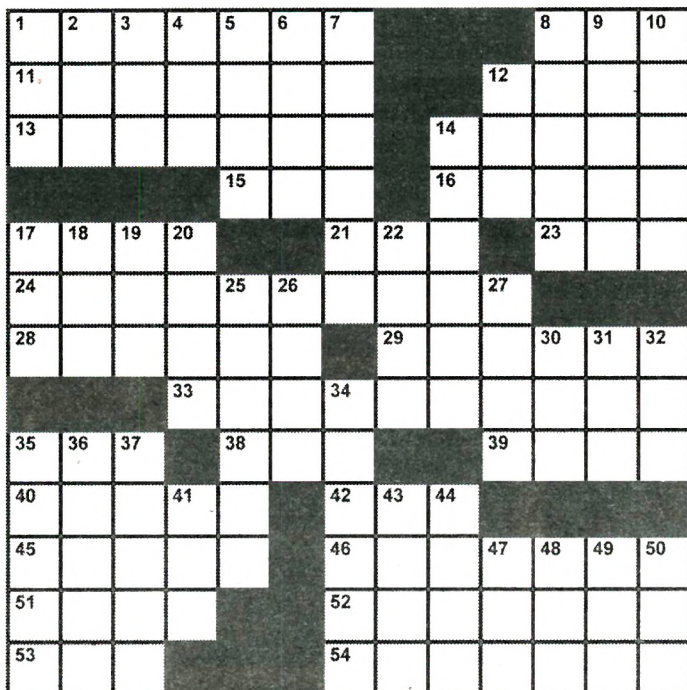
## Tides Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Native  
8 In great demand  
11 Modern sing-along  
12 Playing card  
13 Ralph Waldo  
14 Out of sight  
15 Blaster  
16 Black billiard ball's number  
17 "\_\_\_" it the truth!  
21 Addition  
23 Cadillac model  
24 Mix species together  
28 Property  
29 Sooner than soon  
33 Break  
35 Bother, with "at"  
38 Brandy letters  
39 Swerves at sea  
40 Spring flowers  
42 Beer container  
45 The Oracle of \_\_\_ (Warren Buffet)  
46 List of things to get done  
51 Source  
52 Ultimatums, say  
53 Hosp. units  
54 Diffusions of fluids

## DOWN

- 1 Stretch out  
2 Hated war, for short  
3 Rap music's Dr. \_\_\_  
4 Musical gift  
5 The bulk  
6 Sacred image, var.



- 7 Bullseye location  
8 Scottish author James and others  
9 Should, with "to"  
10 Moves quickly  
12 Data Act, abbr.  
14 PC key  
17 Adept  
18 Kind of agent  
19 "\_\_\_" to worry  
20 Romanov ruler  
22 Bound  
25 Sugar substitute  
26 Porgy's lady  
27 Small boat  
30 Actress, Long  
31 Dairy creature  
32 Editors, for short  
34 BLT part  
35 Somme's school  
36 Metal suit  
37 Natterjacks  
41 "Evita" role  
43 Cries of aversion  
44 Start of an idea  
47 Recent prefix  
48 Court V.I.P.s  
49 Salt Lake City athlete  
50 Work for eds.

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## StudioWorks to hold virtual artist talk

StudioWorks Artists-in-Residence Brice Garrett and Mollye Bendell will be featured in an online open studio and virtual artist talk on Wednesday, August 19, at 7 p.m.

Garrett uses materials and objects as a source to work through ideas of preciousness, memory and value. He is traditionally trained as a jeweler and metalsmith, and his work ranges across disciplines, culminating in wearables, sculptures, installations and participatory projects. At StudioWorks, he is pursuing an adapted variation of an ongoing project, "Workshop," that usually involves public participation and plaster casting of personal

objects.

Bendell uses the ephemeral nature of electronic media as a metaphor for exploring vulnerability, visibility and longing in a world that can feel isolating. At StudioWorks, Bendell is interested in an immersive media project that uses the first issue of *The Quoddy Tides* as a departure point for research on how communities change over time.

This online event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <tidesinstitute.org> or call 853-4047.

For more information about the artists, please visit <mollyebendell.com> and <www.bricegarrett.com>.

## Quoddy Voices singers join virtual chorus

John Newell, director of the Eastport Arts Center's community chorus, Quoddy Voices, has worked to keep his singers connected even though they're unable to meet and join in song. In addition to compiling listening lists of favorite choral works and sharing these via e-mail threads, Newell recently engaged several of the singers in a virtual chorus project.

"I found this particular project based in London, a collaboration of two choruses:

Quaggy Community Choir and Palace Acappella. Their approach to virtual choir really appealed to me, so I communicated the opportunity to Quoddy Voices singers. Barb Smith, Manuela Brice and Jenny Gillies took me up on it."

The project centered on a simple canonic piece composed by the young director of Quaggy Community Choir – now a "sister choir" of Quoddy Voices.

The final project will be released soon. Learn more about Quoddy Voices at <eastportartscenter.org>, where the virtual choir video will be shared as soon as it's launched.

## Art gallery plans four elements show

The Eastport Gallery will host its first theme show of the season, "The Four Elements," starting on Monday, August 17. The show will be available on the gallery's website and social media page and will be a part of the gallery's in-person experience at its location at 109 Water Street. The gallery is open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Center for Disease Control guidelines followed, including wearing masks. For more information, visit <www.eastportgallery.com>.

## Arts center to offer chocolate art class

To conclude the Eastport Arts Center's (EAC) Summer Workshop Series, Melissa Newcomb will teach chocolate art via Zoom on Tuesday, August 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will learn a chocolate painting process that is easily customized for any theme or occasion. Participants will need access to an oven and a baking sheet, tape, scissors, a napkin or cloth and small mixing containers. This workshop is intended for ages 14 to adult. Younger children are welcome to participate with an adult helper. A \$10 registration fee will be charged for materials, a sliding fee scale is offered.

Preregister by Saturday, August 15, by e-mailing name, phone number and address to <alison@eastportartscenter.org>. Materials kits will be available at the EAC on Monday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## EAC receives arts commission grant

The Eastport Arts Center (EAC) has been selected for a Maine Arts Commission Organization Partnership grant for the sixth consecutive year. The program provides unrestricted operating funds to arts organizations. In a period more competitive even than a "normal" year, EAC was one of the 67% of applicants that received funding. In addition, EAC is the only grantee in the budget-size-based bronze tier that has received uninterrupted support.

EAC also received an Arts Learning grant. This funding will be used for wild-life-themed haiku classes for Grade 8 students from Eastport, Perry and Sipayik elementary schools. Local poet Catherine Lee will teach the outdoor sessions.

## Weekly artwalks offered in Eastport

Each week, Eastport Artwalk will post a new 1-1.5 mile walking route, celebrating the gardens, vistas and outdoor art along the way. The first week's partner organization was the Summer Lunch program. The program, administered by the City of Eastport, has been able to add kid-friendly activities along with lunch.

Organizer Jana Sutherland says, "We operate as a volunteer program, and we've had wonderful volunteers! Over my lifetime, especially when raising my children, mostly as a single divorced mom, I was able to receive help when I needed it. I had a chance to give back by helping to build a program to feed children and families, and I couldn't pass it up. I particularly enjoy working with the families at Quoddy Farms. Those kids are such a joy and the parents are very helpful."

For ArtWalk maps, please visit <www.facebook.com/EastportArtWalk>.

## Arts center to host youth improv class

The Eastport Arts Center will host an improv comedy workshop led by Island Fellow Mark Macey on Thursday, August 20. Macey will lead adapted versions of classic improv games and teach improv basics. The class will be offered as two separate sessions for ages 8-12 and 13-18. The younger children's session will be from 2 to 3 p.m.; the older children's turn is from 3 to 4 p.m. Students younger than eight are welcome in the first session with an adult present. Space is limited; please e-mail <mark@eastportartscenter.org> to reserve a space and receive the Zoom link.

## Stage East to begin play reading series

Stage East will host "Play by Play," a script-in-hand series that invites the public to participate in weekly play readings. The events will be held over Zoom, and participants are welcome to read or just come and listen. The first reading will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, and continue weekly through the fall.

The Zoom link can be found at <eastportartscenter.org>. Email questions to <mark@eastportartscenter.org>.

## Local food pantries list hours

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

### FRIDAY – AUGUST 14

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

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

GRAND MANAN FOOD BANK, Fridays, Pentecostal Assembly, 1 to 3 p.m.

REGULAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Fridays, Garrapy Food Pantry and Nutrition Center, Eastport, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY – AUGUST 17

ST. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY, Mondays through Thursdays, former transition house, Pleasant Point, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MACHIAS FOOD PANTRY, Mondays, Centre Street Congregational Church, 1 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Eunice Mommens at 733-4855.

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

### TUESDAY – AUGUST 18

EMERGENCY BAGS, third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays, Garrapy Food Pan-

try and Nutrition Center, Eastport, 9 to 11 a.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 19

DEER ISLAND SAFETY NET FOOD BANK, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

LUBEC COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, 44 South Street, 1 to 3 p.m. Deliveries Wednesday through Saturday. Call 733-5262 for pickup if delivery is not possible.

### THURSDAY – AUGUST 20

CALAIS FOOD PANTRY, 513 Main Street, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

FOOD PANTRY at Whiting Village School parking lot, Thursdays through the summer, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY – AUGUST 22

LUBEC COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, 44 South St., 8:30 to 10 a.m.

### THURSDAY – AUGUST 27

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



## Library Notes

### EASTPORT

New books at the Peavey Memorial Library include the following.

#### Fiction

*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins  
*The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate  
*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson  
*Camino Winds* by John Grisham  
*How Much of These Hills is Gold* by C. Pam Zhang

*The Lightness* by Emily Temple  
*The Shadow Killer* by Arnaldur Indridason

#### Nonfiction

*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein  
*Maine's Remarkable Women: Daughters, Wives, Sisters and Mothers Who Shaped History* by Kate Kennedy  
*Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas W. Tallamy  
*Recollections of My Nonexistence* by Rebecca Solnit

*Rise of the Warrior Cop: Militarization of America's Police Forces* by Radley Balko

*The Room Where it Happened: A White House Memoir* by John Bolton

### PEMBROKE

New books at the Pembroke Library include the following.

#### Nonfiction

*Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision* by Marie Battiste, Editor  
*The Room Where It Happened* by John Bolton  
*Korean Dream: A Vision for a Unified Korea* by Hyun Jin Preston Moon

#### Fiction

*A Walk along the Beach* by Debbie Macomber  
*Game Change* by Joseph Monninger  
*Death by Chocolate Malted Milkshake* by Sarah Graves  
*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett  
*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead  
*If It Bleeds* by Stephen King  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball* by Jeff Kinney  
*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins

### LUBEC

New books at the Lubec Memorial Library include the following.

#### Fiction

*Midnight Sun* by Stephenie Meyer  
*The Grove of the Caesars* by Lindsey Davis  
*I'll Take You There* by Wally Lamb  
*Last Flight* by Julie Clark  
*The Silent Wife* by Karin Slaughter  
*28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand  
*The Lies That Bind* by Emily Giffin  
*Orange World* by Karen Russell

#### Nonfiction

*Too Much Is Never Enough* by Mary L. Trump  
*High Clouds Soaring Storms: The Letters of Ruth Moore*

## EAC honors seniors for their artistic skill

Each year the Eastport Arts Center honors seniors who have excelled in music, theater or the visual arts. Calais High School honorees include Adam Barnard, drama; Cole Johnson, music; and Alyssa Farrar, visual art. Previous honorees include Sarah Bartlett, drama and visual art, and George Mills, music, from Shear High School; and Hailey Boutin, drama, Taylor Bridges, music, and Eveyenia "Nia" Aretakis, visual art, from Washington Academy.



THE SUN tries to burn away the fog, as it shines through the rigging of the Jolly Breeze at an Eastport boatyard. (Edward French photo)



## QUODDY ART CURRENTS

### When corona means a crown

by Michael Morse

You can sometimes find art in the circumstances that surround you, and nothing has surrounded us more lately than the global pandemic known as the coronavirus. So how is it possible to find art in this disease? It's all in the name: corona. The virus' name comes from the Latin word for "crown," because the virus has characteristic crown-like spikes that can be seen when it is viewed under an electron microscope. Back in our life-size world of people, crowns have been a traditional headgear worn by monarchs, rulers, military and political leaders. It traditionally represents power, legitimacy, honor and glory, and, if you happen to be a god or goddess, immortality.

The crown as a designation of honor and power has existed in many civilizations around the world. In western cultures they are often made of rare or precious metals like gold, with jewels and other symbolic or religious ornamentation. Crowns were originally crafted by skilled metalsmiths; these master craftsmen were only limited by their vision and the resources they were given. Listed here are some of the world's most famous "coronas."

One of the oldest is the crown of Saint Wenceslas, which was crafted in 1347 for Charles V, the holy Roman emperor. At the time, his vast kingdom occupied parts of present day Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Italy and Ukraine. The crown was made out of 22-carat gold and decorated with 19 sapphires, 44 precious crystals, one ruby, 30 emeralds and 20 pearls.

The smallest country in the world is actually Vatican City, and it is governed as an absolute monarchy with the pope at its head. While the pope is not a king, there is a crown called the Papal Tiara. The Papal Tiara has been worn by popes since the eighth century. The word "tiara" refers to the entire headgear. There have been many papal crowns, and there are 22 still in existence in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was the last to be crowned but abandoned the use of the Papal Tiara at the

Second Vatican Council, symbolically laying it on the altar of St. Peter's Basilica and donating its value to the poor.

In more modern times we have often seen images of British royalty wearing crowns. The crown of Queen Elizabeth II is easily the most famous crown in the world. It boasts five rubies, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 273 pearls and about 2,868 diamonds. The centerpiece is the 105-carat Koh-i-noor diamond. It became part of the British crown jewels when Queen Victoria was proclaimed empress of India in 1887. Also in Elizabeth II's collection is the Strathmore Rose Tiara. This was a gift from the Earl of Strathmore to Elizabeth – the Queen Mother – on her wedding day in 1923. She wore it many times in both the traditional way, on the top of her head, and across her forehead in the 1920s style. It hasn't been seen in public for decades, and

it was passed down to Queen Elizabeth II when the Queen Mother died in 2002.

One piece in Elizabeth's collection caused some controversy in more modern times. The Cambridge Lover's Knot Tiara was commissioned by Queen Mary and made out of bits and pieces of jewelry she had laying around. When she died in 1953, it became Queen Elizabeth's. In 1981 the queen gave the crown to Lady Diana Spencer to wear on her wedding day, but Diana wore her family tiara, the Spencer Tiara. This crown belongs to the family of Diana, princess of Wales, but she wore it so often that some people assume it is a royal piece. It is actually made up of several tiaras created by different jewelers.

Crowns have been part of history for centuries. There is one corona in the form of a virus with us now that we would like to be history.

## Libraries plan Bicentennial Book Club

Porter Memorial Library in Machias and Peabody Memorial Library in Jonesport are teaming up to offer the Bicentennial Book Club for local youths between the ages of eight and 13. This virtual book club will run for six months and feature seven books set in Maine. Participating youths will read one book a month and participate in a once-a-month Zoom book discussion online. Librarians Tessa Mellas and Heidi Hinkley will lead the program and discussions. For one of the book club meetings, the Maine author of the book will join the discussion. Participants will be able to interact with other participating youths and the librarians as regularly as they want through a private website during the program. The website will also provide extra reading resources, activities

and creative writing and art prompts that will be optional extras for participants.

The book club is open to any tweens in Washington County. Families can pick up book sets at the end of August or beginning of September. The first meeting will be held at the end of September. Please contact Mellas with any questions at <youthlibrarian@porter.lib.me.us>. To register, please visit <<https://forms.gle/vuizdpMTw5mVTjBPA>>.

## Island gallery hosts square-foot exhibit

The Grand Manan Art Gallery's Square Foot Show is now available online at <[www.grandmananartgallery.com](http://www.grandmananartgallery.com)>. The show features 74 pieces from 26 artists from across New Brunswick and from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. To purchase a piece, contact the artist directly using the information in the biography section of the site. The Square Foot Show, along with the Island Art and Artisan Show and sale, will remain on the website until the end of December. The Lure of the Sea, a body of work by Dale Cook, can also currently be viewed on the site.

## Sunbury Shores set to host book launch

Sunbury Shores Arts and Nature Center in St. Andrews will host a book launch for *Small Truths: The Art of Cathy Ross* on Saturday, August 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The book is published by William Forrestall at Xeno-Optic of the fine arts department at St. Thomas University and is a look at Ross' work and practice.



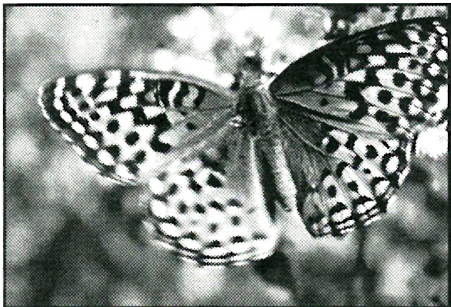
## Quoddy Nature Notes



### Some summer bugs

by Fred Gralenski

Here we are, half-past summer, and still clogged up with the COVID-19. Better stay careful, keep your mask handy and remember social distancing. Watching nature is one of the few accepted pastimes under these conditions, so try it sometimes, but watch out or you will get hooked and be a rabid fan like me.



AN APHRODITE FRITILLARY

Some of the newer bugs coming out are the grasshoppers. The common one I find here is the "Carolina locust." I'm not sure how this grasshopper got its name. Is it related to the summer snacks of John the Baptist or our locust trees? I don't know, but in my research there was mention of the Carolina locust as eating sunflowers, and my sunflower leaves are being eaten by something. Aren't the birds that are and have been nesting here – the robins, phoebes, song sparrows, juncos and chickadees – supposed to keep my garden free of pesty bugs? I'll have to complain to Mother Nature about these lazy birds, and maybe she will reduce their allowance.

Some other interesting bugs around this time of year are the Lepidoptera, the moths and butterflies. By August most of the big moths, like the sphinx and silkworm moths, have generally finished their adult stage and are eggs or growing larva now, but it was a

good year for luna moths.

I did set up a moth catcher with both halogen and black illumination, and I got some interesting specimens, but the biggest mystery was something was eating many of my moths and leaving just the wings. I tried schemes of game cameras, but the culprit is still a mystery.

The butterflies started off with a good supply of Canadian tiger swallowtails. The Canadian tiger swallowtail overwinters as a chrysalis and emerges as an adult butterfly in late May or June. At present the cycle is caterpillars, which are typically very interesting with their snake-like imitation, but are surprisingly difficult to find.

The butterfly most common at present is the fritillary. A common butterfly, there are about 30 species in North America north of Mexico. Here in the Quoddy region we may see six species of fritillary: the great spangled, atlantis, aphrodite, meadow, silver bordered and bog. The aphrodite seems to be the most common, and the bog is the rarest. I find them difficult to identify, because each have many variations. Fritillaries lay their eggs in the fall and apparently the instars require violet leaves for their first meal. The fritillaries are pretty notorious for laying their eggs on plants that the caterpillars don't particularly like, and many of the new caterpillars starve over the winter. The fritillaries compensate by laying a bunch of eggs.

The other orange butterfly that should be around this time of year is the monarch, but I have seen only a couple. I pretty religiously check the few milkweed patches that are in our area, but sightings, including eggs or caterpillars, are virtually missing. I do hope it is just a local thing and not state or area wide phenomenon.

So what else can we do? I guess just hunker down and try and stay safe and hope for a more standard 2021.

## Loon count held in Washington County

The annual Maine Loon Count was held on July 18, and most Washington County observers have sent reports to the county coordinator. So far there were 18 bodies of water where loons were observed by 60 counters.

Birders reported 119 adults and 11 chicks seen during the count. There were three additional chicks seen outside of the official counting window.

The final count will also be sent to Maine Audubon by the beginning of September.

There have been reports from Southwest Pond and Indian Lake of loon nests that were destroyed before the count. Some chicks were seen before the count and were not seen again.

Coordinator Karen Holmes is asking that people on any bodies of water in Washington County report any sightings of loon chicks and/or nests since July 18. Any sightings of loon chick predation, nest destruction or abandonment or adult deaths would also be helpful.

The coordinator can be reached at 454-2583 or <mrsnoah63@gmail.com>.

### Dead and injured loons

On August 8 a sighting of a dead loon on Meddybemps Lake behind Adelman's Island was reported. Anyone finding an injured loon should call the Maine Warden Service at 287-8000, Avian Haven at 382-6761 or the Biodiversity Research Institute at 839-7600.

Dead loons should be reported to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) at 287-8000. The Biodiversity Research Institute collects dead loons from across New England to determine the cause of death.

Please take photos of the loon and note the location and whether the loon is banded.

To safely collect a dead loon, the public is asked to wear gloves and double bag the remains in plastic bags before putting it into a freezer. DIFW will accept bagged carcasses, Avian Haven will also accept dead loons, and Maine Audubon can occasionally accept drops-offs. Please call (207) 781-2330 extension 219 or e-mail <conserve@maineaudubon.org> to arrange a drop-off.

## Residents support Milltown dam removal

A new poll shows an overwhelming majority of people living in St. Stephen and surrounding communities support NB Power's plan to remove the Milltown dam, restoring free flow to approximately 15 kilometers of the lower St. Croix River, known traditionally as the Skutik.

The Conservation Council of New Brunswick and Atlantic Salmon Federation commissioned Oraclepoll Research to ask 300 people in the provincial riding of St. Croix about their awareness and impressions of the dam removal project. More than nine in 10 respondents, 91%, were aware of NB Power's plan – announced last year – and a strong majority, 87% of respondents, said they support the planned removal.

The main reasons people cited were benefits to the river ecosystem and fish populations in particular.

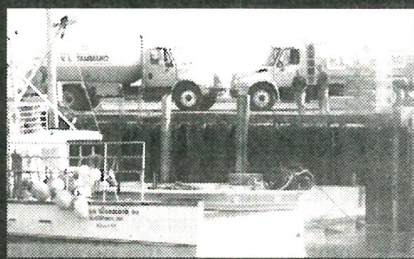
The dam removal is one component of a comprehensive Skutik River restoration plan being led by the Peskotomuhkati Nation, which includes habitat enhancement throughout the watershed and fish passage improvement at other dams upstream from Milltown. The conservation council and other watershed and environmental organizations are participating in the restoration efforts.

Ensuring migratory fish species like alewife, American eel and Atlantic salmon have access to their native habitat is a cornerstone of successful restoration.

The telephone poll, which was conducted in early July, surveyed 300 people in the provincial riding of St. Croix, which includes the communities of St. Stephen, St. Andrews, McAdam and Campobello. The statistical error rate was determined to be 5.6%.

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## STUDENTS FACE TOUGH CHOICES AFTER UMM SUSPENDS ATHLETICS (from page 1)

for athletic participation would still be possible through intramurals and club sports models," says Daniel Qualls, head of campus at UMM. "In order to maintain a balanced budget in the coming fiscal year, we needed to significantly reduce our operating expenses. We had already restructured our budget in the previous year to eliminate inefficiencies, so we found ourselves in the position of having to choose between suspending varsity athletics or suspending an academic program."

As the university deals with preparations for its fall semester, Qualls says the decision was exacerbated by the added costs associated with providing a safe environment because of the coronavirus. "We used the word 'indefinite' because we wanted to be transparent to students," says Qualls. "We did not want to announce, 'Athletics will be back in one year,' and then not have the ability to bring it back. We were already exploring suspending one team prior to the pandemic, but the budget crisis after the pandemic was the main driver of this decision."

### Impact on student athletes

For senior athletes Caitlyn Lyons and Matthew Kenna, the final nod to their collegiate careers came to a sudden and dramatic end. Both say the communication of the decision was far from perfect, and to a degree unprofessional. While their coach had a meeting via Zoom, the athletes received e-mail notifications that the athletics program was being terminated.

"I feel terrible for our student athletes who've been impacted by this decision," says Michael Belanger, UMM director of fitness and athletics. "I hope they will continue to pursue their degrees at UMM but completely understand if anyone chooses to continue their athletic careers at another institution. They have my complete support in whatever they choose."

Lyons, who is majoring in biology and lives in Lubec, was a Washington Academy graduate with a stellar basketball career. During her three seasons at UMM Lyons was a two-time All-American, garnering a number of individual and team awards. "Personally, this decision has put me between a rock and a hard place," says Lyons. "I'm on track to score 2,000 career points, as well as making another trip to the national tournament. Now, this isn't a goal that I will have the opportunity to reach at UMM. Academically, as well as athletically, it is my senior year, and I have to ask myself if it's worth it to transfer somewhere else to play when I only have a year left."

"Coaches and players had absolutely no say in the discussions leading up to the decision," says Kenna, a basketball player from Titusville, Fla., and business major at UMM. "We were all kept completely in the dark about this even being a possibility. If players knew this was possible they would have considered transferring back in May/June. Finding out late July makes it so that some of the athletes have no choice but to return to UMM at least this first semester. This impacted me dramatically, as now going into my senior season I have five weeks to find a school where hopefully I can still play ball and finish out my degree."

UMM Coach and Associate Athletic Director Troy Alley has been involved with UMM athletics both during and since graduating from the school in 1995. He has coached both men's and women's basketball teams since 2015 and periodically coached both soccer teams. He notes the Alley family is vested in UMM athletics, and he personally is devastated by the school's decision to forgo athletic program and his loss of employment after so many years.

"I believe UMM will lose between 50 and 75 student athletes when it's all said and done," says Alley. "Most recruits have

already gone on to other opportunities. Many of our returning student athletes have either transferred or are in the process of transferring to another university or are currently looking. People need to understand these student athletes are the ones impacted the most by this decision. In a world that already has so much uncertainty for them and everyone else, UMM just added more uncertainty. My heart breaks for them."

He adds, "I believe this will also impact Washington County as a whole. We had a number of local high school athletes that were student athletes at UMM. Some kids wanted to continue their athletic careers locally, and now that opportunity no longer exists."

Qualls notes that UMM is assisting its student athletes with their decisions and plans for the upcoming semester. "We are assisting students' transfer to other schools with the hopes they will continue to play, possibly in the spring since most fall varsity athletics are on hold," says Qualls. "Additionally, our student athletes that remain will have their athletics scholarships honored through 2023-24."

### A partnership for preservation

While all concerned admit this was a tough decision primarily made because of current financial conditions, it begs the question of what impact the partnership with University of Maine (UM) had on this decision. Many in the community have expressed past concerns on the severe impact to the area should UMM ever close.

In March 2017 a partnership between UM and UMM was made official when the UM System Board of Trustees approved a partnership agreement to strengthen UMM's unique brand and reduce costs. The partnership's primary objectives centered on seeing an upward trend of enrollment at UMM and financial viability while becoming a regional campus of the UM System. UMM would work to reach the stated objectives while retaining its name and unique, regionally focused mission. Degree and athletic programs would continue, and diplomas would still be awarded and issued by UMM.

At that time enrollment at UMM was at 750 students, and it was noted that, over a five-year period prior to 2017, enrollment declined by as much as 20%. The new partnership would also allow students who are accepted at UM to attend a smaller school with a more individualized approach if that would be a better fit. At that time, UM President Sue Hunter said there were about 50 students who met that criteria and would be the catalyst to immediately begin increasing student numbers at UMM. Current enrollment for the 2020 fall semester is at 471 students, according to Cara Cushing, assistant director of marketing and communications.

### Community responds

According to retired UMM professor Richard Larson, athletics has been in a constant state of transition ever since the mid-1970s. "Many of the sports UMM has today began as club sports," says Larson. "Back then a student activity fee was collected and paid for much of the costs associated with club sports and athletics, but enrollment was also much higher back then."

Larson, who taught economics at UMM from 1977 to 2005, admits he and his wife have a soft spot for the athletics program and would contribute to it whenever they could. Larson believes one drain on the program has been the Center for Lifelong Learning, specifically the indoor aquatics area. "The administration in the 1990s believed the center would be self-funded by the community with memberships and outside organizations paying to use the facility," says Larson. "That did not mate-

rialize, and over time money from the education and general budget went to support the facility. This, too, is when the athletics budget started to see money funneled away."

Community response has been measured, with many people taking a wait-and-see attitude, while some were a bit surprised by the sudden decision. Speaking from his home in East Machias, Rep. Will Tuell, an ardent athletic supporter, is sorry to see this decision.

"The decision to suspend UMM's athletics program is certainly a blow to the

campus and our community," says Tuell. "I understand from a financial perspective why it was done and from a public health perspective as well. The COVID-19 situation has impacted everything, and money is tighter now than it ever has been. I also think that it could have been rolled out differently, that the campus and local community leaders should have been given a heads up – and especially the student athletes. Some of that is a product of timing, but it is never a good situation when folks are finding out weeks before the start of the fall semester."



PEACE RUNNERS pose outside the Wabanaki Culture Center in Calais in August 2018.

## International peace run being held online

Pre-pandemic the Sri Chinmoy One-ness-Home Peace Run was preparing to run more than 11,000 miles across America, Mexico and Canada, passing a torch for peace among school children and adults in an effort to promote harmony and friendship. Even though the runners may not physically be present in Calais this year, the spirit of the run continues.

Not to be daunted by travel restrictions, runners around the world have been dedicating miles run at home to peace in the spirit of oneness. Runners are participating in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia and the U.S. To continue the mission of spreading peace an art project was created called Expressions of Peace. Children submit drawings, paintings or photographs along with short statements about why it sparks peace within themselves.

The Peace Run has been to over 160 countries worldwide since its beginning in 1987 with more than seven million participants. The 16,000-mile European Peace Run that goes through 44 countries is also being run virtually by international athletes.

Peace Run founder Sri Chinmoy says, "Peace opens up the first door to every human hope." Young people are bringing that hope to light with their creativity and heartfelt quest for unity.

Runners and artists of all ages and abilities are invited to join by dedicating their steps to peace or sending their artwork to be shared on the Peace Run website at <www.peacerun.org>.

## Pickleball tourney to be held in Calais

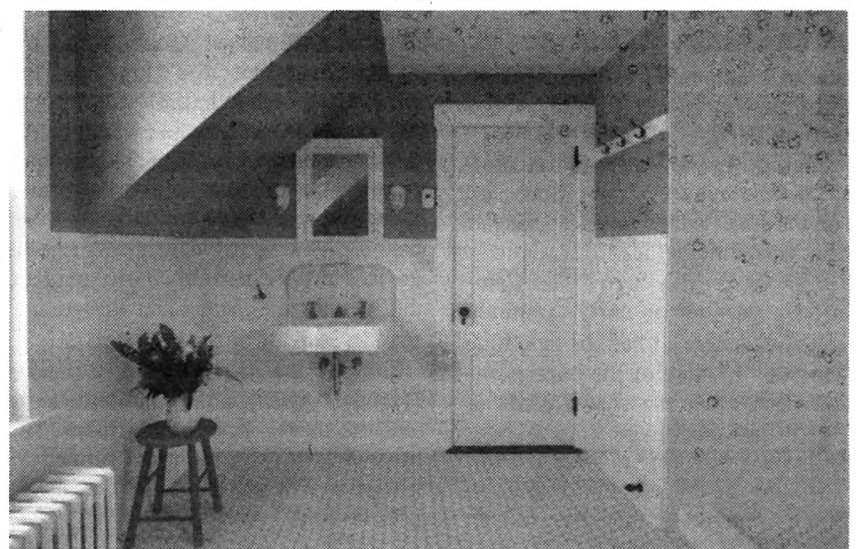
The St. Croix Valley Pickleball Fall Scramble will be held on Saturday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Calais tennis/pickleball courts. The fee is \$20 per person. To register, send an email to Keith Ramos at <krviera@yahoo.com> and please provide skill level. The rain date on Sunday, August 16, starting at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from this tournament will help to continue the growth of pickleball in Washington County and provide equipment to local schools interested in teaching pickleball.



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CASSIDY COOK performs at the drive-in at Herring Cove beach during Fogfest 2020. (Stephanie Anthony photo)

Fogfest offers music, art on Campobello

by Dorinda Davis

After a lot of uncertainty, Campobello Fogfest 2020 was held under very different conditions from past years. Because of COVID-19, the gatherings for events were downsized, and social distancing was maintained. Some of the events were broadcast live for those unable to attend. Live events held at venues on Campobello this year included Paint and Sip at the Pier Waterfront, where everyone could test their painting abilities while enjoying a beverage with Annabelle Juneau on hand to guide them. Music with FogFest favorite Claudette Norman could be heard live at Herring Cove Restaurant. July 31 highlights were the drive/sail-in music fest at Herring Cove Beach with former local girl Cassidy Cook performing, along with Shawn Richard and Off the Cuff.

August 1 started off with yoga on the beach with Annabelle Juneau. Whales and Wine with Island Cruises set sail that evening with Mike Chase as the special entertainer on board. Herring Cove park campers were treated to music at the campground bandstand by Nick Gay and SlowCoaster, and on August 2 Brett Mason and Mike Chase both performed at the Pier Waterfront during the afternoon. The festival this year also included art shows. An exhibit by local artist Joyce Morrell was set up at the Campobello Public Library. A drive-by art presentation was done by Daphne Carten, Addie Carten and Kiana Estabrooks at the Campobello Island Consolidated School outdoor courts. Special presentations by Brian Flynn, Ivan Daigle and Kendra Gale can be viewed online.



THE CAMPOBELLO SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 volunteered their time at the 2020 Fogfest events. (Ruth Barker photo)

Ferry helps with tourism on Deer Island

by Ashley Green

COVID-19 has impacted tourism all across the province, but for businesses such as Deer Island’s 45th Parallel Motel and Restaurant that rely heavily on summer tourism the impact of the global pandemic on the small island business has not been what was anticipated. Owner Diane Bustin says, “The Campobello ferry coming on early definitely helped [with business]. I had the best June I’ve ever had.” In spite of the restrictions on travel from other parts of Canada in June, Bustin saw customers from all over New Brunswick traveling to Deer Island. The opening of the Atlantic bubble in July, though, has had a negative impact

on Bustin’s business. Going from a busier than normal June to a slow July, Bustin says, “I’m down to half of what I normally do.” Bustin speculates that when the Atlantic bubble opened, some people became less comfortable moving around the province. However, with the introduction of the rebate for New Brunswickers who choose to go to New Brunswick tourist attractions, the 45th Parallel Motel and Restaurant has seen an increase so far in August. Despite the difficulties of COVID-19, Bustin is glad for the Campobello ferry and the access it gives customers to her business. “It’s not a normal summer. Is it as bad as it was when there was no Campobello ferry? Absolutely not.”

NBCC suspends six courses at St. Andrews

by Derwin Gowan

News that the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) will suspend six courses at its St. Andrews campus this fall caught Mayor Doug Naish by surprise. The college says it will suspend carpentry, welding and electrical and construction courses because of enrollment projections, and culinary arts, hotel and restaurant and international travel and tourism programs because of COVID-19, but the mayor would like to hear this in person at a meeting he hopes to have with NBCC management. “It represents 60 or 70 well-paying jobs in the community; it represents students coming here; it represents people in this community providing accommodations for students – it’s an income producing thing for some people – and it just changes the character of our community,” Naish says. He fears this could be the start of a “slippery slope” with NBCC pulling out of St. Andrews. Charlotte County schools now belong to a district organization based in Saint John, and Charlotte County residents now go to Saint John to attend court, the mayor noted. Strategic communications coordinator Tanya Greer explains in an e-mailed statement that NBCC recognizes its role as “an economic and social driver for the community” in St. Andrews, which has about 1,800 year-round residents, and plans keep its campus there. “St. Andrews has been particularly impacted by enrollment losses due to the uncertainty that international learners are facing when it comes to studying in Cana-

da right now. The St. Andrews campus has traditionally hosted programs that are of particular interest to international learners, such as our hospitality programs. But there are other programs where enrollment was declining before the pandemic as well,” she writes. NBCC Miramichi faced similar challenges several years ago but managed to turn the situation around. “We are optimistic that we can do the same in St. Andrews, knowing how important that campus is to the community and how committed the community is to it,” she states. Naish says the town will join any effort to recruit students, find accommodations and develop strategies to keep NBCC viable in St. Andrews – but he wants to know the plan. NBCC posted an announcement on its website that it would suspend courses this fall in St. Andrews and elsewhere, and he found out about it in a newspaper article. “I’m not arguing for special treatment; I’m just arguing that someone somewhere up the line in their system should have anticipated that this is a major change. And I would have thought, out of courtesy alone, someone there would have contacted us,” he says. “Without the explanation, I have a hard time to support a decision that was made pretty much in the absence of any input from us,” the mayor says. “I hope we will get a sit-down with the people that can tell us how this decision arose and give us some reassurance that this college is not slated for closure.” NBCC did not immediately respond to questions on whether management would meet with town representatives.



A NEW DISPLAY CASE features the birchbark art of Passamaquoddy Tomah Joseph in an exhibit at the Campobello Island Museum sponsored by Campobello Fogfest.

Island museum hosts birchbark display

A special exhibit of birchbark art by celebrated Passamaquoddy artisan and tribal Chief Tomah Joseph is on display at the Campobello Island Museum in Welshpool. Joseph offered these functional and attractive handmade items for sale to residents and visitors alike through the summer on Campobello. This celebrated collection includes a yarn holder, sewing basket, magazine holder, log cradle, canoe back rest, a decorative strip etched with his name and a canoe paddle. Many of the items are marked with Joseph’s signature and personal emblem, “Ko-ko-gus,” a wide-eyed owl. The exhibit is sponsored by Campobello FogFest, with the assistance of the Friends of the Campobello Museum. The Tomah Joseph collection will remain on display in the museum, which is open to visitors during regular library hours.

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## Animal bylaw revision stirs controversy

by Arlene Benham

A proposed revision to Grand Manan's animal control bylaw, which was to have its first reading at the August 10 council meeting, sparked some public debate in the days before the meeting, although the contents of the new bylaw were as yet unknown. Intended to replace the previous dog bylaw, it was expected to add guidelines for livestock and poultry, and follows complaints made in March about animals roaming and damaging neighbouring properties. Residents who feared they wouldn't be allowed to have chickens anymore packed into the limited seating in the council chamber.

In the 10-minute open session, several people objected to a bylaw restricting "something we've always had the freedom to do," pointed out educational and organic-food benefits of keeping livestock, read three letters from other residents and questioned how an enforcement officer would be trained. One asked for a "mediation bylaw" instead of a "blanket bylaw" on people who are "doing everything right," and another expressed frustration that there had been no public discussion of the bylaw's contents and said, "I don't understand why this is a secret."

Mayor Dennis Greene said, "We've always had an animal control bylaw." He stated that all residents had to do was go to the village office and ask to see it. As they prepared for the first reading, Councillor Roger Fitzsimmons said he didn't believe the bylaw had the support of council, and Deputy Mayor Wayne Sturgeon pointed out that after a procedural bylaw is passed, they couldn't revisit it for six months. Fitzsimmons thought there should be more discussion, and after some debate, councillors voted unanimously to table the bylaw for two months. Some of the audience appeared unhappy with that as well.

Also given a first and second reading was a bylaw to replace the previous building bylaw, which dated from 1997. It brings the bylaw into line with the current national building code. This also drew some objection from the audience as people questioned whether permits were required for certain renovations. Sturgeon attempted to clarify structural modifications versus replacement of existing components and the requirements for fire exits.

Mayor Greene read several letters, the first regarding the village's request for a reduction of the council's quorum from the current five, which gives no allowance for absences since four have resigned. Minister of Environment and Local Government Jeff Carr responded that while he understood the pressure on councillors and appreciated their efforts, he did not have the discretion to allow the reduction. If the council loses its quorum, an administrator would be appointed, as has been done on Campobello.

A letter from MP John Williamson to Minister of Transport Marc Garneau asked for support for capital assistance funding for "desperately" needed airport improvements, pointing out that while Grand Man-

an wasn't eligible for Airports Capital Assistance Program funding, which requires a minimum of 1,000 commercial passengers per year, it should qualify as "remote" under the National Airports Policy, which allows exemptions from that requirement. He pointed out the need for safe landing conditions for medevac flights and cited a case where an Ambulance New Brunswick (ANB) plane was unable to land. Greene also read a letter from the president of ANB expressing support for repairs and pointing out the alternative – the ferry – means bringing an ambulance from the mainland and is subject to schedule limitations and mechanical issues. Approximately 90 people per year are flown out.

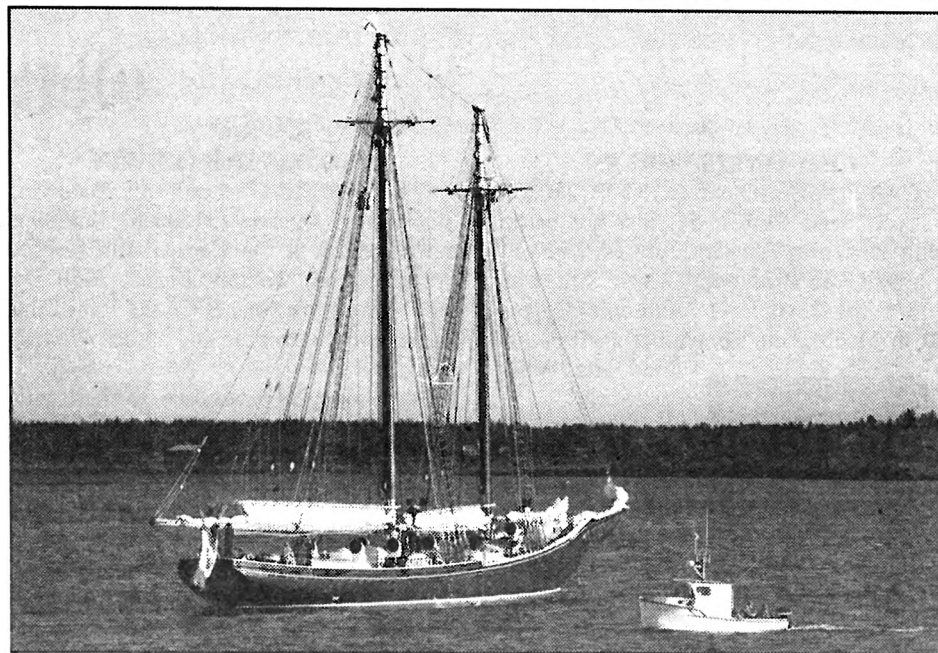
Another letter from the Rotary Club pledged \$20,000 per year for five years toward the proposed wellness center, in addition to the \$100,000 the Rotary Club has already committed. The council approved a resolution to apply for \$800,000 of interim financing from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board; this would be used to pay contractors if the project goes ahead and if the village has to wait for government funding to come through. A previous application for \$2 million has expired, and the village's cost is now expected to be approximately \$400,000 – 7% of the total cost, with more government funding possible. They are not committed to actually borrow the money if the project does not go ahead.

Greene also read a letter of thanks to Mark Ingersoll, who recently resigned from council and will continue to serve on the airport committee. Some discussion about naming a lane off Bancroft Point Road was tabled pending further discussion with the property owners.

Recreation Director Chris Rayner summarized the work to date on the outdoor sports courts, delayed by pandemic restrictions: the subcontractor that was to apply the coating is in Quebec and a New Brunswick company had to be found instead. Fencing, surfacing and pickleball posts are expected to be done this month, and he hopes the project will be complete by September 4. Baseball and softball seasons are going well, as is minor baseball, and the Castalia field has a new dugout. An exhibition game between Sussex and Kennebecasis Valley teams will be held on Saturday, August 29. Several Grand Manan boys are playing with mainland teams, including Sussex. The fitness center is now open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 12-5 p.m. An operational plan for the arena may be done in September. Rayner expects to see some fund-raising for the Seal Cove playground begin and said the parents' group will be meeting soon.

Constable Kelsey Roberts reported that the RCMP had 87 calls in July, including five Quarantine Act files related to COVID-19, and several traffic violations; they conducted three checkpoints.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the village office.



GREETED by a variety of craft from fishing boats to jet-skis, the Bluenose II anchors in North Head harbour on August 2. (Arlene Benham photo)

## Schooner Bluenose II visits Grand Manan

by Arlene Benham

On a "sail-past" tour of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ports, the iconic Canadian schooner *Bluenose II* visited Grand Manan on Sunday, August 2, bringing some entertainment to islanders and visitors alike on a weekend that in previous years has been devoted to the Rotary Festival. The festival had already been cancelled prior to the pandemic due to lack of manpower to manage events. The *Bluenose* arrived on a sunny, breezy afternoon and dropped anchor in North Head harbour. People gathered along the shoreline and wharves during the ship's arrival, and for the next few hours a steady stream of onlookers continued to stop by the various vantage points.

*Bluenose II* was launched in 1963 from the Smith & Rhuland shipyard in Lunenburg, where the original *Bluenose* was built 42 years before that. It is an exact replica of the original, which became a national icon, racing undefeated for 17 years in the International Fishermen's Cup. With its usual schedule and tours put on hold by the pandemic and no visitors allowed onboard, *Bluenose II* embarked on its "Sail Past Summer" on July 27, with 26 Nova Scotia ports scheduled for visits, along with some in New Brunswick

and Prince Edward Island.

Nova Scotia Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage Leo Glavine states, "Today, the young crew aboard *Bluenose II* aims to again help Nova Scotians and Canadians remember their strength and resilience. We hope that seeing the ship sail along our sea-bound coast will help communities remember that as with all storms, the sun will shine again." The 20-person crew forms its own "bubble," and to maintain isolation the ship will not be docking in any ports. Captain Phil Watson says, "Through our teamwork onboard we hope to embody the unity that is being shown ashore. It is the crew's belief that seeing *Bluenose II* sailing in our waters will inspire communities to remember their strengths as they work together for a better future."

As twilight fell, a string of lights in the shape of a large heart decorated the schooner's rigging, and more onlookers gathered at Stanley Beach as the nearly-full moon rose for a picture-perfect backdrop. The ship's intended departure on August 3 was delayed by wind and it remained off Castalia Bank for the day, finally hoisting anchor shortly after another big pink moon rose later that evening. It returned to Lunenburg until tropical storm Isaias passed.

## Island firefighters aid with two rescues

by Arlene Benham

Grand Manan volunteer firefighters were called to two separate rescue incidents recently.

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 6, four kayakers who had paddled from Whale Cove around Swallowtail Lighthouse found the breezy conditions worse than they had expected. Two overturned. Firefighter Andrew Jones thinks some tourists at the lighthouse spotted the paddlers and called in the alarm. He was one of the first on the scene as he had been at the North Head wharf attending to his own boat. Lambert Family Adventures and the Grand Manan Whale and Seabird Research Station also responded with their boats. "They were terrific," Jones says. They picked up the kayakers and retrieved the kayaks. Jones says one person thought she would paddle back to Whale Cove but it was too windy. He says they were probably in the water 30-45 minutes, and although two spent a night in the hospital, none were seriously injured.

On July 18, rescuers were called to Eel Brook beach, where someone had gone swimming and got into trouble. It was after dark, and once again boats responded from North Head. They took the swimmer to a waiting ambulance at Whale Cove. The person was taken to hospital but also was not badly hurt.

The fire department does not have its own boat, but Jones describes excellent cooperation between first responders, fish-

ermen and other boat owners. "Even without a boat, each time we've been able to play a key role" in rescues, he says. "Lots of times" other agencies won't go to remote or difficult-access places such as Eel Brook, but "often someone is out with a boat" such as Cooke Aquaculture employees. Some department members work on the water and have their own boats, and responders can always borrow something. He says that while having a rescue boat is an "ultimate goal" for the department, it would still need to be in the water where it's needed, so to be effective they might need several boats at different harbours.

He says, "Over the last couple of years we've had several offshore rescues where fishermen have taken their own boats," facing treacherous conditions and fog. "We're so fortunate to have so many terrific people on the fire department; they all have unique abilities." The 28 members are also spread all over the island, so whenever a call is received, it isn't long before "someone says 'I'm almost there.'" He notes that Lambert Family Adventures responded in both recent incidents.

Jones advises kayakers to "file a sailing plan," letting someone know where they will be, and to use safety gear recommended by Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide. He says he sometimes sees people kayaking without personal flotation devices. "They always feel they're doing it safely, but life jackets were key" in the successful Swallowtail rescue.

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## Obituaries

### LISA MARIE SURLES

CAMPOBELLO and CONNECTICUT – Lisa Marie Surles, 51, lost her battle with cancer on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at a hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. She was born at the Down East Community Hospital in Machias on September 1, 1968, to



Joan and William Surles. She was predeceased by her father. She is survived by her mother, Joan and husband Robert Aponte; two sons, Ryan and Brandon Betes; one brother, Jason Aponte; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and a best friend, Rita Ganong.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

### DEATH NOTICES

**Michael Joseph Musante**, 68, passed away at his home on Cathance Lake on July 31. He was born in Greenfield, Mass., on January 19, 1952. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in East Machias on August 9, with a second service planned in Athol, Mass., in September.

**Ruth Iris Griffin Wilcox**, 83, formerly of Grand Manan, passed away on July 26, 2020, at the Passamaquoddy Lodge in St. Andrews. She was born in Advocate, N.S., on February 7, 1937, the daughter of the late Russell and Violet Bennett. A celebration of her life was held on July 30 at Spruce Grove Cemetery in Mark Hill, Grand Manan.



### In Memoriam

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I felt an angel oh so close,  
sent to comfort me.  
I felt an angel's kiss,  
soft upon my cheek,  
And oh, without a single word  
of caring did it speak.  
I felt an angel's loving touch,  
soft upon my heart,  
And with that touch, I felt the pain  
and hurt within depart.  
I felt an angel's tepid tears,  
fall softly next to mine,  
And knew that as those tears did dry  
a new day would be mine.  
I felt an angel's silken wings  
enfold me with pure love,  
And felt a strength within me grow,  
a strength sent from above.  
I felt an angel oh so close,  
though one I could not see,  
I felt an angel near today,  
sent to comfort me.

**Author Unknown**

We miss and love you so much.  
Rest in peace, my princess.

In our hearts forever.

From Momma, Aidan,  
Grandma and  
many others

### LEO DAVID BALDWIN

CAMPOBELLO – Leo David Baldwin, husband of Deanna (Malloch) Baldwin, passed away at the Campobello Lodge, Welshpool, on Monday, June 1, 2020. He was born in Victoria, B.C., the son of the late Edwin Roderick and Grace (Jones) Baldwin.

For almost 38 years Leo worked with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a weapons technician. When Leo retired in 1990, he and Deanna moved to the island of Campobello and thoroughly enjoyed their time there.



He became very involved with the local Royal Canadian Legion for many years. Leo and Deanna became very involved in the lighthouse

restoration project starting in 2006.

Survivors in addition to his wife of 57 years, Deanna, are his son, Robert and his wife Sue of Moncton; two brothers, Roy and his wife Mary of Victoria, B.C., and Neil and wife Shareen of Vancouver, B.C.; five grandchildren, Joel, Ben, Brandon, Brooklynn and Amelia; and many nieces and nephews.

Leo was predeceased by his daughter, Bonnie Phillips; and his sister, Roberta.

By Leo's request there will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. A memorial celebration of his life will take place at the graveside at Wilson's Beach Community Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 15.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Society or a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences to the family or donations can be made at <www.humphreysfh.com>. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care and direction of Humphreys Funeral Home, St. Stephen.

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### MARVELLE C. POTTLE

ROBBINSTON and CALAIS – Marvella Cora Pottle, 87, went home to be with the Lord on August 5, 2020. Marvella was born in Perry on January 14, 1933, the daughter of Wesley and Gladys (Johnson) Pottle.

She had a strong work ethic and held several jobs over the years. Beginning at the local sardine factories, then at Ware Knitters, Hathaway's and Guilford Industries doing piece work, she also worked with Project Lodestone. In her later years Marvella worked as a CNA at Barnard's Nursing Home in Calais before retirement. Her hobbies included sewing, puzzles and cooking. She was well known for her apple-sauce, bread and butter pickles and legendary apple pies.



Marvella was a strong, independent woman of faith with a huge heart and a sweet nurturing spirit. She had a great love of her family, who affectionately referred to her as Sis or Nan. Though she had no biological children of her own, a special great-niece, Lanette, stole her heart from the moment she was born. She treated her as a daughter and considered her as such. They had an incredibly close relationship, and together many treasured memories were made - none as special as when she became a grandmother. It was a role and privilege she cherished. Nothing brought her more joy than her "grandchildren" Chris and Katie. She was proud of them both, which was easy to see as her eyes twinkled every time she talked about them.

In addition to her parents, Marvella was predeceased by all of her brothers and their wives, Leonard and Roberta, Richard and Gerry, Carroll and Ruthie, Shirl and Meg and Franklin; along with a very special sister-in-law, Della (Wilson) Pottle. She is survived by her loving companion of 13 years, John Tenters of Calais; "daughter," Lanette Pottle and husband Mike of Robbinston; and "grandchildren," Christopher Woodside of Standish, Kaytlin Bremmer of Florida, Scott Pottle and his wife Corrie of Georgia, Kayla Pottle and her fiancé Ben Clark of Calais and Jesse Pottle of Calais; many nieces and nephews; as well as extended family and special friends.

A short graveside service was held at Brewer Cemetery in Robbinston on Saturday, August 8. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home, Calais and Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.maysfuneralhome.com>.

### In Memoriam

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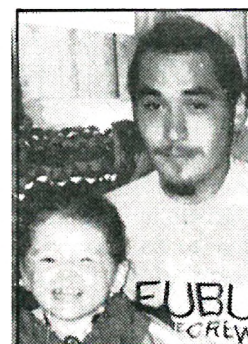
Lovingly remembered by:

Wife – Laura  
Children  
Grandchildren  
Great-grandchildren

### NICHOLAS J. DANA JR.

SIPAYIK – Nicholas Dana Jr. passed away from an unexpected head injury on Sunday, July 26, 2020. Nicholas, also known as "Nicky," was born and raised by his mother, Marsha Ann (Sapiel) Dana, of Sipayik and father, Nicholas Dana Sr., from Indian Township.

He left behind his only child, Nadia Marie Dana; and his two grandsons; along with his siblings. Nicky was raised on the Sipayik reservation. He attended high school at Fryberg Academy and graduated from Lee Academy. He went on to work as a carpenter in California for several years until moving back to the reservation when his mother, Marsha, passed away.



Nicky was a kind and humble man with a great sense of humor. He could be found cracking jokes and bringing joy to those around him with a contagious smile and laugh or fine-tuning his artistic abilities through beadwork with his mother. He had many friends he thought of as siblings. He would give the shirt off his back even if he didn't have much to give. Nicky dicky was always happy, smiling and caring. Whenever we hear a bird chirp, we will remember him and the memories we share. Nick will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his daughter, Nadia Dana; his two beautiful grandsons, Nolan Ernest and Elias Quinn; his father, Nicholas Sr. and his wife Annette Dana of Indian Township; sisters, Natalie and her husband Kyle Dana-Lolar of Indian Island, Stacey Rae and husband Dan LaCoote of Indian Township and Cassandra and her husband Kevin Murray of Indian Township; uncles, James and wife Theresa Sapiel of Pleasant Point and Joe Sapiel of Pleasant Point; aunts, Clarice Sapiel and son Wesley of Pleasant Point and Sandra Lewey of Pleasant Point; cousin, Bradley; and so many more nieces, nephews and numerous cousins. He was predeceased by maternal grandparents, Mae Nicholas and Linwood "Red" Sapiel; mother, Marsha Sapiel; brothers, Dominic Dana and Anthony Dana; aunts, Veronica, Phyllis and Flora Sapiel; uncles, Lenny and Dominic Sapiel; and cousins, Fawn Sapiel and Shane Sapiel.

Services will be postponed until a later date because of current restrictions with COVID-19. Arrangements are by Mays Funeral Home, Calais and Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at <www.maysfuneralhome.com>.

### CARDS OF THANKS AND OBITUARIES

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## Obituaries

### HARRY WILLIAM STANHOPE

KANNAPOLIS, N.C., and ROBBINSTON – Harry William Stanhope, 86, quietly passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at hospice in Kannapolis, N.C. He was born on the Ridge Road family farm in Robbinston on December 26, 1933.

He was proud of his Maine heritage and never lost his accent, even after living for years in the South. He was the kind of character that only Downeast Maine produces. He was kind and generous but not much for government help or support. He

loved to tease, but in a good-hearted way – mostly. He was well traveled, very smart and well read, but didn't worry much about his clothing, general personal appearance or the model car he drove. He believed strongly in the power of education and quietly provided many young relatives with college funds.

Harry graduated from Calais Memorial High School in 1951. During high school he was active in 4H and was selected to attend the Maine Boys State Program. Harry was a 1955 graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. He started his working career with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company designing rubber components for farm machinery. Eventually, Harry was hired by Celanese Corporation, a large chemical and fiber manufacturer, where he worked for over 25 years. He was internationally known as an expert in the technology of reinforcing rubber with polyester fiber. His work led to the development of improved, longer-lasting radial tires, fire hose, automobile V-belts and reinforced rubber conveyor belts for mining and warehousing industries. Harry developed new fiber reinforcement products and traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Asia and Europe providing technical support to Celanese customers. He held six patents in the field and retired as a senior research associate.

Harry was committed to raising his two sons, David and Mike, and was a very active leader in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He spent a lot of time working on pinewood derby cars and at Tuesday night swim meets. He was also there for his step-daughter Elisabeth during her high school years supporting her cheerleading at Friday night games and weekend competitions.

Harry's passions included woodworking, gardening and outdoor activities like

fishing, camping and hiking. His love for the outdoor life spent on the farm in Maine never left him, and every summer the family would load up the car and return there to help out. Harry's love for the land and his many skills as a woodsman – learned on the Robbinston farm – even led to an appearance on a public access TV show where he demonstrated proper chainsaw use.

Later in life Harry's greatest joy was working daily in his garden. He was a master gardener, and in 2017 was awarded the Grand Oak Award for his leadership, generosity, dedication and loyalty by the Cabarrus County, North Carolina Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association. Over his retirement years he raised and donated many dozens of Lenten roses – for which he was especially known – gave away hundreds of pounds of beautiful tomatoes and built and donated hundreds of bluebird houses. Harry donated his time and skills to Habitat for Humanity, the Cabarrus County Fair and Meals on Wheels. He was a generous contributor to the Robbinston School Library Fund, which he helped organize in memory of his parents, Harry Edward Stanhope and Marion Gray Stanhope.

Harry is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jean Harwood-Stanhope of Concord, N.C.; his sisters, Anne Rider of Winston Salem, N.C., and Harriet Burke and husband Alan of Skowhegan; his brother, Richard Stanhope and wife Jessie of Glenburn; his sons, Michael and wife Donna Latham of Atlanta, Ga., and David and wife Jeni Cunningham of Apex, N.C.; his grandchild, Michelle Campbell and Kenzie of Greensboro, N.C.; his stepchildren, Kelly Harwood and Anna of Mt. Pleasant, N.C., and Elisabeth Bryson and Scott of Honolulu, Hawaii; and his beloved golden retriever, Buddy. Harry was predeceased by an infant brother, Gray; and his parents, Harry Edward and Marion Gray Stanhope of Ridge Road, Robbinston.

Because of current circumstances, a private memorial service for immediate family will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made at <umainefoundation.org/memorial> or by mail to: University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792 for general scholarship aid to students at the University of Maine.

#### Card of Thanks

The family of David Watts would like to thank our family and friends for thinking of us during our time of loss. God bless all of you.

Wife – Jean and family  
Sister – Susan and family

### JAMES HENRY BEZANSON

LUBEC – On Friday, May 15, 2020, James Henry Bezanson, 95, of Lubec, beloved husband of Lois J. Bezanson, passed away peacefully into the presence of the Lord Jesus at Togus Veterans Hospital, Augusta.

James was born March 16, 1925, in Melrose, Mass., the son of James H. and Mary (O'Conner) Bezanson. On February 15, 1942, soon after the nation became involved in WWII, James H. Bezanson Jr. was drafted into the U.S. Navy. Jim was

listed in the muster of the USS *Intrepid*. The *Intrepid* provided cover for the invasion of Okinawa. He was also posted to the USS *Curtiss* twice and, later in the war, to the USS *Yorktown* (CV-10). Jim's final duty, according to Department of the Navy records, as a seasoned veteran of two horrendous kamikaze attacks on the USS *Intrepid* and the USS *Curtiss*, was aboard the USS *Yorktown* as a dive bomber on a SB-2C, assigned to the bombing of Tokyo preparing for the invasion of Japan. After the Tokyo mission in July and refueling, the *Yorktown* waited in the waters off Honshu from August 16 to 23, 1945, while surrender terms were negotiated. Once hostilities ended, the *Yorktown* planes flew food-drops into the prisoner of war camps in which American and allied troops faced starvation.

After the war James moved to Eastport, where he married Norma Lewis. He managed one of the last sardine factories operating in Eastport. After leaving the sardine factory Jim joined the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service, which took him to Aroostook County and then to Lubec, where he retired as port director with Customs and Immigration Service in 1990.

Jim's intellectual capacity harbored many interests and talents, and he built an extensive library of books that he loved to study and research. He participated and joined many organizations in both East-

port and Lubec. He was president of the Eastport Rotary Club, active in the VFW, Knights of Columbus, historical societies, Lubec medical center board of directors and numerous community-sponsored events.

He organized 4th of July celebrations in Eastport and was the master of ceremonies in several music productions.

Jim was artistically talented, known for his great singing voice, quick wit, creativity and humor, carving pumpkins, building models or dioramas for school classrooms, fixing antiques and clocks and building and repairing organs. Jim's life, manner and contributions made him many friends and acquaintances over the years, which he enjoyed.

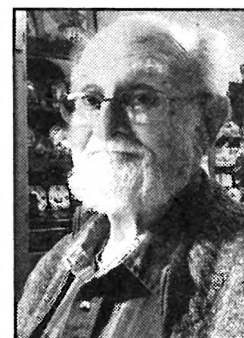
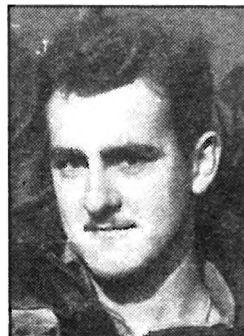
Jim's interest in music brought him to meet Lois March, a well-known music teacher in Lubec, and they married in 1995, sharing a wonderful life together.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Bezanson of Lubec; Joseph and Donna Lewis of Eastport; Sarah Kastagir of Seal Beach, Calif.; David and Mary Heffley of Denver, Pa.; Linda Till of Jamestown, N.C.; Thomas Heffley of Lebanon, Pa.; 11 step-grandchildren; and 24 great-step-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at the Lubec Congregational Church on Saturday, August 22, at 2 p.m. for family and invited friends. A reception to follow will be provided by the American Legion of Lubec.

An open celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date after the COVID-19 restrictions ease up. Donations in memory of Jim can be made to Community Health & Counseling or any charity of donor's choice.

The family wants to thank the doctors, nurses, healthcare personnel, Jolene Shults, Craig McCaslin and all the supporting friends he had in this life.



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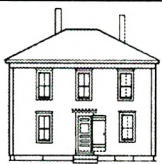
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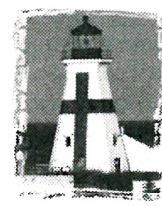
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## TOWN OF PERRY Notice of Tax Sale

The Town of Perry is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in three tax-acquired properties. Each bid must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked "Tax Sale Bid" with map and lot for each property. Each bid requires a 10% deposit in the form of a bank check or money order. **All bids must be received by the Board of Selectmen no later than 5 p.m. on August 31, 2020.** Late bids will not be opened or considered.

Bids must be on the official bid form provided by the Town Office. **Bids will be opened and reviewed by the selectmen at their meeting on September 1, 2020 at 6 p.m.**

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each successful bidder shall have 30 days from the date of bid acceptance in which to complete the purchase; if not completed within 30 days the town may keep any payments made including the 10% deposit.

The selectmen may, at that time, advertise the property for sale again. The property will be conveyed by quit claim deed. Property is being sold as is, where is, with no warranties.

The property for sale is described on the town tax maps as:

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- 2) Gin Cove Road – Map 16, Lot 30 – Minimum Bid \$1,215.47
- 3) Gin Cove Road – Map 16, Lot 32 – Minimum Bid \$100.00

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- All deck boards replaced with 1 1/2" pressure treated or 2x6 cedar. (Please include estimate for both options.)
- Install an access hatch underneath stage. Install black geotech fabric, covered with gravel to cover entire area under stage.
- Replace and repair fascia boards and frieze boards.
- Replace roof materials with either fiberglass or cedar shingles (include estimates for both options), including drip edge. If necessary, replace rotten sub-sheathing boards after seeking approval from Town Administrator.
- Check and replace if necessary central post supporting deck. Replace center carrying beam with 2x10 pressure treated.
- Duplicate railing design as close as possible using 1 1/2" framing stock.
- Replace 8 posts located around the deck, with 6x6 newell posts.

The bid will include all labor, materials and cleanup.

For questions, please contact: Renée Gray, Lubec Town Administrator, Town of Lubec, 40 School Street, Lubec, Maine 04652, by phone 207-733-2341 or e-mail me at [townadministrator@townoflubec.com](mailto:townadministrator@townoflubec.com).

Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Proposal for Bandstand Repair" and received at the Lubec Town Office prior to the close of business on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Proposals will be opened and reviewed during the selectmen's meeting on September 16, 2020. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bidder must provide proof of liability insurance before project starts.

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The Town of Lubec is accepting bids on the following properties acquired through the lien process. Property is being sold "where is, as is" and with no warranties.

1) 1013 North Lubec Road, Map 014 Lot 036-006 (minimum bid \$60,000)

Bid packets are available on the Town of Lubec website <www.townoflubec.com> and at the Lubec Town Office during business hours. The Town of Lubec will consider any and all bids and reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bids close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2020 and will be opened at the September 2, 2020, select board meeting at 6 p.m.

Interested individuals may contact:

Town of Lubec  
Renee Gray, Town Administrator  
40 School Street, Lubec, Maine 04652  
Email: townadministrator@townoflubec.com  
Tel: 207-733-2341 • Fax: 207-733-4737

## AOS #77 Immediate Openings

### SUBSTITUTES:

Teachers  
Cooks  
Custodians  
Bus Drivers

Application packets available at:  
Superintendent of Schools Office  
AOS #77  
Sunrise County School System  
100 High Street  
PO Box 190  
Eastport, ME 04631  
853-2567  
Email hjkilby@shead.org  
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## AD Pottle Trucking LLC

P.O. Box 194  
Eastport, ME 04631  
Phone: 853-3137  
Fax: 853-7073  
David Pottle, Owner

- Land Clearing
- Rights of Way
- Power Lines



## EASTPORT HEALTH CARE INC.

30 Boynton Street  
Eastport, ME 04631

## Full-Time Certified Medical Assistant

### Behavioral Health Department – Machias Office

\$500 Sign-on Bonus (after successful completion of 90-day probationary period)

Eastport Health Care aspires to meet a full spectrum of health needs in rural Maine with innovative, affordable treatment. Leading through listening, learning through partnership and serving through collaboration make us agents of change for better health outcomes in Washington County. If you are interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you!

We offer a great work environment, comprehensive benefits, and market competitive salary. The position requires excellent communication and people skills, clinical and administrative experience, proficient computer skills and travel is required within our service area. Electronic medical record experience is a plus.

Please submit cover letter and resumé to:

Eastport Health Care Inc.  
Attn: Roxy Woodworth, H.R. Manager  
30 Boynton St.  
Eastport, ME 04631  
rwoodworth@eastporthealth.org

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## EASTPORT HEALTH CARE INC.

30 Boynton Street  
Eastport, ME 04631

## Per Diem CNA/CMA

### Machias Office

People are the key to success of our health center, and we rely on our staff to make our patient-focused vision come to life. If you are a Certified Medical Assistant or Certified Nursing Assistant interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you!

Eastport Health Care has an opening for a per diem CNA or CMA in our Machias Family Practice office. The position requires excellent people skills and the ability to provide coverage as an MA or Patient Service Representative when needed. Must have proficient computer skills and possess excellent communication skills and a positive attitude. Electronic medical record experience is a plus.

Please submit cover letter and resumé to:

Eastport Health Care Inc.  
Attn: Roxy Woodworth, H.R. Manager  
30 Boynton St.  
Eastport, ME 04631  
rwoodworth@eastporthealth.org

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## Registered Nurse

### Great career opportunity in Washington County!

Sunrise Opportunities is a nonprofit agency that provides a wide range of community and residential based services to individuals with intellectual, mental health and physical challenges.

Our agency is seeking a dynamic and experienced Registered Nurse to oversee the medical needs of our consumers, provide trainings to staff and review and construct recommendations that ensure all consumers are receiving optimal care. This position will also collaborate with outside providers when required. This position is primarily located in Eastport but will have some occasional travel to other programs throughout Washington County.

#### Qualifications:

- Registered Nursing License in the State of Maine
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word/Excel
- Administration and supervisory experience
- Working knowledge or ability to understand MaineCare and other regulatory guidelines

For more information or to submit a resume please contact Julie Daniels at:

P.O. Box 88  
26 Hadley Lake Road  
Machias, ME 04654  
207-255-6789  
daniels@sun-rise.tv

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## EASTPORT HEALTH CARE INC.

30 Boynton Street  
Eastport, ME 04631

## Dental Hygienist

### Full-time/Part-time

Eastport Health Care Inc., located on the ocean in beautiful Downeast Maine, is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) that provides dental, medical and behavioral health services. EHC is looking for a full-time or part-time Dental Hygienist to provide preventive hygiene services and care to patients, ages 6 months and up. Your expertise will be embedded into an integrated care clinic that follows patient-centered medical home guidelines and principles. New grads are encouraged to apply.

#### Job Requirements:

- Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program.
- Hold an active Maine dental hygiene license and dental radiograph license.
- Obtain or hold a valid CPR certification.
- Ability to maintain harmonious relationship with staff, patients and professionals.
- Detail-oriented and precision-focused with a high degree of accuracy.
- Ability to prioritize, multitask and manage time effectively.

Generous compensation and benefit package.

Please submit cover letter and CV to:

Eastport Health Care Inc.  
Attn: Roxanne Woodworth, HR  
30 Boynton Street  
Eastport, ME 04631  
rwoodworth@eastporthealth.org

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## PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Immediate Opening

1-1 Ed Tech II or III

To ride the bus each morning and afternoon Monday through Friday to and from the Perry Elementary School.

Position will be filled when suitable candidate is found.

Applications available at:

Superintendent of Schools Office  
AOS #77

Sunrise County School System

100 High Street

PO Box 190

Eastport, ME 04631

853-2567

Email [hjkilby@shead.org](mailto:hjkilby@shead.org)

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## FIRST ATLANTIC HEALTHCARE WASHINGTON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING Job Openings

**Wanted Per Diem  
Certified Residential  
Medication Aide  
& Personal Support Specialist**

Must be able to work variety of shifts,  
weekends and/or holidays.

Application may be obtained at:

40 Palmer St.

Calais, ME

207-454-3663

Equal Opportunity Employer

## Immediate Opening

### Transporter

Person needed to transport students to and from Perry to Calais Day Treatment on a daily basis (drop-off 8 a.m.; pick-up at 1:50 p.m.) during the 2020-2021 school year.

Mileage and hourly rate of pay will be determined based upon experience and distance traveled. Candidate must hold a valid driver's license, have a criminal history/background check/fingerprint approval and proof of full coverage insurance. Position will be filled when suitable candidate is found.

Applications available at:

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Sunrise County School System

100 High Street, PO Box 190

Eastport, ME 04631

853-2567

Email [hjkilby@shead.org](mailto:hjkilby@shead.org)

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## PEAVEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

26 Water Street, Eastport, ME 04631

(207) 853-4021

[peavememoriallibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:peavememoriallibrary@yahoo.com)

### Notice

The Peavey Memorial Library intends to file an application for federal assistance with the USDA Rural Development. This assistance is needed for the purpose of financing a portion of the Peavey Library Masonry Restoration Project.

Information regarding the proposed project can be obtained from the library. Written comments regarding the proposed project may be sent by U.S. mail to the library or by email as listed above.

Comments sent by email must be received within 10 days of this notice. Comments sent by U.S. mail must be postmarked within 10 days of this notice.

## Coast of Maine

### Seasonal Full-time Help Wanted

Coast of Maine Organic Products Inc. has a production facility in Marion. We have immediate openings for multiple general labor positions on a soil-bagging line. Shifts will run three on three off, 12-hour day shifts only (no night shifts).

We have a limited number of positions requiring front-end loader and forklift operation. On-site training will be provided, and experience is preferred but not required.

Pay starts at \$12/hour base rate with production incentives. Average hourly pay (including incentive) is ~\$15 but can be substantially higher.

Qualified and interested parties, please email your resume to [sherrym@coastofmaine.com](mailto:sherrym@coastofmaine.com) or call 207-726-9532 ext. 0.

## TOWN OF PEMBROKE Notice of Tax Sale

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Pembroke is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in two tax-acquired properties. Each bid must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked "Tax Sale Bid" with map and lot for each property. All bids must be received by the Board of Selectmen no later than 5 p.m. on August 31, 2020. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

Bids must be on the official bid form provided by the Town Office. Bid deposits must be made with bank check or money order. Bids will be opened and reviewed by the selectmen at their meeting on August 31, 2020 at 6 p.m. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each successful bidder shall have 30 days from the date of bid acceptance in which to complete the purchase. If the purchase is not completed within 30 days, the town may keep any payments made, including the 10% deposit. The selectmen may, at that time, advertise the property for sale again. The property will be conveyed by quit-claim deed without covenants. Property is being sold as is, where is with no warranties.

The property for sale is described on the town tax maps as:

**Map 17, Lot 34 – minimum bid \$3,300**

**Map 02, Lot 38-1 – minimum bid \$4,000**

Further information is available at the Pembroke Town Office and may be reviewed during regular business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 12 to 5.

## Laundry Aide, Housekeeping and Dietary Aides

Maine Veterans' Homes Machias facility is seeking the following positions in the Environmental Services / Dietary Departments:

- Laundry Aide – full-time (40 hours) every other weekend.
- Housekeeping / Laundry Aides – per diem
- Food Service Workers – per diem

Maine Veterans' Homes offers competitive wages and benefits including employer contribution to medical, dental, life, short term and long disability plans. Supplemental life and dependent life insurance are available to purchase. Also offered are participation in the Maine Public Employees' Retirement System 403(b) plan with employer match, generous Earned Benefit Time, continuing education opportunities, tuition loan assistance and a robust Wellness Program.

The successful candidates should have prior experience in institutional laundry, housekeeping and food service in a health care environment.

If you would like to have a job that you can truly be proud of, Maine Veterans' Homes is the place for you. For immediate consideration, you may mail / e-mail a cover letter and resumé to:

MAINE VETERANS' HOME – MACHIAS

Residential Care Director

32 Veterans Way, Machias, ME 04654

(207) 255-2404 or 1-877-866-4669

[fhierault@mainevets.org](mailto:fhierault@mainevets.org) (housekeeping / Laundry)

(207)255-2405 or 1-877-866-4669

[wcandemo@mainevets.org](mailto:wcandemo@mainevets.org) (Dietary)

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Maine Veterans' Homes is a public, not for profit organization committed to providing skilled nursing and rehabilitation, long-term residential and dementia care to veterans, their spouses, widows, widowers, and gold star parents.



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MAINE WILD BLUEBERRY CO.

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

### Full-time Positions for Night Sanitation

**Earning potential of \$35,000 to \$45,000 with overtime**

We are currently hiring in our Sanitation Department. Prior experience in plant sanitation a plus but not required. You must be able to lift 50 lbs. Work hours are from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Applicants must be self-motivated team players, detailed oriented, good sense of urgency and willing to work various hours if needed. Applicant would be required to work weekends during August.

We offer full time employment, competitive wages, excellent health/dental insurance and company paid life/disability insurance and 401K with a company match.

COVID-19: We have implemented the recommended practices in the workplace.

Applications are available at Maine Wild Blueberry, 78 Elm St., Machias or by calling 255-8364 ext. 3208.

Mailing address:

Maine Wild Blueberry Co.

320 Ridge Road

Cherryfield, ME 04622

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"Refusing to go with the flow"

## Fish Processing Technicians

True North Maine Inc., a division of Cooke Aquaculture Inc., a dynamic and growing East Coast family company with Platinum Member status in the Canada's Best Managed Companies program, has immediate openings for plant production workers at our Machiasport, Maine, facility.

Founded in 1985, Cooke Aquaculture Inc. has grown from a small family business to the world's largest independent, fully-integrated producer of Atlantic salmon and related products. The company remains family owned and based in Blacks Harbour, N.B., with operations throughout Atlantic Canada, Maine, Chile, Spain and Scotland. Cooke Aquaculture is committed to responsible and sustainable seafood production and the delivery of high quality products through a number of brands and sales offices throughout Canada, the US and internationally. The company is also a proud partner and supporter of a variety of community-based organizations and events.

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

Primary duties will include setting up and operating machines to clean, cut, process and package fish products according to SOP; checking products and packaging for defects and to ensure conformance to company standards and performing corrective adjustments as required; cutting, cleaning and trimming fish prior to marketing or further process; scraping away scales; cutting and separating fillets and removing scrap parts and pin bones using knives and pliers; checking fish fillets to determine optimal number and size of fillet sections; cutting sections according to specifications and placing in container for weighing. This position requires standing for long periods of time using hand tools.

A general understanding of the processing line is considered an asset; however, on the job training is available.

Come join the team where growing healthy fish, families and communities are a way of life. Please call 255-6714 or stop by for an application.

True North Maine Inc. / Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc.

Attn: Human Resources

133 Smalls Point Road

Machiasport, ME 04655

fax (207) 255-4350

[patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com](mailto:patty.ferguson@cookeaqua.com)

True North Maine Inc. appreciates all resumé's; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.





## EASTPORT MEMORIAL NURSING HOME Position Openings

EMNH is a community owned, nonprofit, 26-bed long-term care facility located in Eastport, Maine. Inspired by our core values of dignity and respect, Eastport Memorial Nursing Home is committed to providing the highest quality of care in a safe, loving, compassionate and home-like environment.

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions:

**24-32 hours per week RN/LPN:** motivated Charge Nurse with excellent leadership and communication skills. As a successful candidate, you will aid and care for patients, supervise nursing staff, offer guidance and support, maintain a clean and safe working environment, and ensure that all operational tasks are completed efficiently and on time. RN preferred.

**Per-diem positions** in: Nursing, Dietary, Housekeeping and Laundry

For more information, to request an application or submit resumé contact:

Camela Deschene, Administrator

23 Boynton St.

Eastport, ME 04631

(207) 853-2531, ext. 11

administrator@emnh.org

EMNH is an equal opportunity employer.



## Candidates Sought for Downeast Community Partners Board of Directors

Downeast Community Partners (DCP) is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors. Currently DCP has board vacancies in Washington County. Elected representatives to the Board of Directors are elected to represent low income citizens and must either participate in a program offered by DCP or have a particular interest or expertise in assisting or advocating for low-income individuals and families. They must reside in Washington County, and be at least 18 years of age. DCP is a private, not-for-profit, volunteer governed, community action agency registered in the State of Maine to provide a variety of support services and anti-poverty programs to low income, elderly and disabled citizens. DCP currently provides a variety of services including transportation, Head Start and early childcare, heating assistance, weatherization, home repair, and elder services. Offices are located in Ellsworth and Machias.

The election is scheduled for October 13, 2020. Interested candidates are required to complete a nomination form with signatures from 20 low income individuals who are at least 18 years of age before September 18, 2020.

Nomination forms are available by contacting Mark Green at 207-610-5904 or <mark.green@Downeastcommunitypartners.org>.

## SECTION 2-A Invitation to Bid

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or package with the type of bid clearly indicated on the outside: **"Bid For Bailey's Mistake Boat Launch, Lubec, Maine"** to Melissa Lee, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, 38 Katie's Cove Lane, Lubec, Maine 04652. The bids are due by **August 27, 2020 at 2 p.m.**

Bids may be submitted electronically to <mlee@mcht.org> and will be accepted until the date and time above.

A copy of the bid bond is acceptable; however, the original bid bond must be received within 72 hours of the bid opening. The subject line must read: **"Bid For: Bailey's Mistake Boat Launch, Lubec, Maine."**

The project involves installation of a new 16' wide precast concrete plank launch ramp, a gravel parking lot with two paved ADA spaces, paved walkway, and miscellaneous items at the boat launch site on Boot Cove Road/Wallace Cove Road in Lubec.

Electronic copies of the contract documents may be obtained from: **Pine Tree Engineering Inc., 53 Front Street, Bath, Maine 04530; tel: (207) 443-1508; fax: (207) 442-7029; <pte@pte-maine.com>** upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable). An additional \$50 (non-refundable) shall be charged for paper documents if they are requested. Partial sets of contract documents will not be distributed.

The documents may be examined at the following locations:

1. Associated General Contractors of Maine  
188 Whitten Road  
Augusta, Maine 04330
2. Construction Summary of Maine  
734 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, NH 03104
3. Pine Tree Engineering Inc.  
53 Front Street  
Bath, Maine 04530

All bidders must furnish the following:

1. A completed bid form.
2. Experience statement (see Section 2-D)
3. A list of all subcontractors to be utilized on the project.
4. A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid in the form of a bid bond or certified check, made out to Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

The successful bidder must furnish the following:

1. Certificate of insurance (in accordance with Section 3, Article 26)
2. 100% construction performance bond
3. 100% construction labor and material payment bond

Maine Coast Heritage Trust will have thirty (30) calendar days within which to accept or reject any bid. The in-water work shall be completed in-the-dry during low water between October 2 and December 15, 2020. The project shall be completed by December 31, 2020. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$250 per day are contained in the contract.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust reserves the right to adjust the quantities contained in the bid form as needed in order to stay within the project budget. Maine Coast Heritage Trust reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, not necessarily the lowest bid.

By: Melissa Lee, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

## SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL Fall Openings

**Full-time Custodian – 2 positions**

**Remote Learning Coordinator  
Eastport Elementary School and  
Shead High School**

Positions will close when suitable candidates are found. To request an application, please contact:

Superintendent of Schools

AOS #77

PO Box 190

Eastport, ME 04631

853-2567

Email hjkilby@shead.org

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## PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Fall Opening

**Part-time Guidance Counselor**

Position will close when suitable candidate is found. For more information, check <ServingSchools.com>. To request an AOS #77 application contact:

AOS #77

Sunrise County School System

PO Box 190

100 High Street

Eastport, ME 04631

Telephone 853-2567

Email hjkilby@shead.org

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## EASTPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Notice of Public Hearing

The Eastport Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on a special exception permit for Rising Tide LLC on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 6 p.m. on Zoom; meeting ID: 852 4843 6030; passcode: 161608. The request is for permission to construct a 100-foot monopole cell phone/communications tower on city-owned land behind Eastport Elementary School. Documents for this project may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours.

Public comment is welcome. Documents may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours. If you are unable to attend the hearing any written comments, for or against the above matter, should be addressed to the Eastport Zoning Board, c/o Eastport City Hall, 22 Washington Street, Eastport, Maine 04631.

Robert P. Scott, CEO

By direction of the Zoning Board of Appeals

## Wanted: Seaweed Harvesters

**Jonesport • Cobscook**

Do you enjoy working on the water? Do you have boating experience and general understanding of the operation of an outboard motor? Are you looking for seasonal employment from May to October? (Housing options available.) Are you interested in earning \$1,000 per week or more?

If so, Acadian Seaplants wants you to join the harvest! Acadian Seaplants specializes in the safe and sustainable harvest of seaweed.

For additional information, please contact Jake Patryn at 1-207-479-1571 or <jpatryn@acadian.ca>.



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Classified ads are \$2.00 for 10 words or fewer; \$4.00 for 11 to 20 words, and 10 cents for each additional word. Classifieds are payable in advance. Display ads are \$7.00 per column inch. Contact our ad representative for special rates.

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

## Boats and Marine Equipment For Sale

SUMMER CLEARANCE ITEMS: Tohatsu outboards 6hp ultra-long for sailboats \$1,259; driveway sealer \$19.99. All while supplies last. Mention this ad and get 20% off galvanized trailers in stock. Dealer for Grundens, Muck, XTRATUF, LaCrosse, Stearns floatation, all at commercial fishermen prices. Moose Island Marine "at the breakwater," Eastport, 853-6058. 1x

## Carpenter & Rough Carpenter

23 Snyder Rd., Quoddy Village  
207-214-5625

## Wanted to Buy

Antiques and estate items.  
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Need to downsize?  
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## Help Wanted

HANDYMAN NEEDED on Big Lake. Small island cabin on Big Lake needs porch removed, roof repairs and more. If you are interested, please call Dawn at 207-274-4207. 2a

RETAIL MARINE PARTS/assistant manager. Requires basic retail experience with computers, knowledge of and interest in boats, general hardware. Non-smoker, capable of lifting 50 lbs. frequently during day, clean driver's record. Benefits include sick, holiday and vacation, yearly bonus. Please send resume with salary requirements and references. Full-time, year-round. <mooseislandmarine@maine.rr.com>. 1x

## Miscellaneous For Sale

MOORING BALL for sale: located at Harris Cove, Eastport. Granite stone and chain. \$1,300. 207-214-0097. 1x

RIELLO BOILER and 275-gallon oil barrel, \$500; 17-foot boat hull fiberglass, \$300; 1958 Whitehorse runabout \$750; 21-foot welded aluminum hull, \$9,500. Call Cecil, 214-0167. 1x

FRAMING NAILS for a Bostich coil gun. 13 unopened boxes of 12d and 8d coated framing nails and 1 box roofers. (\$530+ at store.) \$275 takes all. 207-592-4126, Pembroke. 2a

## Real Estate For Sale

LUBEC - Two one-acre + building lots in an approved subdivision. Very close to West Quoddy Head lighthouse and all the walking trails at West Quoddy Head State Park. Nearby access for boating. Both lots surveyed, corners flagged, power poles in front, test pits done, gravel driveways, lightly wooded, small clearings. Lot 4 is 1.23 acres - \$17,000. Lot 2 is 1.02 acres and has a 200-foot drilled well - \$19,000. Owner offers financing. For maps and more information contact B. Nichols at (401) 364-9889 or <banichols2@yahoo.com>. 3a

PERRY - Two-story log home on Boyden's Lake. 300 feet frontage on lake. 20 Roy's Way South, Perry. Pictures on Zillow, <www.zillow.com>. 207-726-5513. 4x

EASTPORT - Price reduction. Now \$26,500 for a private, peaceful lot of 1.12 acres in Eastport proper at 66 Clark St. Surveyed, soil-tested, public water, power at road. Broker Samra Kuseybi, The Christopher Group, 207-214-7401. ff

COLUMBIA FALLS - 100-plus acres overlooking Pleasant River and the ocean. Approx. 25 acres in improved blueberry fields. Over \$100,000 of irrigation installed. Ideal for large array of solar panels. This property would be ideal for a gentleman farmer or construction of a large family estate. Has road access and electricity available at roadside. Also blueberry sod would be ideal for landscaping. Could also be high end or middle housing development. Asking \$165,000. Come take a look. Call 207-263-6757 for more info. ff

MEDDYBEMPS - 6 +/- acres on Denny's River. 24'x32' full foundation, well, septic and electricity. Small pond. Across from lake. \$30,000. Call 255-6257. ff

PEMBROKE - Waterfront. Red Pebble Beach subdivision. Eight lots, 1.6 acres to 5.7 acres. All lots on Red Pebble Beach. Soil tested. Surveyed. Low down-payment \$45,000. Owner financing. Text or call 207-294-1060. 10a

## Seasonal Real Estate For Rent

EASTPORT - Oceanfront log cabin. Large deck and yard. Two bedrooms, fully furnished. Quiet cove. Utilities and cable TV included. \$600 a week. 207-756-4565. ff

## Yard Sales

YARD/MOVING SALE, Labor Day weekend, September 5 through 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 201 Shipyard Road, Dennyville. Parents are closing out their home, plus we have items that have to go. 1x

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## CITY OF EASTPORT Nomination Papers For Elected Offices

Re: November 3, 2020 Municipal Local Election

Nomination papers for the November 3, 2020, municipal local election will be available on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at the City Clerk's office at 22 Washington Street for the following offices:

- Eastport City Council - (2) Three-Year Terms
- Eastport School Committee - (2) Three-Year Terms
- Eastport Port Authority - (1) Four-Year Term

Nomination papers must be returned to the City Clerk's office by September 4, 2020, no than later than noon.

## Certified Residential Medication Aides, Certified Nursing Assistants & Personal Support Specialists

Maine Veterans' Homes Machias facility is seeking the following positions in the Nursing Department:

- CRMA - CNA / PSS, part-time (24 hour nights) - 11:45 p.m. to 7:15 a.m. (every other weekend)
- RN Graduate (40 hours) two 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and three 14:45 p.m. to 23:15 p.m. shifts per week (every other weekend)
- CRMA, CNA and PSS - per diems

If you currently hold a CRMA certification you are welcome to apply. If hired, you will be eligible for a free PSS course offered through Maine Veterans' Homes - Machias.

Maine Veterans' Homes offers competitive wages and benefits including employer contribution to medical, dental, life, short term and long disability plans. Supplemental life and dependent life insurance are available to purchase. Also offered are participation in the Maine Public Employees' Retirement System 403(b) plan with employer match, generous Earned Benefit Time, continuing education opportunities, tuition loan assistance and a robust Wellness Program.

The successful candidates should have experience with dementia. A certification for CRMA, provided by a state authorized education curriculum, is required. Applicants must have a minimum of a RCS1, CNA-M or PSS. CNAs must be in good standing on the State of Maine CNA Registry. RN graduate must have a current and valid State of Maine RN license.

If you would like to have a job that you can truly be proud of, Maine Veterans' Homes is the place for you. For immediate consideration, you may mail / e-mail a cover letter and resumé to:

MAINE VETERANS' HOME - MACHIAS  
Residential Care Director  
32 Veterans Way, Machias, ME 04654  
(207) 255-2407 or 1-877-866-4669  
slavigne@mainevets.org

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LCOC  
Lubec Community Outreach Center

## Youth Assistant

Lubec Community Outreach Center is accepting applications for part-time (15-22 hours per week) position within the after-school program. We seek applicants that have experience with daily supervision and guidance to youth ages 4-12 in structured setting. The position requires the ability to oversee hands-on activities, arts/crafts, music, presentations, games, outings and homework help. Please send resume to LCOC, PO Box 41, Lubec, ME 04652 or email <director@lubecoutreach.org> for an application.



MAINE WILD BLUEBERRY CO.

## SEASONAL OPENINGS

(July 27. through September 10)

## Seasonal Forklift Operators Seasonal Production Workers

We are currently hiring Seasonal Forklift Operators and Seasonal Production Workers for both shifts. Day shift is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and night shift is 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Starting wage is \$13.00 per hour plus overtime and night-shift differential.

Qualifications: Applicants must be self motivated team players, detail oriented, good sense of urgency and willing to work various hours which would include working night shift and weekends as needed. Prior forklift experience preferred but not required. Applicant must be able to lift 50 lbs.

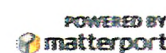
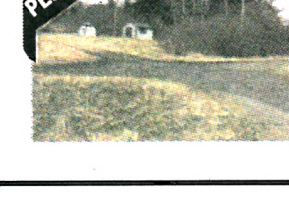
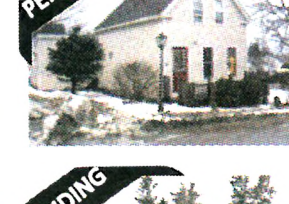
COVID-19: We have implemented the recommended practices in the workplace. Applications are available at Maine Wild Blueberry, 79 Elm St., Machias or by calling 255-8364 ext. 3208.

Maine Wild Blueberry Co.  
79 Elm Street  
Machias, ME 04654

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No agencies or telephone calls, please.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.





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