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Food Pantry Volunteers Provide Curbside Pick Up

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Last Thursday and Friday, volunteers at Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical Food Pantry kept busy providing curbside pickups of food boxes.

The boxes, according to food pantry director Fr. David Sivret, included a mixture of cereals and canned goods. Also available were apples, potatoes, chicken, fish sticks, sliced ham, and pork patties, among other items. The goods were supplied from USDA/Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Fr. Sivret explained that although there has not been much of an increase in the number of people using the food pantry

during these unprecedented times, he believes more people in the area are eligible.

"People are afraid to come out," he said. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some, Fr. Sivret believes, are fearful of contracting the virus so opt to stay home in lieu of picking up food.

"I know we've lost some jobs here in the community, but not many compared to other places," Fr. Sivret stated, thankfully. He does feel many more in the area, though working, do struggle financially, thus, experience some food insecurity, and could be eligible for the food pantry offerings.

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Volunteers at the Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical Food Pantry last Thursday offered curbside pickup of food boxes. Volunteers pictured are Fr. David Sivret, Steve Farrar, Bill Gibson and Mary Stover. (Photo by Jayna Smith)

Dog Missing For Months Found and Safe



Nellie has finally been captured. (Photo courtesy of Maine Lost Dog Recovery) See story on page 2.

Citing Coronavirus Effects, Hospital Announces Reduction in Staff

Service Lines Remain Available for Patient Care

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Calais Regional Hospital filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last September, citing a decrease in paying and insured patients, inadequate reimbursement from MaineCare, and greater regulatory requirements, among other factors.

At the time of filing, the hospital reported in a press release that no layoffs were planned. Now, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic,

many people have simply chosen to cancel and/or reschedule appointments or other services, "indicating they prefer to not be out in the community," hospital spokesperson DeeDee Travis said.

Those cancelations, coupled with the hospital having to cancel elective procedures due to the pandemic, has left Calais Regional Hospital no other alternative but to reduce hospital staff and restructure management within the hospital "in an effort to stabilize the hospital's finances," the

hospital broadcast in a press release on Monday.

"The urgent necessity of this action is a result of the hospital's economic condition and Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the impact of COVID-19, and the inability to qualify or secure adequate federal and state funding relief. The current pandemic has impacted CRH business so significantly that these very difficult personnel decisions must be made," the press release read.

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McDonald's Thanks Health Care Workers and First Responders with Free Meals

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Across the country, McDonald's restaurants are showing appreciation for healthcare workers and first responders with free meals, now through May 5th.

The free meals, called a "Thank You" meal, include a choice from hot or sweet tea, hot or iced coffee, or soft drink. Breakfast choices are Egg McMuffin, Chicken McGriddles, or Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuit, and a hash brown. Lunch/dinner choices are Double Cheeseburger, 6-Piece Chicken Mc-

Nuggets, or Filet-O-Fish, and a small fry.

The meals are packaged in a Happy Meal box and come with a special note of gratitude. Healthcare workers and first responders can each receive one free meal per day throughout the campaign.

All one needs to do to receive their free meal is simply show their healthcare work ID badge or be in first responder uniform, although off-duty first responders are eligible by showing their work badge.

A Tweet last week from McDonald's asked followers to pass the message on, and

read in part, "Please help us help our frontline workers. We want to give them a FREE thank you meal... We'd truly be proud to take their order."



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The Hunt is On for Painted Rocks!



Brynlee, age 5, worked hard preparing rocks for the waterfront. (Submitted photo) See more photos and story on page 8.

Dog Missing For Months Found and Safe

By **Natalie Boomer**
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Since November of last year, members of the Washington County community have been reporting sightings of a lost dog who had been roaming around the Calais area.

On Wednesday, April 22nd, the dog was finally captured by David Townsend, an animal control officer, at 10 p.m.

“The first call I had on the dog was March 15th. I followed her all over town. Once I knew she was a lost dog, I found where she was hanging around and

started feeding her. Then people chased her off. Took four days to find her again. Then started feeding her again, then set a live trap out but was not big enough. So got one from lost dog recovery and set it up. Four nights later I caught her. Took her to PAWS and she is doing well,” said Townsend.

Kathy Winslow from Maine Lost Dog Rescue heard about Townsend trying to capture the dog with little success and helped out by getting him equipment big enough for a larger dog.

According to Maine Lost Dog Rescue, the dog appeared to be

a Great Pyrenees crossbreed from Addison. Her name was believed to be Nellie.

When Nellie was taken to PAWS Brave Hearts Animal Shelter, her owner heard about the rescue and went in to confirm that it was her the next day.

“This pup has officially been confirmed to be Nellie, missing from Addison since last November,” MLDR mentioned in a post on Facebook.

Nellie being caught by Animal Control Officers in Calais. (Photo Courtesy of Maine Lost Dog Recovery)



No Plans for Now-Vacant Lot of Former Restaurant

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The former Chen Garden Restaurant building at 43 North Street was torn down last Thursday, April 23rd.

According to City Manager Mike Ellis, the building was acquired by the city in 2015 due to unpaid taxes.

“Following the acquisition, the city worked with the new ownership as they operated the

restaurant, formerly known as Chen Family Garden, until they were forced to close following a state health inspection in 2019,” Ellis said.

In May 2019, *The Calais Advertiser* reported that city officials believed the building to be “structurally sound,” despite its uncleanness.

“Following numerous inspections, proposal requests, recommendations, and a rodent eradication effort, the

city council unanimously voted in October to demo the building,” Ellis said.

The demolition contract

was awarded to Stanhope’s Trucking Company, the lowest bidder, at \$20,110.

At this time, Ellis said the

city has no plans for the property.



The building at 43 North Street, most recently Chen Family Garden restaurant, was demolished last week. (Photo by Pierre Little)

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Lions Club Facing Fundraising Challenges, Donations of Returnables Can Help

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Calais Lions Club has been part of the community since it was chartered in 1940, making it one of the city's longest-running civic organizations. Although a small group of men, the organization contributes approximately \$20,000 annually to local charities.

This involves events such as its Santa's Helper Program, the eyeglass assistance program,

and scholarships to local graduating seniors, among many others. According to King Lion Brian Giles, the club also does general charitable work for individuals and specialized causes like clothing for children in need.

The men in the Calais Lions Club work diligently throughout the year on their projects; however, during the spring and summer months, the club becomes quite visible. This is through their Weenie Wagon

at various events as well as the annual auction held during International Homecoming Festival, and more. Typically, as well, every May, the men hold their annual road toll, a major fundraising event for them.

None of the Calais Lions Club's regular events can be held during the Governor's current stay-at-home order, resulting in a major challenge in fundraising efforts. With a stop in how the club typically fundraises, at least for now, the

members recognize that the need for those they help is still great. Therefore, the members of the club are now asking for help from people who wish to donate their returnable cans and bottles.

Giles said members of the club will gladly pick up returnables from businesses or residences in the area. People can simply send a message or comment on the Calais Lions

Club Facebook page, or reach out to a Lion they may know. Likewise, when one returns their cans and bottles to the Can Man on Boardman Street, he or she can let them know to donate the funds to Calais Lions Club.

Donations to Calais Lions Club are always welcome and can be mailed to PO Box 1280, Calais, ME 04619.



Officers of the Calais Lions Club, from last June's installation night, are pictured with then-King Lion Ben Knowles: (left to right) King Lion Brian Giles, Knowles, tail twister Mark Hagar, second vice president Nick Johnson, and first vice president Rick Bailey. (Photo by Jayna Smith)

Food Pantry (continued from page 1)

"As long as we've got it, we'll give it out," Fr. Sivret said of the food items.

Despite the economic downturn, donations to the Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical Food Pantry have been higher than this same time in other years, according to Fr. Sivret. Many regular donors, including most of the local financial institutions, have given in excess of their regular donations.


By offering the curbside pickup, Fr. Sivret hoped more would feel comfortable venturing out to receive the food assistance. Those not already a client of the pantry could pull up and have the necessary form completed for them, which

required the patron's contact information and, under normal circumstances, a signature, but due to COVID-19 precautions, Fr. Sivret, as the director, could sign for them.

"In this time, if people need it, we're going to help them. As long as we've got it, and as long as we've got stuff coming, we're going to keep going," Fr. Sivret stated.

Worth noting, Fr. Sivret said he had some teenagers lined up for an extended period of time to allow for a much-needed break of the pantry's regular volunteers. He said those regular volunteers are so passionate about the hours they put in, none wanted to step away from their work of helping those community members in need who utilize the food pantry.

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361 US Route 1, Robbinston: Extraordinary property nestled privately along the shore of Passamaquoddy Bay. 19 +/- acres of rolling fields leading to 1,200' of private pebble beach. Spacious ranch home with 4BDR/3B, modern kitchen, game room, fireplace, woodstove, hardwood floors and full finished walk-out foundation. A large two story New England style barn with full foundation and attached 2 car garage! **\$459,000**





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GUEST VOICE

Navigating the Impacts of COVID-19

By Rep. Anne Perry

I wanted to take some time this week to speak directly to those of you struggling with the unemployment process and to those of you on the frontlines of our COVID-19 response.

To those having trouble navigating unemployment: I want you to know the gravity of the situation is not lost on me. I know many of you have been encountering system errors, some have been waiting on application approval and others are waiting on eligibility to be extended to self-employed workers. At a time when many people are worried they won't be able to afford groceries, I know this waiting is incredibly difficult. If you are in a vulnerable financial situation, here is a list of resources: <https://maineequaljustice.org/people/covid-19-resources> to help you navigate food security, health care coverage, general assistance and more.

I do want to assure you that the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) is working in

overdrive to address the unprecedented number of claims they've received over the past month. They have hired 100 new employees to cover the phones and they are working to get money out to all who need it as soon as possible. Whenever your application is approved, you will receive retroactive payments. For those of you already receiving unemployment benefits, you should now see an extra \$600 on your weekly benefit. That is from the federal stimulus package. For those of you waiting for expanded eligibility, MDOL hopes to be ready to take your applications soon. I will notify you when eligibility has been expanded, and you can also stay up-to-date by monitoring the MDOL website: <https://www.maine.gov/unemployment>.

To our frontline workers: Whether you are a health care worker taking care of our sick each day, a law enforcement officer keeping us safe or anyone else directly responding to the pandemic in Maine, I thank you, and I recognize the additional



stress being placed on you at this time. I want to share that the Mills Administration has announced the FrontLine Warmline, a phone line that will help callers to deal with anxiety, irritability, stress, grief or worry and, if needed, connect you with additional supports. The line is staffed by volunteer professionals, including licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, social workers and nurse practitioners. The FrontLine Warmline is available to clinicians and first responders from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days

a week by calling (207) 221-8196 or 866-367-4440.

Finally, I know this pandemic is difficult for everyone, and that all of us have been impacted in major ways. If there is anything I can do to help you manage all that is happening, please reach out. You can reach me by phone and email, and I will do my best to get you the answers and support you need. 207- 214-7000, anne.perry@legislature.maine.gov.

Anne Perry serves District 140.

Senator Collins Warns of Scams Targeting Small Businesses

Senator Collins co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that is providing relief for small businesses and their employees.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins is warning small business owners to beware of scams that are targeting small businesses seeking to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Senator Collins co-authored the PPP to provide forgivable loans to help small businesses and their employees that have been harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Senate Aging Committee, which Senator Collins chairs, has received reports that scammers are promising guidance and advice on receiving a PPP loan in exchange for an upfront fee. One Maine employer reported being scammed by a

website promising to connect them with a financial professional. The website took her money and provided no services. Another small business owner from Maine reported receiving a call from a scammer who promised to get their name to the "top of the list" to receive a PPP loan. Despite what these scammers may say, PPP loans are approved on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

A previous fraud alert warned of scammers who are falsely telling small employers that they must pay a fee to apply for a PPP loan. The truth is that there is no application fee to

apply for these loans.

"It is unconscionable that these criminals are seeking to take advantage of small business owners during an economic crisis," said Senator Collins. "Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this type of scheme should report it to my Committee's Fraud Hotline at 1-855-303-9470."

Tips to Help Avoid Small Business Loan Scams:

-Be wary of calls or emails that pressure you to make a fast decision or discourage you from telling friends or family about a proposed offer.

-Be suspicious of unsolicited

calls or emails purporting to be from the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will never proactively contact you regarding a loan opportunity.

-If someone contacts you promising to get approval of an SBA loan in exchange for an upfront fee or offering a high interest bridge loan in the interim, hang up and call the Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline.

To date, 16,699 small employers in Maine have been approved for \$2.24 billion in forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans.

GUEST VOICE

Your Vote Counts

By Jeffrey Lovitt

Why do we vote? It's one more thing to do in our busy lives, not to mention the election process and all those telephone calls from people like me running for office and filling your mailboxes with flyers and postcards.

America did not create democracy, but it was the first nation to require those who govern to get the periodic consent of the people. This is the social compact. Elected officials can govern, but if they don't protect our pursuit of a better life, we can and will vote them out. This model of government has lasted over 200 years and served us well.

Jefferson borrowing from John Locke¹ believed in natural rights. Power does not flow down from God to the King, but up from the people. The genius of our founding fathers was to develop a system where those who govern have to come to us to be judged. We do not have to rebel to overturn a government, we just have to go to the ballot box and cast a ballot. How wonderful is that?

Our elections are compared to lots of things - horse races, popularity and/or beauty contests, or giant advertising campaigns. We forget what a grand experiment it was to give the people the vote over their own future and what a responsibility and obligation we all have to

use it wisely.

Let's not get distracted by the attack ads and name calling, by the balloons falling from the ceiling and confetti floating in the air. Elections are not a form of entertainment. They are not sporting events. They are very much about what kind of world do we want to live in and to leave our children and grandchildren.

Jeffrey Lovitt lives in Addison and is a candidate for the Maine State Senate for Washington County.

¹"Locke believed that people were born with natural rights. People were a product of their environment and what they experience. From this, he further

explained government existed to protect the people's natural rights, life, liberty and property. If government failed to do so then the people would exercise their right to rebel. The people then would give their consent to another government to rule never relinquishing their right to rebel. Locke believed that people were born with natural rights. People were a product of their environment and what they experience. From this, he further explained government existed to protect the people's natural rights, life, liberty and property. If government failed to do so then the people would exercise their right to rebel. The people then would give their consent to another government to rule." <https://walkernewsdesk.wordpress.com/consent-of-the-governed-john-locke-thomas-jefferson/>

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May's Flower Power is an Annual Handmade Splash of Widespread Kindness

Red roses are often given as an expression of love and romance. Not to detract, ever, from those beguiling roses, but it's a one-on-one gift representing the feelings of two people. But May in its spring splendor brings different thoughts of broader emotions.

The symbolism of the red poppy blankets the world with patriotic reverence and remembrance of fallen heroes. The power emanates from the meaning attached to these flowers and the many hands that strive to keep this May tradition alive.

This tiny iconic bloom is worn in solemn tribute to those who have sacrificed greatly to preserve freedom. The American Legion Auxiliary is arguably the largest community group of volunteers, and the red poppy has been its official flower since 1921. Its members distribute many thousands -- most of which are handmade -- throughout the nation in exchange for donations. All of the money goes directly to support veterans, in-service military and their families.

May is the month, with great emphasis put on Memorial Day, for wearing the poppy. National Poppy Day is generally the Friday before Memorial Day. For those who might not realize the prevalence

of this observance, last year raised \$3.6 million from 3.1 million poppies distributed.

Post 9 in Machias has always had auxiliary members around town in mid-May, generally in front of Hanaford's or Dunkin' Donuts or a few times, True Value. In my memory, these forays have been organized by faithful auxiliary Lois Hubbard. But in these dangerous days of coronavirus, and as Lois continues to recuperate, it's probably safe to say this effort may take a year off.

"May is Poppy Month, and I'm hoping if things open up, we'll be around to businesses," says Lisa Griffin, Ephraim Johnson Post 9 Auxiliary president. "If not, we'll do it later, but we usually collect from between \$500 and \$700, and that's really good for us. It's a good moneymaker." So stay tuned. Postponement could be the verdict.

Where do the poppies come from? Not too long ago only veterans made them as a part of physical and emotional rehabilitation. They were paid for their work and still are. Today many people scattered around the country do this, buying the assembly kits from their local ALA unit. Often creating these poppies conjures up feelings of purpose and healing, sometimes a feeling of paying it forward.

One elderly man today can recall as a child visiting his Air Force veteran father in a veterans facility where he lived. Dealing with bipolar depression and extreme paranoia, the repetitive nature of making poppies calmed his father and made him feel connected to his military brothers. "I can remember running around that room ... and he taught me how to count using those poppies," says Albert Ciccone, now an Air Force veteran himself who makes his own poppies for the ALA. He is a charter member and post commander of American Legion Post 201 in Boise, Idaho. Just one example of a veteran giving back and feeling part of the ongoing process to service and country.

Like many veterans Ciccone finds the auxiliary's poppy program "immense;" it's amazing to him that his small post is a vital participant in this huge poppy program that has such a commanding impact nationally.

People of all shapes and colors, ages and backgrounds share the ALA tie to the poppy. That's why some have been turning out thousands over the decades. The American Legion Auxiliary has often been called one of America's best-kept secrets. It's relationship to this tiny little flower that gets big results is one of the reasons why.

FREEDOM STUDIES

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Helicopter Money

I was in graduate school in the late '70s, when inflation topped 15 percent, unemployment neared double digits, interest rates neared 20 percent, a second OPEC price hike drove oil over \$60/barrel, Iran declared war on America and the Russians invaded Afghanistan. Contrary to the received economic wisdom of the day, unemployment and inflation were simultaneously increasing, creating two new economic terms: stagflation and the misery index.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter campaigned for reelection from the White House and sent helicopters on an Iranian hostage rescue mission that ended in a desert fireball. In November, Ronald Reagan was elected President. Studying economics in Providence, I was literally and figuratively living off Hope (Street), as the post-World War II Keynesian economic policy consensus that the government could manage the economy and trade-off inflation for unemployment (and vice-versa) fell apart, and the demand-side management strategies favored by the Democratic Congress and Presidents of both parties gave way to supply-side economics. The key to economic growth, supply-siders held, was to augment resources (land, labor, capital and entrepreneurship) and technology. Increasing demand through Government spending and/or printing money could temporarily increase output, but in the long run just created inflation. Following the ideas of 1976 Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, President Reagan endorsed tight credit and monetary policies as well as tax cuts to encourage work and investment, rather than consumption. The result was a deep and painful recession that squeezed inflation and interest rates down to tolerable levels and set the stage for a strong rebounding economy.

The economics papers of the day were often highly technical and filled with equations and math. However, metaphors and stories were often employed to make monetary esoterica more accessible, and one common meme was to picture the Federal Reserve and the banking system as a helicopter pilot cum arsonist, whose flyovers alternately dropped dollars on the populace like manna from heaven but also occasionally spread napalm to firebomb those dollars if too many built up. In 1979's Apocalypse Now, Robert Duvall's Colonel Kilgore, commander of helicopter cavalry and surfing aficionado, famously professed to "love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Abandoning failed Keynesian policies proved to be only temporary. Every time a "serious" crisis has arisen ("serious" in the minds of politicians often is more related to short term reelection concerns than long-term economic prosperity and health), ever-increasing Porkulus spending efforts have been loaded onto helicopters. Demand-side increased spending and tax cut proposals were enacted under Clinton, Bush 43, Obama and now Trump. The Federal Reserve and Treasury have repeatedly tasked their pilots to shower the populace with helicopter stimulus money. The latest round of \$1,200 checks (less for the evil rich) is being magically deposited by the all-seeing, all-knowing IRS. This helicopter money was not raised by taxes, but borrowed (from the Chinese?) or worse, from the Federal Reserve itself, which is called printing money. Increasing demand with printed helicopter money may temporarily work (of course, people have to have something/someplace to spend it, which is tough under quarantine martial law), but in the long run, it will just cause inflation. Keynes famously retorted, "In the long run, we are all dead." Exactly.

As subsequent rounds of stimulus spending make drunken sailors look responsible, the national debt will stay on stay on course to double for the third straight President and confidence in our economic future will wane, just as it did in the '70s. This path will only make socialism look better. Perhaps we will be saved by another Ronald Reagan. However, Donald Trump is not Reagan, and Joe Biden is certainly neither Reagan nor FDR. It may be we need to look beyond government for our salvation, but if I had to pick a ticket to ground the helicopters and restore our damaged Republic in 2024, it would be Ambassador Nikki Haley and Senator Tom Cotton.

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Senators Collins, King Announce Nearly \$2.5 Million to Support Maine's Rural Health System During COVID-19 Pandemic

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced last week that Maine received a total of \$2,485,050 to support rural hospitals and increase access to telehealth to help medical providers reach patients in underserved areas during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will also be used to help reduce poisonings related to an increase in disinfectant and cleaner use. This investment, authorized by the CARES Act Senators Collins and King voted for, was awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"This funding provides critical support to residents of Maine's rural communities by supporting their local hospitals and improving the accessibility of telehealth services that will allow them to receive care safely," said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. "We will continue our efforts to boost resources for Maine's health system, including working to provide additional testing and personal protective equipment, to help protect the health and safety of all Mainers during this pandemic."

The funding was allocated as follows:

-Telehealth. Medical Care Development, Inc. received \$828,571 through the Telehealth Resource Centers program. The funding will allow Medical Care Development to provide expertise and technical assistance to medical professionals using telehealth technology throughout the state.

-Rural Hospitals. The Maine Department of Health And Human Services received \$1,602,023 through the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program. Rural hospitals are given broad flexibility to use the funding for testing and laboratory services as well as the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE).

-Poison Control. MaineHealth received \$54,456 through the CARES funding for Poison Centers program. Over the past few months, Poison Control Centers have seen a significant uptick in calls related to cleaner and disinfectant exposure. This funding can be used to increase outreach and education to reduce the risk of COVID-19 related poisonings and to enhance readiness and training to respond to and manage the increased calls related to COVID-19 related poisonings. Poison Control Centers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, through the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222).



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GUEST VOICE

Now is the Time to Shine

By Gov. Janet Mills

It's finally spring. The crocuses and tulips are poking their heads through the soil, robins are singing. Meanwhile, we continue to fight one of the biggest challenges our state has faced in a hundred years.

The State of Maine has joined all other states in confronting the threat of the COVID-19 virus. Like other states, Maine has seen hundreds of people fall seriously ill and dozens of people die as a result of the virus.

All 50 states now have invoked their emergency executive powers. The President has declared every state a federal disaster area. And the overwhelming majority of states have issued strict "stay healthy at home" orders and orders prohibiting large gatherings and many common recreational and business activities.

Look, we all want life to return to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. Our hearts break to see closed storefronts and people struggling to make ends meet because of this crisis. Each day people call me and tell me their story and urge me to keep people safe while also doing what we can to protect the businesses and the lives and livelihoods of working men and women who are the heart and soul of our state.

At the same time, they and we know that reopening too soon and too aggressively could cause a secondary surge in COVID-19 cases, risking the lives of Maine people, overwhelming our healthcare system, and further destabilizing the economy. Nobody wants that.

That's the truth. And I'm not going to sugarcoat it.

Here in Maine, we are pursuing a cautious reopening,

tailored to our state's own demographics and economic sectors. This approach won't be driven by artificial deadlines or generic guidelines. It will be driven instead by fact, science and public health, and it will be done in cooperation with the private sector.

Our basic principles are: protecting Public Health; maintaining Health Care Readiness; building reliable and accessible testing; and prioritizing public-private collaboration.

The Administration's approach will utilize criteria and measurements being developed now by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that will lead to a phased reopening of our economy. We will share those measures shortly when they are finalized.

Meanwhile, the DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) will solicit ideas from indus-

tries and the various sectors of Maine's economy about we can collaborate and how they can work with state government to develop practical, reasonable, evidence-informed protocols to reopen.

We invite Maine people to take part in the discussion — give us your ideas about how we can safely restart the economy at <https://www.maine.gov/decd/>.

We also continue to process tens of thousands of new unemployment claims, and sending out the \$600 weekly checks under the new federal program and planning how to process the new claims for self-employed individuals under this other new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program. We're getting through it.

While we work hard to get benefits out to all eligible people, while we keep track of outbreaks of the virus across

the state, and while we plan on how to reopen businesses and activities, dreaming of going back to the way things were, we also know that things will not return to normal soon.

Meanwhile, we call on each other to reimagine how we do things, how we invent different ways of doing business, or shopping, or traveling, taking care not just of ourselves but of every man, woman, and child in Maine, for whom we are all now equally responsible.

After all, you know, Maine is not just a state or a way of life or a dot on the map with 1.3 million people or some place between the 42nd and 47th parallel on the globe. Maine is a community of souls, a state of givers and doers, of people with ideas, courage, and compassion. Now is the time to let our true selves shine.

GUEST VOICE

Message from House Republican Leader Kathleen Dillingham

It is becoming increasingly clear that the Emergency and Stay at Home Orders are creating deep divisions between our neighbors, friends, and even families.

I believe we can all agree that we have the following goals in common:

Ensure our citizens, particularly those with underlying

health conditions and those in assisted living facilities, are safe.

Work in a bipartisan fashion to safely restore our economy and way of life to minimize further hardship and financial suffering.

House Republicans believe the Governor mentioning the possibility of reopening Maine

is a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, the lack of a detailed plan and sharing of benchmarks is troubling and contributing to further division among Maine's citizens.

Former Governor LePage has published a detailed plan for consideration and affords us a starting point for a conversation. We have no doubt that Maine's

other former Governors could also provide great guidance along with individuals within the Legislature who have a long history of distinguished experience within state government such as Representatives John Martin and H. Sawin Millett.

We encourage the Governor and her administration to move forward in a true bipar-

tisan fashion to safely reopen Maine.

House Republicans stand ready to work in good faith with the Governor and her administration.

Rep. Dillingham represents the residents of House District 72, which includes the towns of Mechanic Falls, Otisfield, and Oxford.

Legislature Reopening Tenuous, Prison Progress Still on Target

By Ruth Leubecker

While hundreds of bills in various stages of completion remain on the table, Maine's 129th Legislature, closing early, inches toward a tenuous reopening on June 16, 2020.

"We adjourned in mid-March after passing a supplemental budget and an emergency COVID-19 package. At this point there are no plans of going back, unless or until it is safe," said Rep. Will Tuell, back in town as an East Machias selectman. "I suspect that even if we take the president's plan at its most ambitious pace, going back this year is more in question than ever."

The ominous unknowns and potential severity of the coronavirus have states differing in their dates to reopen and how to stagger the stages of getting back to normal. Gov. Janet Mills has continued to urge people "to stay home to beat this virus."

Before the 129th Maine Legislature cut its first session short on March 17, they only managed a twofold accomplishment: passing the supplemental budget and issuing a set of COVID-19 restrictions.

Whenever they next convene a wide range of decisions will be ready and waiting. Everything from Washington County getting its own district attorney to health-care workers getting a much-deserved raise will span a spectrum of tough funding decisions.

"There are several important bills that have been tabled and probably won't be taken up during this session," says Sen. Marianne Moore from Calais. "The additional funding for the St. Croix International Commission is currently on hold. The bill (LD 450) would have provided \$25,000 with a \$25,000 match from the New Brunswick government."

Other concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic are mounting as the numbers grow. "All of the legislators are concerned about the reduction of revenues across the state because of the state shutdown and closures of businesses," explains Moore. "The budget has the potential of being in jeopardy, as well as the highway funds because of the reduction in receipt of gas taxes."

Since exiting Augusta prematurely, legislators have filled their days with constituent

situations, these days of coronavirus often dictating their actions.

"The entire Washington County delegation had a conference call with the chair of the county board (Chris Gardner) regarding economic issues and plans when we do start to open up," said Rep. Anne Perry last week. "As a Calais Rotarian I've been working on a Rotary project, and we've been having Zoom meetings to develop coordinated volunteer programs. I've also had the privilege of delivering food boxes to the elderly in Eastport as part of the EAAA program."

Downeast Correctional Facility, for years mired in controversy and inattention, appears to be moving forward as scheduled, the tenacity of Rep. Will Tuell persevering. "Hanscom Construction is expected to start demolition around May 4 and is expected to have that completed by mid-July," explains Tuell. "A bid has not yet been awarded for the rebuild, although the Department of Corrections has informed us that they're on course to have the prison up and running by June 2021. Originally, we were going to have a ground-

breaking, but given the virus outbreak, that probably won't happen."

"The second phase is the design," says Moore. "The company chosen, SMRT, is moving ahead to prepare the design for construction. The prison work is still on target, with the DOC keeping us informed as to the progress."

The matter of Washington County getting its own district attorney remains a work in progress. "The bill (LD 1967) to schedule a referendum asking the citizens of Washington and Hancock counties if they approve adding a DA in Washington County has also been tabled due to the early adjournment," says Moore. "It is unknown if and when the bill will be taken up again. As for funding the position, the Washington County commissioners are committed to consider funding the additional monies needed to have our own DA."

Salaries for assistant DAs, along with staff, are already being paid for by the counties. Additionally, the counties already split the cost of the current DA that they share. "Although having a full-time DA in Washington County is des-

perately needed," says Moore, "please note that the bill only asks the citizens if they approve having separate DAs in each county. If approved, the actual action won't take place until approved by the state Criminal Justice Committee."

Moore, at home, continues to stay abreast of what's happening throughout the state. "Since adjournment and the 'Stay Healthy at Home' order, I spend a lot of time in conference calls, Zoom meetings, and messages from constituents," she explains. "And I make it a point to stay on top of what's happening in the departments like DHHS, DMR and DOC."

"The primary issues I'm most concerned about are making sure our self-employed citizens get the federal unemployment funds they've been promised. I continue to reach out to encourage our federal delegation to speed up this process. Our small businesses are struggling! As a Washington County delegation, we are also having conversations with the commissioners encouraging the governor to include us in discussions about HOW to reopen the county."

City Discusses Uncertainty of this Year's Festival

By Kaileigh Deacon

In these new and uncertain times, normalcy for people all over the world is disrupted and challenged. As social distancing and group restrictions are still in place by the state, Calais City Council met on Thursday, April 23 at the Calais Recreation Department with a live stream video on the city's Facebook page.

For residents of Calais or previously from Calais and in the surrounding areas, the International Homecoming Festival has become a staple of summer activities with family reunions, class reunions, and other gatherings, all planned to align with the festival. With the uncertainty of the days ahead, the council discussed what the summer might hold for the annual event.

Prior to the August festival,

a large amount of planning, fundraising, and organization goes into getting everything ready. With the state of affairs at the moment, there is a large degree of uncertainty. The festival has always celebrated not just hometown pride but the community and relationship that exist across the borderlines between Calais and St. Stephen.

The city council unanimously approved funding of \$3,500 from the Economic Development Fund, should the festival be canceled so that a fireworks display could still take place. As of Thursday evening, the festival had not been canceled. Late Monday afternoon the Canadian counterpart to the Calais festival committee announced that the Canadian side would officially be withdrawing from the International Homecoming Festival for the first time since

the festival began. With the premier stating that all festivals, concerts, and the like not take place until after December 31, they were given no choice. More information on the Calais side of the festival will come after the meeting of the committee.

The council also approved the canceling of the road tolls scheduled prior to Governor Mills' phase 1 of reopening the state. As of the council meeting on Thursday, two road tolls had already been canceled and there were three more slotted before the end of June. The council's decision was not unanimous with councilor Mike Sherrard opposed.

The council also took steps toward aiding citizens financially during the current crisis. The council unanimously approved to waive interest charges on current sewer bills

that are overdue. They also voted unanimously to authorize the deferral of payments for Economic Development Loans until normal activity resumes.

The council accepted the \$1,000 grant from Walmart to be used for COVID-19 support. The grant comes from the Walmart Community Foundation and will be allocated to the city's Essentials Supply Delivery Program. The funds will be for emergency situations, should the pandemic become more of an issue locally. The council also accepted the roughly \$33,000 from the CARES Act funds. The money is to be divided between Calais and Danforth Fire-EMS services with Calais receiving just under \$29,000 of the grant. The money will be held in a separate account and used as it is required to purchase materials and other items for the department.

City manager Mike Ellis advised the council that the National Park Service contacted him and officially closed the St. Croix Island site until further notice. The park service felt that the close quarters of the visitor center would not be advisable at this time.

The council voted to table the approval of the 2018-2019 audit, as not all councilors had received the audit, and there was no paper copy in hand at the time of the meeting.

The city continues to follow the state's recommendations regarding the closure of public places. As a reminder, despite the nice weather, the city parks and recreation facilities remain closed.

There is no set date for the next city council meeting, but the city will continue to post updates on its website and Facebook page.

Local Businesses Should Act Now for Future Rounds of PPP Funding

By Sarah Craighead Dedmon

If you're a small business owner who did not receive funding in the first round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Machias Selectman Bill Kitchen says you should act fast to get in the queue for round two.

"Every bank has a queue, and every one of those queues feed into the Small Business Administration (SBA) queue," said Kitchen. "To have any hope of anything, you need to be in the queue." Today, the SBA announced it would begin taking applications for round two of the PPP on Monday, April 27

at 10:30 a.m.

Many local small businesses received forgivable loans in the first round of the program, which nationwide approved \$350 billion on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program opened on April 3 and was out of funds by April 16. Round two is expected to approve an additional \$310 billion in loans.

"You don't actually have to have employees, it could be just you," said Kitchen, adding that the money can be used to pay for four basic things. "Payroll, a mortgage or rent payment, health insurance, and utilities. The gist of the program is that it will give you two months of

all of those expenses."

Though the program's funding comes through a loan, Kitchen said it's critical to note that those loans are 100 percent forgivable if used for eligible expenses. If not, the loans must be paid back at 1 percent interest over the course of two years.

Financial experts advise business owners to keep scrupulously detailed records so that they can document their adherence to the program.

Rep. Will Tuell (R-E. Machias) has been spreading word of the program locally.

"I definitely know of people that it is going to benefit. It's not just for businesses but

nonprofits as well," said Tuell. "And I think it's important that people get in touch with their bank, and really look into PPP because as we have seen with the last round of funding, it goes quickly. Especially fishermen who may be eligible, fishermen really need to be on the ball and asking questions of their lenders."

On Thursday, April 23 the Maine Fishermen's Association hosted a webinar to guide fishermen through COVID-19 financial resources available to the industry. That video may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/N4NeuRoiNSI>.

Round one of the PPP approved 14,154 Maine business-

es for more than \$2 billion in funds. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza issued a joint statement saying that nationwide the SBA "processed more than 14 years' worth of loans in less than 14 days."

The application for the program can be found here: www.sba.gov/document/sba-form-paycheck-protection-program-borrower-application-form. According to the SBA, eligible local banks include Machias Savings Bank, Camden National Bank, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, and Bangor Savings Bank.

Hospital

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The staff reduction includes both leadership and other positions, equating to an approximate decrease of about 10 percent of the hospital's full-time employees. Of that number, the press release explained, "over 40 percent are high level or management positions," which will provide the hospital an expected \$2 million in annual savings.

"The planning that has occurred since the C11 filing in September definitely did not take into account the potential for a worldwide pandemic. Calais Regional Hospital's dire economic condition led to the C11 filing," Travis said.

"Now, we are also dealing with the impact of COVID-19 preparations with a corresponding drastic reduction in revenue due to low patient volumes and also the inability to qualify or secure adequate federal and state funding relief. The present-day situation has had administration quickly reviewing, assessing, reworking, and further scrutinizing all plans and options to develop the best potential courses of action to ensure the longevity of the hospital. Many projec-

tions, models and options have had to be reconfigured for our new normal and current reality. Difficult moments such as this will require difficult decisions," she said.

Still, Calais Regional Hospital continues to make all of its services available, with the exception of cardiac rehabilitation. Service lines at Calais Regional Hospital include its 24-hour emergency department, inpatient, laboratory, x-ray, respiratory, office visits, and rehabilitation services that include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and others.

"Cardiac rehab was suspended due to almost all of the patients opting out," Travis explained. "Our lost revenue from the decline in patient volumes we have seen across

our service lines is about 50 percent." Travis added that last week, the hospital did see a slight increase in patient volume; however, there is no indication if that trend will continue.

"Our offices have remained open and available for patient visits," Travis said. "We have added a telemedicine option when that is feasible." Likewise, according to Travis, some providers have made house calls for very ill patients.

Travis did say Calais Regional Hospital has received "some" relief funds. "The exclusion of the hospital in qualifying for the type of federal and state funding relief that would truly have a chance at bridging us to the other side of the pandemic has great potential to be detrimental to the hospital's

long-term survival. The funding received is appreciated and needed, however, it is merely a few stepping stones toward the ultimate goal of financially surviving the pandemic--not a bridge we, and our community, desperately required."

Some examples of CARES Act funding Calais Regional Hospital has been excluded from, according to Travis, in-



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The Fun Hunt is On for Painted Rocks



Brianna, age 16; Skylar, age 14; Dylan, age 10; and Keeley, age 6, all got into the rocking painting spirit. (Submitted photo)

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The Calais Waterfront Walkway has seen lots of foot traffic in recent weeks. Many people are taking advantage of the weather to begin some physical exercise, while others are playing a fun game of hide and seek. This particular hide-and-seek game, however, is not your traditional one. It is played by kids—and kids at heart—wishing to brighten up the route.

Started in Calais a few years ago, hiding painted rocks along the waterfront walkway has become a hobby to many,

but finding the painted rocks is like finding a treasure, adding quite a bit of excitement to the youngsters who locate them.

The rules of the hide-and-seek rock game are simple. Rocks can be painted any way one would like, of course being kid-friendly. Many choose to paint pictures or designs, while others add short messages or notes of gratitude and inspiration.

Although most rocks are painted on with acrylic craft paint, some people instead use a permanent marker to decorate their rocks. To finish them, it is recommended that a spray sealer be used, though

some choose to use a coating of clear nail polish or even hairspray.

When hiding the finished rocks along the waterfront walkway, it needs to be remembered that it is usually children who are seeking them. Therefore, placement of the rocks should be in a safe area on the trail, not too close to the riverbanks.

Many kids enjoy finding and keeping as many painted rocks as they can, but most agree that taking only one or two is best, while re-hiding the other finds is appreciated. Or, if one brings painted rocks to hide, it is then acceptable to retrieve



Baylee, age 5, used many colors to create special rocks to hide. (Submitted photo)

as many as were brought.

To see lots of photos of beautiful and fun-designed rocks, be sure to join the public Facebook group “Calais Waterfront rocks!!!” If you decide to take part in the rock hide-and-seek game, besides

the sense of achievement you will surely experience in creating the rock masterpieces, you will also have the added bonus of helping to spread some community positivity, creativity, and fun.

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Bryleigh, age 3, loves taking part in the rock painting, hiding, and seeking. (Submitted photo)

Zoom - The Social Medium of COVID-19

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Throughout the current stay-at-home order, many by now have likely heard of or used Zoom. Still, for others, keeping up with technology is daunting, so for those still not familiar with Zoom, here is a brief overview.

Zoom is an online platform that allows for one-on-one or group calls, audio and/or video conferencing. Essentially, Zoom meetings are just that, meetings, but are done virtu-

ally, online with participants joining in from different locations.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more companies use Zoom to meet remotely. Likewise, students are using Zoom for classroom instruction, while many families are using Zoom to simply stay connected.

Additionally, during this current pandemic, weddings have even taken place over Zoom. Stay-at-home orders have prevented traditional weddings from occurring, leaving brides

and grooms to get creative in keeping guests socially distant, while still tying the knot.

Birthday parties have also been held over Zoom, with friends and family joining in from their respective locations to watch the birthday boy or girl open gifts.

Even more, it has very much worked its way into the social lives of those people stuck at home. Common via Zoom are happy hours among friends, game nights, even dating.

One of the key features of Zoom is its simplicity, and it's

available on one's PC/laptop, cell phone, or tablet. Meetings, or sessions, can be recorded and viewed later.

Those wishing to host a Zoom meeting can choose from four different plans, the most popular one being free. Even with the free plan, virtual meetings can be held with up to 100 participants.

For those wishing to join a meeting as a participant from an invite, there is no fee and no requirement to create an account.

Zoom was founded in 2011

and became a publicly-traded company in 2019. It is now one of the biggest online video conferencing platforms available. In March, Zoom had 200 million people using its software daily, with all the mandated stay-at-home orders playing into that figure. Just three months earlier, in December, Zoom only had 10 million people using its software daily.

What's Up, Calais?

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When one thinks of signs of summer, the local take-outs may come to mind, especially nowadays when dining in is prohibited. Last Friday, Perry's Polar Treat opened for the season. In Eastport, Rosie's Hot Dog Stand is slated to open this coming Wednesday, May 6th. Then in Calais, St. Croix Snack Shack has its opening date set for Monday, June 1st. An opening date hasn't been announced yet for S'Huckins Lobstah at the corner of Routes 1 and 9 in Baileyville, but rest assured, it will be opening for another season soon. The take-out has been advertising for help wanted so it shouldn't be long.

Another great sign of warmer weather is when the area greenhouses open. Cedar Lane Greenhouse in Meddybemps has set its opening day as this Friday, May 1st, as has HeatherWood Gardens in Baring. Cedar Lane owner Joanne McCoubrey has posted to her

business's Facebook page that folks can come and shop inside, restricted to a limited number allowed in at once, but folks can also call ahead for next day pickup. Check Facebook or call 207-454-3983 for more information on Cedar Lane. HeatherWood Gardens also has a Facebook page with information, or call 207-454-3518.

In Eastport, Mainely Flowers will open on Saturday, May 16th for foot traffic, but gift certificates can be purchased in time for Mother's Day starting on Saturday, May 9th. Once officially open for foot traffic, it, too, will be limiting the number of people permitted in the greenhouse. For phone orders or for more information, one can call 207-441-3728, or find Mainely Flowers, Eastport, Maine on Facebook.

Calais Middle/High School principal Mary Anne Spearin reminded parents in an email and the school's Facebook page (Calais School Department) the importance of mental health, sharing that the

Blue Devil Health Center and the AWARE grant allows for remote counseling services for any of the Calais students. For more information, parents can reach out to Mrs. Spearin at 207-454-2591 or email her at mspearin@calaischools.org. Additionally, Mrs. Spearin shared that the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Maine has established a new mental health support line for young people ages 14 to 20 during the coronavirus outbreak and beyond. The text line is 207-515-8398 and operates daily from noon to 10 p.m.

As a kid, my nana, the amazing, caring, creative Charlotte Smith, used to remind my sisters and me that May 1st was the time to make May Day Baskets. One I do recall making was for my third-grade teacher Mrs. Joan Ketchen. I crafted a small paper basket, probably putting candy in it, and left it on her desk. She certainly appreciated the anonymous gift. I knew back then, in 1983, that other kids didn't take part in what

apparently was a tradition of past generations. Throughout the years, I have only heard of a couple of kids taking part in the May Day Basket gift giving. Do you know any young people who leave May Day Baskets, or are you a regular recipient of one? I would love to know, although, under the current situation of COVID-19, this may not be a

good year for leaving baskets for others, as the virus can survive on surfaces.

With that, I will leave you with a quote about what is sure to come by author Toni Sorenson: "Spring is painted in daffodil yellows, robin egg blues, new grass green and the brightness of hope for a better life."



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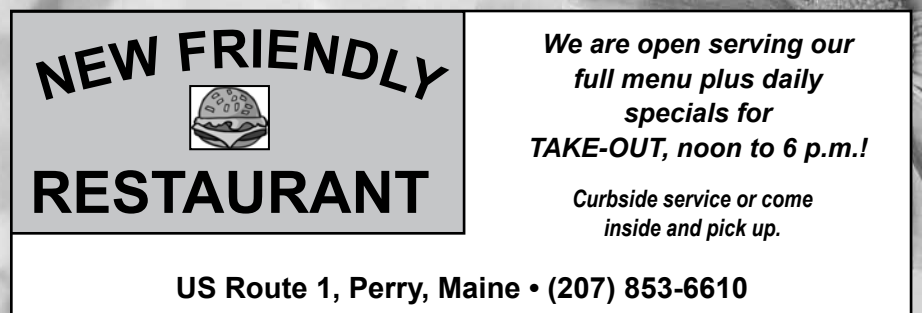
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Downeast Lakes Land Trust Hosts Nature Journaling Contest

By Natalie Boomer
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Downeast Lakes Land Trust is hosting a nature journaling contest to help children and teens stay busy while the state of Maine continues to be under a social distancing order.

For 18 days a writing prompt will be posted on the

DLLT Facebook page. On day one the writing prompt was, "What is your favorite place outside to explore?" Those who are participating would then start a journal by answering this question.

"A nature journal is something that you can make observations about when you're hiking, and when you're maybe in your backyard, you can

record all sorts of cool, different things and we're going to be installing a series where we will ask you a prompt to write about in your nature journals as you wander around," said Kendall O'Connell, Education and Events Coordinator.

A few more examples of prompts they've posted are, "Choose a natural object that you can see and write about

it. Describe how it looks and moves. Imagine how it might sound or feel." And "What do you think life was like for our ancestors who had to live off the resources they could get from nature? Do you think you could have survived this way?"

Even though the contest has already begun, each prompt is still posted to the DLLT

Facebook page and can be completed at any time. After each prompt is written, a photo of the page must be sent to info@downeastlakes.org. If 15 out of the 18 journal prompts are completed, participants will be entered to win a Downeast Lakes Land Trust hat and t-shirt.

Poetry Website Raises Funds to Provide Lunches for Area Senior Citizens

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Through one man's online poetry site, nearly \$600 was recently raised to help provide Crumbs Cafe & Bake Shoppe lunches to older adults in the greater Calais area.

Dr. Steven Gordon, staff physician at Calais VA Clinic, is editor of *Songs of Eretz Poetry Review* (www.songsoferetz.com). After hearing of Crumbs' offer of low-cost meals for students and elderly, priced at just \$4.50, Dr. Gordon thought, "If I were down on my luck and then, suddenly, I received a yummy boxed lunch from Crumbs, that would make my day!" He said he and his wife are frequent patrons of the popular Main Street eatery and are familiar with the "quality of their fare."

"I asked for donations from

current and former 'Frequent Contributors' to *Songs of Eretz Poetry Review*. I also changed the custom of providing guest poets with honoraria to donating what they would have received to the cause," Dr. Gordon explained. "The response from the readership was overwhelming. In a typical submission period, *Songs of Eretz* receives about a hundred poems in three weeks. This time, we received as many in three days. We had to close for submissions early to avoid being overwhelmed, and we raised almost \$600."

Chris and Kevin Niles, owners of Crumbs Cafe & Bake Shoppe, said Dr. Gordon's donation helped provide over 200 lunches. The pair said as of last week, they had distributed around 3,000 lunches to area seniors.

Dr. Gordon said, "[*Songs of*

Eretz] is a mainstream, themed, quarterly e-zine that features a hand-picked group of poet 'Frequent Contributors' and a number of guest poets." Its mission is "to bring a little more good poetry and art into the world." He encourages those interested in "enjoying some great poetry" to visit the site at www.songsoferetz.com.

Dr. Gordon is a decorated United States Air Force veteran

and served as a flight surgeon on active duty from 2000 to 2005. "A year ago, looking for a change and in a desire to serve my fellow veterans further, I accepted another federal assignment as a staff physician with the Veterans Administration Community Based Out-patient Clinic on Union Street in Calais. I had hoped to stay on in that capacity until the end of my career--a decade or

more, I hoped, but the VA had other plans. I will be heading back to Kansas soon to open a new telemedicine practice, a skill I honed while in the VA's employ," he said.

The veterans of the Calais area, according to Dr. Gordon, are "some of the finest patients [he] has ever had the pleasure and privilege of attending." He said he will also miss Maine and the people of Calais.

Historic Photo - Calais Taxi



While it was called a taxi it would be more accurately described as a bus service because it had a defined route - the corner of North and Main Streets in Calais, then known as Bank Corner, to Milltown and back several times a day. The photo shows the Bank Corner with the brick block which became Calais Federal across the street. (Submitted by Al Churchill)

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Raye's Mustard Hosts Online Contest

By **Natalie Boomer**
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Karen Raye, of Raye's Mustard in Eastport, has come up with an exciting way to pass the time while community members are stuck at home due to the COVID-19 self-isolation order.

"Raye's Mustard is doing something fun as everyone is cooking at home more these days. We are launching a pop-up Facebook group where people can share photos, videos, recipes, and tips featuring Raye's Mustard," said Raye. "It will be a great place to share ideas and get inspired by others' cooking ideas."

Raye's "Cook Like a Chef" contest began on April 15th, has had over ten recipes shared to the group and over 170

members have joined. Each submission will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 grocery gift card.

Over 25 small-batch crafted stone ground flavors of mustard are made and sold by Raye's Mustard including Winter Garden, Sweet and Spicy, Brown Ginger, Top Dog, and more.

Along with recipes, discount codes for a percentage off an online purchase of mustard can be found as well.

You can upload your photo or video and add a recipe or two to the public Facebook group, "Cook Like A Chef With Raye's Mustard."

The winner of the gift card will be chosen and announced on May 15th.



A photo Kevin Raye added to the group with a caption that read, "As fourth-generation owners of Raye's Mustard Mill, we believe no sandwich is complete without one of our mustards!! Here are today's His & Hers sandwiches! Share how you use Raye's Mustard!!"

Blueberry Industry Grapples with Pandemic Challenges

By **Nancy Beal**

The Wild Blueberry Commission (WBC) met via Zoom and conference call on April 23 and talked about potential problems for their business presented by the coronavirus pandemic. Present were Commissioners Roy Allen (chair), Simeon Allen, David Bell, Marie Emerson, Darin Hammond, Ed Hennessey, William Mallar, and Todd Merrill. Also participating were WBC executive director Eric Venturini, Patricia Kontur, and Lily Calderwood of the University of Maine Extension Service, legislative members Marianne Moore and Anne Perry, and several industry members and observers. Joining from Sen. Susan Collins' office in Washington, D. C. was Cameron O'Brien, who talked about the recent legislation passed by Congress to mitigate the economic woes caused by the pandemic and to delineate the relevance of those measures on the blueberry industry.

Cameron said that the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) would receive an infusion of \$320 billion by the end of the week. Some of that money was targeted for agricultural programs, he said, including \$2.1 billion in direct assistance to fruit and vegetable growers. Emerson asked whether safeguards had been put in place to ensure that the latter amount would reach small growers, whom she represents on the WBC. "In the past," she said, "[federal money] hasn't trickled down to the small growers."

Cameron said that he had no details about distribution, but assured her, "We feel the same way...[that the money] gets down to the ground." Venturini said more information would be forthcoming later in the day, including caps on the number of pounds of blueberries that could be "bought back" by the federal government from individual buyers (a common form of subsidy).

In response to concern about the president's pronouncements

on closing immigration and how that would affect the blueberry industry's labor supply, Cameron told the group that, because of pushback from the agricultural community and its need for immigrant labor, agricultural workers would be exempt from the immigration ban. He added that Collins' office was waiting for the federal rollout of the law and would broadcast information on the details as to how it would be implemented as soon as they became clear.

Bell expressed concern about the impact on the industry workforce that might result from the generous federal unemployment payments that supplemented what was already available through the state system. Four members of his family were laid off, he said, but were receiving generous payments while staying home. He worried about some folks making more money staying home than going back to work and the effect that that might have on the seasonal blueberry workforce, both in the fields and in the processing plants.

(Recently published figures from the Maine Department of

Labor reported that for February, the average state benefit paid out was just under \$340. The \$600 offered by the federal stimulus program enhanced that total to \$940, a figure that is \$83 more than the average previous weekly wage of \$857 reported by applicants for state unemployment benefits. The extra \$600 payments end July 25. Source: Bangor Daily News, April 24,)

Cameron understood the concern and called it an "unintended consequence" and "snafu" of the first round of unemployment money, and something that might send legislators "back to the drawing board." He explained that, in the initial PPP, Congress had been trying to address an immediate need, but admitted that legislators needed to reassess any future damage and not incentivize folks to stay home.

Venturini cataloged some of the problems created by the closed society made necessary by the pandemic. While harvesting labor might not be impeded by a new immigration ban, he said many migrant laborers who follow the crops

from state to state may not be comfortable traveling in close quarters, so labor shortages could result. For those who do come, he added, housing would need to be re-thought in the new circumstances.

Sales were obviously down, he said, given the closures of stores and schools. He said the slump could persist for "a year or two." The supply chain through which growers were used to ordering their supplies, such as pesticides, might "slow down," said Venturini, given the uncertainty of the markets, border restrictions, and different rules in different states. He recommended that growers

"order early."

Kontur told the group that the university had stopped all unessential research, which was most of what the extension service did. Bell, likening the limiting of the extension service's work to "cutting ourselves off at the legs," asked how the WBC could help. Kontur suggested writing a letter to the appropriate authorities at UMO about the importance of research. Calderwood said that, although it had cut back on much of its work, the extension service was still taking phone calls, offering webinars, and keeping its website updated with the latest COVID-related information.

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NAMI Launches New Teen Text Support Line

Maine’s chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Maine) has announced the launch of the Teen Text Support Line, a new mental health program for youth 14 – 20 years of age living in Maine.

The Text Line can be reached at (207) 515 – 8398 (TEXT). The Teen Text Support Line operates from noon– 10 p.m. each day and provides adolescents who may need additional mental health support with a safe space to talk with another young person. Staff providing support via the Teen Text Line are between 19 – 23 years of age.

“NAMI Maine is focused on providing mental health support to all Mainers,”

says NAMI Maine CEO Jenna Mehnert. “We saw the need to create a mental health peer support teen text line and were able to launch this new resource.”

“In this time when routines are changing more than ever, it is important for youths to have some connection to others who can understand some of the struggles and disappointments that we are experiencing,” says one Maine eighth-grader. According to the 2019 Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book (https://www.mekids.org/site/assets/files/1241/kidscount_2019.pdf), Maine’s youth have the highest rate of diagnosed anxiety in the nation, and the country’s third-highest rate of diagnosed depression

among children aged 3 – 17.

The Teen Text Line is not a crisis line. If you believe that you or someone you know could be in crisis, please do not hesitate to connect with the Maine Crisis Line via phone or text at (888) 568-1112.

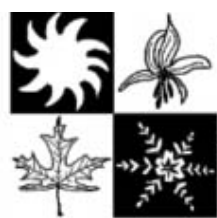
Through support, education, and advocacy, NAMI Maine is dedicated to building better lives for the one in four Mainers who are affected by mental illness.

For more information, visit www.nami-maine.org/page/teentextline, or contact NAMI Maine’s CEO Jenna Mehnert at (207) 907-0303 or jenna@namimaine.org.

Writer's Corner



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The Nature of Phenology

A weekly feature on the timing of outdoor occurrences

By Hazel Stark and Joe Horn

Horsetails

By Joseph Horn

When my partner and I first started renting an old farmhouse to serve as an office space, the landlord asked if we would please be sure to weed the crushed gravel strip which surrounded the building. “Sure!” we enthusiastically agreed. I, for one, never shy away from a little bit of manual yard work — especially after a few hours sitting in front of a computer to write proposals, develop lesson plans, and take care of other daily tasks. So after one such stretch of indoor work, I headed outside for the first time to pull up some of these weeds, expecting them to be wild mustards or clovers. As I rounded the corner of the building, I caught myself laughing when I was confronted by the most tenacious of all plants, vilified as a weed by some, exalted as medicine by others, and just starting to poke out of wet meadows and ditches: the green twiggy plumes of field horsetail.

Field horsetail, known by botanists as *Equisetum arvense*, is a member of an ancient group of plants that produce spores as their primary method of reproduction, rather than fruits and seeds. Being a spore producer makes them closer kin to ferns, mosses, and liverworts than other plants. They share a rough resemblance to a young pine tree—green in color overall and

somewhat like a bottlebrush in shape. The fertile shoots of the plant that produce the spores are generally tan and topped with a small pine cone-like structure. And while today it is easy to find thickets of field horsetails growing in dappled patches in roadside ditches, wet meadows, and pastures, they once had a decidedly more expansive distribution on our planet.

Looking around the forests and fields of Maine, it is hard to believe that during the age of dinosaurs, the landscape was dominated with ancient species of horsetails, but that is precisely the case. Some species of horsetails grew as tall as trees, with fossil records showing them to be around 100 feet tall, while still otherwise maintained that familiar bottlebrush appearance. Our common field horsetails today stand only a couple feet tall in an especially robust specimen. But despite their modern diminutive form, the term ‘robust’ should perhaps be applied to the entire group of horsetails, for their tenacity is why they still exist today and why some farmers and gardeners loathe their presence.

While horsetails do reproduce through spores, horsetails are much more successful at reproducing through their underground rhizomes. Rhizomes are underground stems from which a plant can emerge.

So while you might have a horsetail here and there, they might all be connected by the same network of rhizomes, making the whole patch likely to be one individual specimen. My attempt at weeding these horsetails, consequently, simply broke off their green tops, leaving their rhizomes intact to sprout again. Were I to take a shovel or rototiller to the patch, I would likely just chop up the plants and their rhizomes, leaving each piece of rhizome to send down more roots and start more genetically identical clones! Perhaps this is why we have horsetails today but no dinosaurs.

Stubborn as they may be, horsetails are often praised for their medicinal properties. Next to diatoms, horsetails have the highest concentration of biologically available silica—the stuff of strong bones. So much so, that if you pluck a mature plume of the plant and rub its stem against the top of your thumbnail, you will find that it actually sands your nail smooth. This is thanks to the ridges of silica that grow on the outside of the plant, lending horsetails another name — scouring rush — for their ability to effectively scour pots and pans. Evidently, in pre-sandpaper Europe, fine furniture was also sanded using horsetails.

So this weekend you can keep an eye to ditches and wet fields in search of the feathery



Some species of horsetails grew as tall as trees, with fossil records showing them to be around 100 feet tall, while still otherwise maintaining that familiar bottlebrush appearance. (Photo by Hazel Stark)

plumes of horsetails. While you might be inclined to eradicate it if it is by your house or garden, I would suggest just enjoying it for what it is. It was here during the time of dinosaurs and successfully thwarted floods, fires, and comet impacts. So I reckon it is here to stay.

The author lives year-round in Washington County, is Co-Founder of Maine Outdoor School, L3C, and is a Registered Maine Guide. He volunteers to co-produce *The Nature*

of Phenology for WERU-FM with Hazel Stark. This piece is an excerpt from that weekly 5-minute radio program, which airs on 89.9FM near Blue Hill or streaming at weru.org at 9:30 on Saturday mornings. To learn more, read, listen to past episodes, or subscribe as a podcast, visit thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com. Joseph can be reached by emailing naturephenology@gmail.com.

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Recipe and a Story: Molasses Cookies

By Kaileigh Deacon

I never gave much thought to baking when I was younger. Sure, I could whip up brownies from a box or scoop spoonfuls of cookie dough from a tub, but the idea of making a recipe from scratch wasn't something I considered or had time for. But one day while visiting my Aunt Ruth, she gave me notebooks filled with family recipes, and that all changed. It really shouldn't have surprised me that I would like baking so much since I was always mixing concoctions together when I was little.

Baking for me has become the way I relax, the way I can decompress after a long day or week. Most people would find that statement confusing because baking, especially from a recipe, can be hard work. The thing I like about baking is that there are guidelines for how a recipe is supposed to be made, but there is plenty of room for adding and putting your own touch to the process. Baking is a lot of trial and error, and sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, but you've tried and that's what's important.

I have made a lot of cookies since getting those notebooks from my Aunt Ruth, but one everyone seems to like and that I enjoy making are molasses cookies. It could be because there is something about a molasses cookie that is comforting, the mixture of the ginger and molasses and how when you take that first soft bite it's comforting. It also reminds me of making them at Christmas with my mom. We would stand at the kitchen counter and there would be flour everywhere as she used a heavy stone rolling pin to roll out the brown dough. Back then, my favorite part of the process, aside from eating them of course, was getting to use the cookie cutters. Once the dough was flat, my brother and I would use the plastic and metal cookie cutters, in various Christmas shapes, to get the cookies ready for the oven.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 egg (beaten)
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- pinch of salt
- Flour

RECIPE: Preheat oven to 350

-In a bowl mix together butter, molasses, and sugar. Add cream of tartar and baking soda to the milk (this will get a little frothy and rise, that's okay). Add this to the molasses mixture. Add in ginger and salt.

-Add flour a bit at a time until the dough becomes firm and able to be handled. You will add at least 3 cups of flour and continue adding a quarter cup at a time until the desired consistency is reached.

-Bake in the oven at 350 for 8-10 minutes. (For a chewier cookie, 8 minutes in a well-heated oven is ideal).



Dining with Diane



This brunch, lunch or dinner recipe is so delicious and looks so gorgeous too. There is enough filling to make 12 of these but the recipe says that it makes 8. So if you need enough for 12 then just use another sheet of puff pastry. This would be a nice way to use up some of your leftover Easter ham.

HAM, CHEESE & SPINACH PUFFS

- 2 sheets puff pastry (one box)
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 cup milk
- Pinch salt
- Pinch pepper
- Pinch nutmeg (I use less)
- ½ lb. cooked ham, diced small
(I used one ham slice about ¼" thick)
- 2 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- 1 cup swiss cheese, grated
(I used a mixture of sharp cheddar & gruyere)
- 1 egg, beaten for egg-washing the tops

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut puff pastry sheets into 5" squares (each sheet into fourths) Place on a parchment lined baking sheet about 1 inch apart.

Make béchamel sauce: Melt butter and add flour & salt. Cook stirring frequently until mixture becomes pale golden. Pour in the milk and whisk until smooth and thick. Cook on low until completely thickened. Add pepper and stir in the chopped fresh spinach and cook for 1 minute to wilt the spinach. Add the ham and a little of the cheese. Set aside to cool slightly.

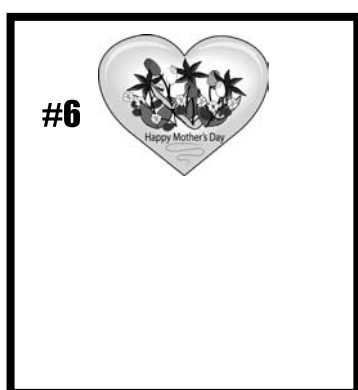
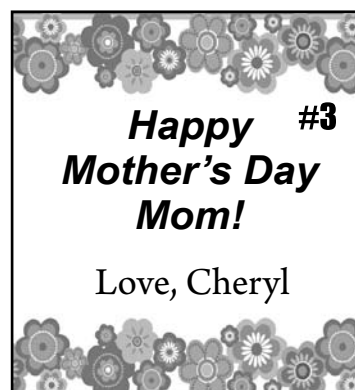
Dollop about 2 T. of spinach/ham/béchamel mixture in center of each pastry square. Top each with some cheese. Close the packets by folding the corners to the center. You don't have to crimp or seal the dough, just fold in the corners to cover the filling a little. Make an egg wash with 1 egg, beaten and add a couple teaspoons of water and mix well. Brush the egg wash on the puff pastry and bake in oven at 400 for 20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Serve immediately.

Mother's Day is May 10!

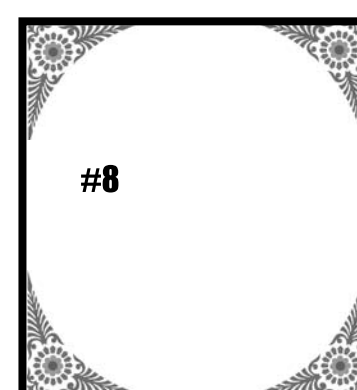
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Obituary

NORMA J. WALLACE

Crawford – Norma J. Wallace, 77, went to be with her Savior on April 23, 2020, at her home in Crawford. Norma was born in Calais on August 30, 1942, the daughter of Leonard and Evelyn (Stone) Stanhope.

In addition to her parents, Leonard and Evelyn, Norma was predeceased by a baby brother, R. Leonard Stanhope. Surviving are her loving husband of 57 years,



Coburn Wallace; her sister, Donna Karlsson and husband Vincent of Stetson; her children, Cheryl Ingersoll and husband Wayne of Calais, Troy Wallace and wife Tracey of Crawford, and Annette Bailey and husband Richard of Massachusetts; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many other close family members and friends.

There will be no viewing or funeral at this time. A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Crawford Cemetery. Arrangements by Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.MaysFuneralHome.com.

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Obituary

DALE C. CASEY

Cooper – Dale Cameron Casey, 78, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020, at his home in Cooper. Dale was born in Lincoln on February 19, 1942, son of Earl Cameron Casey and Kathleen (Berry) Casey.

After graduating from high school in Ellsworth, Dale enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving for 13 years as a jet engine mechanic. Returning to Maine, Dale enlisted in the Army National Guard, retiring with over 20 years of total military service. He then was employed as a truck driver with Cumberland Farms, delivering fuel to various stores throughout New England. On August 13, 2004, he married Bonita Perkins. They eventually moved to Cooper where they owned and operated a blueberry farm. Dale enjoyed working with tools, model trains and had a big heart for dogs.

Surviving are his wife, Bonita Casey of Cooper; six children, Wanda Black and husband Doug of South Carolina, Anita Edwards and husband Timothy of New Hampshire, Sherry Leblanc and husband Ernest of Wyoming, Katrina Casey of Virginia, Colleen Bernard and husband Michael of Auburn, and Aaron Casey and wife Angela of Scarborough; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and three stepchildren, Terry Bamford of Cooper; Buck Perkins and wife Beth of Calais, and Jennifer Burns and husband Jody of Jonesport.

In keeping with Dale's wishes, there will be no service. Arrangements by Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

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By Justin Harvey, Pastor of Calvary Chapel St. Croix Valley

The great prophet of the Bible, Elijah, persevered through a time of great adversity. During the reign of King Ahab of Israel, Elijah told the king, "As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." (1Kings 17:1b) This was a bold proclamation having a far reaching impact especially upon a nation so dependent upon agriculture.

The prolonged drought Elijah prophesied of lasted three and a half years. In that time what national economy existed was devastated. There was widespread hunger and famine, along with an insufficient water supply. This disastrous catastrophe affected not only those who were disobedient to God's commands, but those who were also putting their trust in the God of Israel. No one was exempted from being touched by this event including Elijah himself.

It is recorded, however, that during this time God directed Elijah to a place where he would receive miraculous provision. God said to Elijah, "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there." (1Kings 17:3-4) Elijah was instructed to go to

Devotional

a certain brook where there was water. He was told ravens, which naturally are scavenger birds, would bring food to Elijah at the designated spot. If Elijah did not obey and go to the location that God directed him to, he would have no expectation of this provision.

If I were in the same situation as Elijah, I would have expected the brook to supply water for me throughout the duration of the drought. I would have been initially delighted to know that God took knowledge of my service and obedience to Him and He was taking care of me individually. I would anticipate that although others around me might experience a judgment from God, I could continue with blithe disregard because my needs were being met.

You could imagine the surprise of discovering what the Scripture records in such a matter-of-fact way: "And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land." (1Kings 17:7) I think it is noteworthy to consider that the days were not directly numbered how long this situation between Elijah, the brook, and the ravens lasted. It is almost as if he were in isolation or quarantine for so long that he lost track a little. I wonder if there was a thought Elijah might have had that surely the brook is going to turn back on for me. Alas, it was not the case.

Elijah could not be stuck depending on the expired provision of God and demanding

God do things the way he expected. Elijah's responsibility was to listen to God's instruction and obey. God's plan never seemed to be to leave Elijah without provision, but required his constant dependence upon God for his daily needs.

1Kings 17:8-9 records, "And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee." This was yet another miracle set up by God for Elijah. He was expected to trust that an impoverished widow who could not really make ends meet in an area outside of his homeland was going to have provision for both of them.

Sometimes I have expectations of God for how I want Him to work in my life. I will see His initial provision in times of difficulty and be so joyous that He cared enough about me to provide for my individual needs. My tendency is to become complacent trusting the situation is always going to remain the same. However, calamity can have widespread impact. Shared difficulty among others may just be an opportunity for God to work miraculously in ways I never expected.

If God commands a change in approach, it is best to follow and obey. If the brook runs dry, continue to listen to God's Word and trust His leading.

All public worship services are temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

Changes to Maine's Spring Turkey Hunting Season

The start of the regular spring turkey hunting season will be moved up to Saturday, May 2 instead of May 4. This will give hunters an additional Saturday to be in the field. All other cur-

rent bag limits, license, and permit requirements apply.

Tagging Requirements

Hunters participating in the 2020 spring wild turkey hunting season will NOT be required to

tag their harvested turkey(s). Transportation tags will also not be required. This is specific to the Spring 2020 season only. Hunters will receive a post-season survey and are asked to participate to help provide data used to monitor Maine's wild turkey population. All other current bag limits, license, and permit requirements apply. Please review Maine's current hunting laws.

Visit mefishwildlife.com/covid19 for additional MDIFW updates related to COVID-19

COVID-19 safety reminders for turkey hunting season

-Hunt at a spot close to home and be sure to respect private landowners!

-Ask permission first.
-Be safe and prepared.
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Machias Land Donation Sets Stage for Historic 'Liberty Village'

By Sarah Craighead Dedmon

A group of local historians plans to build a living history village that will transport visitors into 18th century Machias. The Revolutionary War Reenactors of Downeast Maine and Machias Historical Society recently accepted a 75+-acre land donation from Dr. Gayle Kraus, who says she is "totally enthusiastic" about the project, called "Liberty Village".

"I have always thought that historical villages were just fantastic, I've enjoyed them as a kid so when this came up I thought, 'This is something that would be really wonderful for Machias,'" said Kraus, professor of marine ecology at the University of Maine at Machias (UMM). "It fits the whole history of the area."

As a child, Kraus recalls visiting Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, a living history museum that recreates a 19th-century seafaring village. Machias' Liberty Village would recreate life Downeast at the time of the American Revolution when two battles pitted a small band of patriotic woodsmen against the British Navy.

"They had everything to lose. If they hadn't won, they would have all been hung for treason," said local historian Valdine Atwood, a member of the Machias Historical Society which serves as the parent organization for the reenactors. "It's about a group of backwoodsmen standing up for their rights and for what they believed in. This is what it all boils down to."

[see inset box, "Remind me

what happened?"] on page 16.

Most Americans know what happened at the battles of Lexington and Concord, but almost no one knows about the battles in Machias. That's unfortunate, says Atwood, because the stories of those battles are inspiring. Of the five revolutionary war events that took place in present-day Maine, the Americans only won two.

"And those were the two battles that happened here," said Atwood.

The Machias reenactors formed in 2018, and since then they've been in near-constant motion, delighting crowds at Margareta Days and the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival, visiting local schools, giving lectures at historic sites, filming an educational movie, raising money and searching for the ideal location to build Liberty Village. Initially, the group hoped to construct it along the Middle River because of that site's historic significance. Not only did the river's abundant salt hay attract the original Machias settlers, but it was also where the patriots hid the *Margareta* after seizing it from the British in 1775.

The Middle River Park, a property of the Downeast Coastal Conservancy, did not pass muster as a construction site, but conversations with the land trust continue to prove fruitful, says reenactor leader Joseph McBrine. In addition to fundraising tips and strategy, that connection led the reenactors to a historic house which will be donated for use in the village. When the Machias site is ready, they plan to relocate that

structure and a historic barn to Liberty Village.

"Tim Beal went to look at [the house]. Whoever took it down cut some key beams with a chainsaw, but it can be put back together," said McBrine, who is delighted by the donation. "Things couldn't be any better."

Kraus said she first learned of the plans for Liberty Village from UMM Head of Campus Daniel Qualls, who leads the reenactors' redcoat delegation. She was instantly drawn to the idea.

"I'm so much in favor of it, I've made sure it's in my will that it's going to them," said Kraus. The acreage, located in Kennebec, was originally purchased with the intention that Kraus and her brother Jeffrey would build retirement homes there. Jeffrey passed away, and since then Kraus has been wondering what other purpose the land could serve.

"I hated to see it just going into housing or logged over," said Kraus, noting her brother was a big history buff, and would happily "freak out" to learn how the land will be used. "Everything just came together, and I am totally enthusiastic about it."

Kraus, McBrine, and Qualls walked the land together envisioning the village, and all three were delighted.

"There are some very unique land features," said McBrine, noting the land is home to Thaxter Spring, where many locals pull drinking water. The society intends to ensure public spring access will continue.

"We're going to take our time in laying out how everything is

going to be. We don't want to build anything anywhere that's going to restrict us later from expanding," said McBrine who hopes the site might one day look like King's Landing, a living history museum in New Brunswick. "We know it's going to take time."

McBrine is passionate about Machias history, and when he starts telling people about the reenactor group, serendipitous offerings seem to flow their way. Like last year, when he approached some travelers and asked to look at their boat, tied up behind Helen's Restaurant in Machias.

"They said this is its last voyage, it's getting retired," said McBrine. "I told them what we were going to be doing, and they said that boat would be perfect." They donated it to the reenactors, and now the 30-foot umiak serves to reenact the Battle of Rim.

Or the time he called Outward Bound and they donated a period-correct longboat fitted with a sail. Reenactor Chris Sprague found a boat trailer to transport it and learned the boat has a heroic backstory — it was commissioned by the parents of the last American soldier classified as missing in action in Vietnam.

"Chris found the story online...and found the radio transmissions of this guy on the ground refusing to get in the helicopter because he was firing at the enemy so the helicopter could take off," said McBrine. "He was never found."

The boat used to bear a plaque in the soldier's honor, and the reenactors plan to replace it, soon. In addition to serving in reenactments, the boats will also be used to teach local students rowing.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
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YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
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Find AT LEAST FIVE COUNTRIES ENDING WITH "LAND" in the grid of letters.

Last week's answers:

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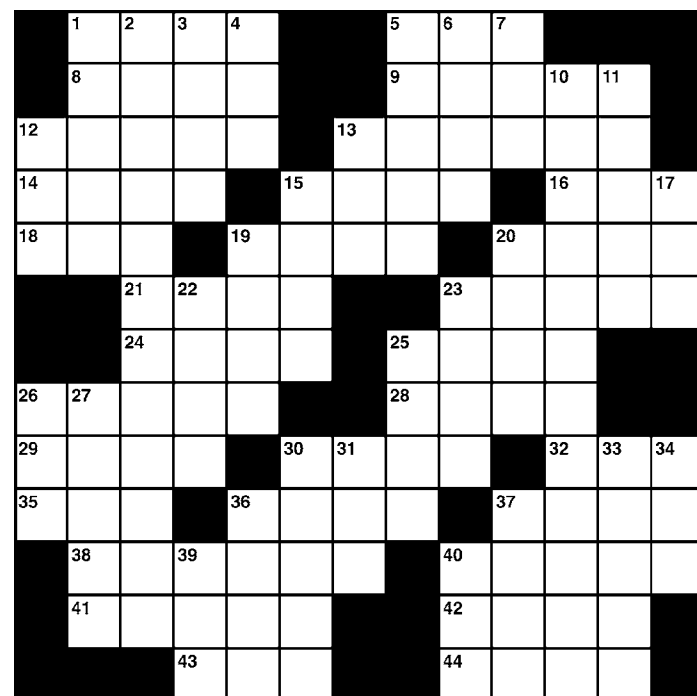
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS

- 1 Marge's boy
- 5 Actor Vigoda
- 8 Daniela of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 9 Disney's fawn
- 12 "___ Judy"
- 13 Actor ___ L. Jackson
- 14 Farmland unit
- 15 Boone & Nixon
- 16 Actor Max ___ Sydow
- 18 Word of mild surprise
- 19 "Auntie ___"; Rosalind Russell movie
- 20 Actress Campbell
- 21 "Man of the ___"; Robin Williams film
- 23 Like a dull speaker's audience
- 24 File's partner, in phrase
- 25 Aretha's music
- 26 "Get ___ on!"; cry to a slowpoke
- 28 Dow or Danza
- 29 Actor Gordon
- 30 Eerie saucers
- 32 "We ___ It All!"; Waylon Jennings song

- 35 Braggart's problem
- 36 "Life as We ___ It!"; Josh Duhamel film
- 37 Scrabble piece
- 38 "The ___"; John Krasinski sitcom
- 40 "Hello, ___!"
- 41 "The Fresh Prince ___-Air"
- 42 Flirt with
- 43 "___ Got a Secret"
- 44 "___ A!"; 2010 Emma Stone movie

DOWN

- 1 Lee or Willis
- 2 Jeremy's wife on "Little People, Big World"
- 3 2014 Nicolas Cage horror movie
- 4 "Orange Is ___ New Black"
- 5 Diminish
- 6 Words from Emeril
- 7 Large awkward bird
- 10 "The Real Housewives of ___"
- 11 "___ Lucy"
- 12 Catherine Bell series
- 13 Role on "Cheers"
- 15 Actress Overall
- 17 "___ and Stacey"
- 19 Lion's hair
- 20 Part of speech
- 22 Roof overhang
- 23 Unhappy audience's cries
- 25 Store away
- 26 "Avengers: ___ of Ultron"
- 27 Bald & nearsighted cartoon fellow
- 30 Donald, to Huey, Dewey & Louie
- 31 Enemy
- 33 Actress Kirstie
- 34 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 36 Chicken ___; fancy entrée
- 37 Garb for Caesar
- 39 Jeremy Sisto series
- 40 Unknown John

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Machias Land
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Machias Historical Society President Betsy Fitzgerald said news of Kraus' land donation was stunning, almost surreal, and the society's board voted to accept the donation without hesitation.

"Fast forward five or ten years. If everything falls into place the way people are talking about it and thinking about it and planning it, it's going to be an absolutely amazing place," said Fitzgerald. "Is it going to need fundraisers? Oh, you better believe it."

The reenactors have been raising money with raffles, and now they're minting a commemorative coin to raise funds and spread the word about their project. The coin's design features Burnham Tavern in honor of its 250th anniversary, and their plan is to issue one each year in honor of other local historic sites, figures, and events. All donations to the project are tax-deductible because the historical society is a 501(c)(3).

Kraus said her students are excited about the project, and everybody wants to help in any way they can. Fitzgerald says those labor contributions will

take the project a long way.

"I think certainly there is a lot of homegrown talent here. We know how to cut down trees, we know how to build buildings, we know how to do those things," said Fitzgerald. "But it's the hidden maintenance costs that you don't see that are going to have to be funded in some other way, shape, or form."

Once the land transfer is legally formalized, all parties can begin work on a plan.

"This is a long-haul project, and I think the core group understands that and is willing to dig in their heels and start pulling it," said Fitzgerald.

For Atwood, Liberty Village is a way to educate more people about American History, a subject she fears schools are not focused on anymore. As a decades-long fan of Jeopardy, Atwood notes contestants seem to be stumped by even the simplest questions on American History, nevermind knowing about the Battle of Machias.

"This is why I think it's a wonderful idea. Most people have no idea that this is what happened," said Atwood. "The people here had to fight for everything they got and stand up for everything that they wanted."

Remind Me What Happened?

The month was June, the year was 1775, and word had just reached Machias of the battles of Concord and Lexington, where the Massachusetts Minutemen had driven the redcoats back to Boston. When a British ship followed a supply packet into the Machias Bay and demanded lumber to build stockades in Boston, the Machias patriots did not capitulate even when desperately-needed supplies were withheld. Instead, they fought, and the result was the first naval battle of the American Revolution, the Battle of Machias.

"Here you have the biggest military power on earth, defeated by some ordinary people in Machias," said Carlene Holmes, a historical society member and chair of the Margareta Days Festival.

The patriots met at Machias' Burnham Tavern and hatched a plan to overtake the British during Sunday morning services. The patriots were spotted, and the British escaped to their ship, the *HMS Margareta*. The patriots gave pursuit in a much-faster schooner called the *Unity* and a smaller ship, the *Falmouth Packet*. When

both ships came up alongside the Margareta, they were able to overwhelm its crew. Margareta Captain James Moore was fatally injured in the battle, and his second in command surrendered the ship.

Fast forward to August 13, 1777. Their 1775 defeat still stings the British Navy, and they're ready to exact their revenge on Machias. In a letter sent by British Vice Admiral Samuel Graves to Lieutenant Henry Mowat, Graves gives orders to lay waste to Machias. "My design is to chastise Marblehead, Salem... and particularly Machias where the Margareta was taken, the

Officer commanding her killed, and the People made Prisoners. You are to make the most vigorous Efforts to burn the Towns and destroy the Shipping in the Harbours..."

After the British sailed up the Machias River, burning farmsteads along the way, they were met by a crowd of armed patriots and their Passamaquoddy allies, including Chief Joseph Neptune. Chief Neptune took what is now known as the "long shot" which killed a British soldier and turned the British running away from Machias, again, winning the Battle of the Rim.

The Revolutionary War Reenactors plan to raise funds for Liberty Village in part by selling commemorative coins, like these which have been ordered for sale this spring. Because 2020 is the 250th anniversary of Burnham Tavern, this first coin features the historic Machias landmark on one side, and emblems of life in 18th century Machias on the other. Five hundred coins have been ordered, though pre-orders already total more than 100. They are expected to arrive at the beginning of June and can be purchased for \$10 and reserved through the group's Facebook page. (Photo courtesy Joseph McBrine)



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Wildlife Photos



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DECH Births

Baby girl Naia Lee Newell Benson born on April 23, 2020, to Lee Ann Newell and Matt Benson, of Alexander. Naia weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., 19.5 inches long.

Baby girl Amara June Chambers born on April 27, 2020, to Amber Cookson and Nathan Chambers, of Calais. Amra weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., 19.5 inches long.

Baby boy David Charles Grant born on April 27, 2020, to Erika Pillius-Napoli and Robert Grant, of Danforth and East Machias. David weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., 20 inches long.

Baby boy Philip James Oliver born on April 27, 2020, to Kamiwan Oliver and Paul Oliver of Calais. Philip weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz., 20.5 inches long.

Tom, the Office Cat



Tom is hiding under a chair this week!

**Email your photos to
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A Harp Seal on the beach in Lubec- taken on Earth Day! (Photo by Angie Cummings)



(Photo by Donna Melanson)

Town News



Alexander/Crawford

Cassie Oakes

The Alexander Elementary School is looking for children who will be four years old by October 15th for its pre-K program. If you are interested in this program, your child needs to be five years old before October 15th. For more information or to discuss registration, please call the school at 454-2823 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and talk to Brenda McDonough. If that is not a good time for you, leave a message and she will get back to you. You can also email her at bmcdonough@shead.org to arrange for registration. The school will need a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record, which can be dropped off or mailed.

Ted Carter, Alexander's Pioneer broadband liaison, which is doing the design project, said they have caught up with a number of issues that have been associated with COVID-19 and will now be completing the study by the second week in May. The study will include the designs, materials and cost of the entire project to provide broadband service to every house in town with a utility/communication pole. This will be paid for by the users of the service over a specified time to be determined when the loan is finally negotiated. Also, Downeast Broadband Utility (DBU) has approved Alexander joining the DBU. The towns and conditions of membership will be determined at the DBU's May meeting and will include Alexander's board representation and any costs.

The need for high speed internet is now more apparent than ever as we deal with COVID-19 and all it entails, from closed schools to telemedicine to working from home to just being connected with family and friends. Upon completion of the design study, Alexander will be the only town in the region to have a completely designed project awaiting approval by the town to begin construction.

Ted is pleased to report this positive news to the residents of Alexander. When all the information has been gathered and collated, the residents and landowners in town will receive a letter with a complete update as to the status of the Woodland expansion, hopefully before mid-June.

The Alexander Grange may not be meeting, but several members are staying active helping out. Jim (and Dolly) Sullivan have been busy with the upcoming Little Library Project; stay tuned for the unveiling soon. And Kim Rendell has beautified the grange hall a bit with a planter full of flowers. Thank you, grangers.

Calais High School has announced its honor roll and several former AES students have made the grade for the third quarter. Senior Kyle Richard, son of Julie and Marty Richard, made high honors. Sophomore Lacey Porter, daughter of David and Dana Porter, also made high honors. Freshman Alex Richard made honors and is the son of Julie and Marty Richard.

It is with great sadness that I send condolences to Coburn Wallace, of Crawford, and his family on the passing of his wife Norma. Norma was a kind and caring lady, she was a staple in the Town of Crawford and worked for the town in a variety of ways. She loved her church and her family, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

So, what have you been doing to stay busy this past week of the quarantine due to COVID-19? I have heard several reports from folks helping their neighbors, doing yard work, hiking and Zooming with family and friends.

Brian and Susan Giles (along with daughter Madeline) celebrated their son Arlo's first birthday. They couldn't have a party, but they came up with other ways to celebrate. One was to ask friends and family to send Arlo messages with stories about him and their hopes and dreams for his future. They will document this information and put in a time capsule. The family loves to hike and have been doing a lot of that and did so on little Arlo's big day.

The Saul/Merchant family continues to grow their little farm of goats, pigs, chickens, dogs - you name it. This week their family project was to build a new home for one of the animals, and it is a beautiful pink.

Stephen and Brittany Seavey love the outdoors and so do their kids Ella and Stephen, Jr. They have had lots of fun activities at home, but their favorite seems to be fishing. The kids have even dipped their toes into the icy cold water.

This past week has seen five sunny days, but lots of wind. John Dudley's outdoor activity has been limited because of a pulled leg muscle. Old bodies need to act their age! Marie responds to the ringing of the phone. This week David McCullough and Mary Frances Crosby called to visit. David Davis and John's niece also checked in on the old folks. Gerald and Sharon Cooper visited by the mailbox as they retrieved their bills; they had checked the fire site up the road--no smoke--all out! John and Marie wish to thank the Alexander Volunteer Fire Department.

On Friday morning, the Dudleys went to the camp

road, Fish House Lane, and met the Jones family. Mrs. Jones is Alexis, John's niece. With her were her husband Chad and sons Haven and Emerson. That afternoon they cleaned the mess the wind had left. They returned to Orrington Saturday noon after a yard visit with John and Marie.

Marie went to Calais and stopped at Steve Clark's Nook and Cranny for a takeout BBQ chicken flatbread. John spent his indoor week working on the finding aid and thinking about the Alexander History column for next fall and about 2025.

How have I spent my week? Every day I check Facebook messenger and email looking for news for this column. I continue writing letters and I still need suggestions of folks to write to. I have been reading. I have just started a book called *The Unteachables*. I have gone outside to enjoy the fresh air every chance I have gotten, now if only the weather would cooperate. One day Carlos, Jr. and I made peanut butter balls. We got some clay and sculpted a bit, too. Carlos, Jr. really enjoyed a week without any schoolwork and, uh oh, that is about to change this coming week. Movie nights are still a favorite at our house, and it happens almost every night now with Mom and Dad. Saturday my family decided to do some social distancing over at Crawford Lake, where we parked and walked and walked and walked. On our walk we saw Gayle and Dean Wiles through their window and had a nice little chat with them from the road. Later, when we strolled by the home of Esther and David Tozier, we saw David in his yard working on his boat so we chatted with him from the road. Since it was such fun walking Saturday, we did the same on Sunday, only this time we drove to the Flat Road in Alexander and parked our car at the cemetery end. We walked all the way in to where the Holmes family used to live beyond the potato house. And guess what we saw--more folks out and about. Vance Lawless was in his yard when we walked by and we chatted with him for a few minutes. On we trekked up the road and waved at Ralph Allen and his grandkids Autumn and Christopher. Next we met Skip Colson and talked to him while he sat on his tractor. On our return trip down the road we saw Elwin and Genie Daley sitting in their yard and had a quick chat with them from the road. It was great to see some folks from town, and get some exercise while staying safe and chatting from the road. Mom said social distancing at its best.

Good thoughts this week go to Billy Gillespie, Charlie White, John Viselli, Pike Seavey, Avis McIntyre, Eva Rose Fairbrother, Susan McCray and Donna Brown. And let's not forget about those wonderful caretakers who do



Alexander Grange Little Library is a work in progress. (Submitted photo)



Alexander Elementary School students and brothers Gavin and Kevin from Cooper enjoying some sunshine and their pet goats. (Sons of Brittany Merchant)



Alexander Elementary School first grader Ellah Seavey fishing while making sure to practice social distancing. (Submitted photo)

so much for their loved ones. Who else out there could use a shout out? The only way I know is if you let me know. Thanks in advance.

Birthday wishes for the upcoming week go out to my cousin Beth Crosby, Kathy Goodine, Cai Austin, Evan Brown, Terry Lord, Lisa Clark Hinman, Shawna McDonough, Barbara Haley, Courtney Ayers Melville, Larry Hill, Mary Beth Newman, and Beth Howland.

Anniversary wishes for the

upcoming week out to Mike and Jennifer Archer.

Got news? Club news, group news, family celebrations or bragging rights? Drop me a line or give me a call. My email address is cassioakes1986@gmail.com. Our phone number is 454-2344 and if we don't answer please leave a message. You can contact me on my Facebook page Cassie Oakes. You may also snail mail me at 1328 Airline Road, Alexander, ME 04694. Until next week, stay safe.

Town News

Meddybemps

Linda Baniszkeski

Greetings from still isolated Meddybemps. Cabin Fever has really set in by now for many of our residents. However, we have a good community that cares enough about others to do what's best. Happier days are ahead.

Welcome back to Bob and Linda Gordon who returned from Florida about a week ago and appear to be staying home for the prescribed 14 days. It is so good to have residents returning for the new seasons. Summer residents Patti and Rich Lentz and Karen and Dennis Gilbert are chomping at the bit to get back to Meddybemps. They are honoring the travel restrictions into Maine and staying put in Pennsylvania but will be back to open up for the summer season as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday to Terry Lord who celebrates his on May 4.

Congratulations Olivia Huckins of Meddybemps who earned 12th Grade High Honors at Calais High School.

We've had a few gorgeous sunsets last week. It was so beautiful Saturday and Sunday with very warm temperatures. It was so nice Sunday afternoon that someone was out on the lake in their fishing boat. Scuffy and I have nice walks whenever the weather allows. We might have walked a bit too far for Scuffy's little legs as she seems to be a little stiff. She and neighbor dog Mazie Lingle visit often. Even the Lingle cat, Buddy, gets closer now and seems to be entertained as he watches the playful antics of the two dogs running around and games of 'come and get me.'

There are more signs of the emerging season. Looking out of my window I see trees getting more buds every day. Our daffodil shoots are growing. Hopefully, cooler days this week won't stun them into remission. Oh, how the weather teases us. It's raining now, which is a good

thing as it continues to bring up the lake level. Although good things come from the wet weather, it sure adds to a sense of gloominess. I must continue to

remind myself that each new day is a gift, and we are so blessed to be isolated in this beautiful corner of the world.

The recent blustery winds revealed dead limbs falling from nearly dead trees. Barry and Terry Lingle removed a large one on our joint property line, and they removed another on the other side of our property. Both trees were hollow in the middle.

They were taken down none too soon, with high winds again this Monday and Tuesday. The firewood reserves continue to grow as Barry cuts, splits and stacks each new supply.

It was another nice Sunday of attending Second Baptist Church via Facebook live streaming. Brad and Gloria Phillips provided praise and worship music from their home, while Pastor

Matt presented the message from the parsonage. Pastor Matt, Rachel, Josiah, Sam and Lydia also provided more lovely music during the service. We are blessed to have amazing technology to be together while apart during this time.

Please share news and stories to LBaniszkeski@myfairpoint.net or phone 454-3719.

Legals/Notices

**Notice to Calais Water Department Customers
Spring Hydrant Flushing**

The City of Calais Water Department would like to remind everyone that we will be starting our Spring Hydrant Flushing Season. We will be starting in April, and continue into May, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During this period, expect occasional yellow water which is due to the presence of iron sediment. Customers are urged to check their water before bathing, or doing laundry during this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the water department during regular business hours, at 454-2760, or the City Building at 454-2521 extension (2).

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The Town of Princeton is seeking bids for ditching, culvert setting or resetting, and other work as specified in the specs which can be viewed at the town office.

Proof of insurance must be provided. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked "Bid, Ditching and Culvert Work" with bidder's name and/or company listed to the Princeton Town Office, 15 Depot Street, PO Box 408, Princeton, Maine 04668 by 3 PM, Friday, May 15, 2020.

The bids will be opened Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 at the Selectmen's meeting.

The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any/or all bids.

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Washington County Community College
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Notice

Washington County Community College is seeking Request for Proposal in the following area:

- **Auto Repair**
- **Auto Detailing**

Deadline for all submissions is 5/8/2020 at 9 a.m.

Please contact Ashley Macdonald at 454-1023 or visit <https://www.wccc.me.edu/about-wccc/news-info/rfp/>
For more information

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**TOWN OF BAILEYVILLE
SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK**

The Town of Baileyville will conduct a community wide CLEAN-UP the week of **May 11-14, 2020**. The Town will pick up leaves, brush, demolition debris, etc. Up to one pickup truck load per residence, AS LONG AS IT IS BAGGED, BALED OR BUNDLED (NO EXCEPTIONS). Loose items cannot be accommodated. Please do not rake leaves into the streets, they cause damage to the sweeper. Do not put gravel into bags for pickup. **Items must be placed by the curb no later than 8:00 a.m.**

The pick up schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, May 11
Route 1 – South of the Woodland Foodmart (including Bear Cove, Staples Road, Airline Rd., etc.), and North of the Access Road (including Grand Falls Rd., Squirrel Point, etc.)

TUESDAY, May 12
Those streets on the East side of Main Street and Woodland Junction: Mill Street, Spruce Street, Elm Street, Oxford St, etc.

WEDNESDAY, May 13
Those streets on the West side of Route 1; South Princeton Rd., Maple Street, Ridgewood Drive, etc.

THURSDAY, May 14
Those streets of Woodland Proper; 1st-4th Avenues, Washington, Summit, Route 1 between the Access Rd. and the Foodmart, etc.

Any items over 100lbs will be left. Any person with abandoned vehicles, please call the Town Office at 427-3442 to arrange pickup.

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**City of Eastport
Public Hearing Notices
(Renewal & New Victualer Licenses)**

"Renewal" of a Victualer License – David Oja d/b/a BASAR a/k/a Cork Creations & DJ Candles
"Renewal" of a Victualer License – Kristen Johnson d/b/a Puffin Haus Inn Bed & Breakfast
"New" Victualer License – Food Truck – Polly & Jeff Sullivan – d/b/a P&J's Take Out – 109 County Road
"New" Victualer License – Food Truck – Holly Pickens – d/b/a Duende, LLC – 95 County Road

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 [Pending Governor's Order to Open]
Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 [Pending Governor's Order to Open]

Shed High School - Band Room - 6:00 p.m.

The Eastport City Council will hold public hearings on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 (pending Governor's Order to open) and/or on Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 (pending Governor's Order to open) at Shed High School in the Band Room. The purpose of the hearings are to receive public input on the renewal of victualer licenses and a new victualer license to be considered, all as referenced as follows: "Renewal" of a Victualer License – David Oja d/b/a BASAR a/k/a Cork Creations & DJ Candles; "Renewal" of a Victualer License – Kristen Johnson d/b/a Puffin Haus Inn Bed & Breakfast; "New" Victualer License – Food Truck – Polly & Jeff Sullivan – d/b/a P&J's Take Out – 109 County Road; "New" Victualer License – Food Truck – Holly Pickens - d/b/a Duende, LLC – 95 County Road.

The Eastport City Council welcomes all public comment.

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**ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

4 Year-Old Kindergarten/Kindergarten Registration

*For students who will be
4 or 5 years-old prior to October 15th*

Please call the school at 454-2623 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or send an email to Brenda McDonough at bmcdonough@shed.org to arrange for registration.

The school will need a copy of the child's a birth certificate and immunization record which can be dropped off or mailed.

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Town News



Princeton

Sandra Smith

The report from our dining room/temporary greenhouse is that so far we have broccoli sprouting but no other signs of plant life. Hope they were not too cold or damp. I have not had a Corgi report for a while. Like most of us who are quarantined, they have put on a little bit of weight. Too much sharing of our snack treats. Frodo spends his days trying to push the girls

around, but mostly they have figured out that he is all noise. Pheobe, his sister, gives him the most grief. Muddy, our adopted miniature poodle, seems to make more noise than the other three larger dogs. Also, she gets up every day at 7:15 or so and insists on going out. Daisy, the old Beagle, is the best, except when she insists on sleeping on my legs.

Heidi Potter gave me this report of a special event. Her sister,

Peta Brown, had one of those milestone birthdays, the big 60, on Saturday. Usually, this would be a time for family members to have a funny surprise birthday celebration. Not to be deterred by social distancing, Peta's niece, Jayce MacArthur-Allen and her husband Curtis, led a motorcade of 35 vehicles to drive by Peta's house. They first met up at the West Street ball field. Many of the vehicles were decorated with balloons and cards and gifts were dropped off. Peta was truly surprised. This is a time that shows how much people in this small town care about each other.

The Old School Family Restaurant's "Pizza Night" has been extremely successful and again

they sold out. They will continue to offer their pizza again starting at noon to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Orders need to be placed no later than 6 p.m. for pickup before 7 p.m. Again, orders can be placed early but specify pick up time. Call at 796-5254.

The selectmen had to cancel last week's meeting due to technology issues when trying to meet remotely. They will be having their meeting next Tuesday. I did ask about the town meeting and any decision will be based on the decisions from the State. Meanwhile, the Town Office continues to be closed to foot traffic.

Heidi is working at the library to do some housekeeping and

working on special projects. Please note, however, that the library is not open, so do not call or stop by.

The Princeton Elementary School is open after school vacation in the continued remote session. Meredith Carle was back on her schedule of delivering breakfast/lunch for students, and teachers have been giving out assignments.

To send me news, just drop me a note princetonnews@outlook.com or give me a call after 10 a.m. at 796-2261. Note that my deadline to submit the column is 4 p.m. on Monday.

Baring and About

Sally Doten
454-2625

Here we are again waiting for the COVID-19 to pass and leave us virus-free. So far in Washington County we have had two cases, and both have recovered. Pray that our county stays this way. But, to stay as we are, we must continue to "stay-in-place" as requested and only go out as necessary. Personally, when I go into a store, I wear a mask and latex gloves, not only for my safety but for the safety of others. This very well could be our new norm as we venture into the future.

I have some good news to

share with you. Patricia Metta, former principal of Woodland High School, has accepted the position as Superintendent for AOS 90 – Baileyville, Princeton, and Topsfield. When I worked at W.H.S. Patty was Athletic Director. We became good friends and have remained so since then. I am so happy she will be back in her "hometown area" and working with the local schools. Congratulations, Patty, welcome home.

Baring Cemetery, May 9 – I am asking for "manpower" on Saturday, May 9. I need to have some trees trimmed and large limbs carried away. If you have flowers left on graves or planters, please remove them

before that time. Anything left on gravesites will be removed and destroyed. So gentlemen, regarding that plan to help, I will need chainsaws and trucks. Ladies, if you decide to join this merry group, you can take the flowers or whatever from the gravesites. Those trucks that the men will have? You can toss everything in the back of one. **MAY 9 AT 9.**

Tomorrow (Tuesday) I will pick up Ruth MacKechnie from Washington Place to take her home. Ruth has been a resident there for several weeks for rehab after falling and breaking her shoulder. I know she will be happy to be in her own home after being away, "There's no

place like home."

I hope you're feeling better, Sue Leishman. Sue travels to Bangor for radiation treatments on a regular schedule and also goes to Eastport for dialysis three days a week. I have never seen this lady without a smile. I am so glad to be her friend.

Sympathy is extended to Rebecca (Moholland) Ireland for the loss of her son, Reed. Reed fought a hard battle against cancer, but he never gave up his smile for the family. At 14 years old, he was the hero of the family. He was predeceased by his dad, Wayne, who left his loving family in 2009. Reed is survived by his grandparents, Bob and Gayle Moholland, and

three beautiful sisters. Please shower this Howland family with cards and love.

Today Gov. Janet Mills indicated that we would remain in this "shut down" mode until May 15. She did say she would again check with her advisors before making the final decision.

Thinking of you Coburn Wallace, Edna Ferson, Donna Mylen, Carole Smith, Ron Hanbury, and Rocky Young.

Thought for the week: "It's all about love! God said so."

Stay well; be strong; you are loved.

Grand Lake Stream

Dave McCullough

Spring weather and warmth (and rain) is causing the fishing cycle to be increasing. It was noted that there were few parking spaces left this past weekend in the dam parking lot. Certainly, the fishing will continue to be good as the ice just finally was declared "OUT" and the salmon are near the surface!

For those returning to GLS, be sure and stop at Pine Tree Store to see the new menu which specializes in new appetizers and different pizza toppings. If you enjoy ice cream, there are some new flavors to

try. Houlton Farms butter is available - Yum Yum! Take out is still in practice. Call ahead at 796-5027 when possible or just stop by.

Looking for firewood for next season and like the exercise of processing? A great opportunity is offered to the people of Grand Lake Stream. Downeast Lakes Land Trust has been conducting a selective timber harvest on the side of Daugherty Ridge. The contractor will be selling firewood from the harvest. Any hardwood left after the contractor has finished and moved off-site may be salvaged by obtaining a firewood permit at the DLLT

office. If you have any questions about the harvest or how to obtain a firewood permit, please call (207)-904-7767 or email Ernest Carle, Managing Forester for DLLT, at ecarle@downeastlakes.org.

Message from the Grand Lake Stream Historical Society- The Fishermen's Families and Friends breakfast, typically held in mid-May and hosted by the Grand Lake Stream Historical Society, is being postponed until May 2021. Each year we look forward to reconnecting with everyone and will miss you. We have greatly appreciated your patronage and support of the Historical Soci-

ety over the years

The next fundraiser for the GLS Historical Society will be the election day food and bake sale on November 3rd, 2020. For further information please contact Nancy Betz 796 5562 (57 Gould Rd, GLS).

Restaurant "in-house" dining has not been available in most towns, but this recipe caught my eye to serve at your own table and perhaps add a little flair to the meal. It is called Pineapple Lemon Dessert-in-a-Glass. You will need one 1 1/2 oz. crushed pineapple, two 8oz. cartons of lemon yogurt, one cup of milk, and four-six ice cubes (about 1 cup). Place

the undrained crushed pineapple, yogurt and milk in the blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Add the ice cubes, one at a time, blending after each addition until chopped. Pour into glasses and chill while preparing the rest of the meal. The garnish on top can be your choice. Serves 6-8. Be sure and send me in one of your own "stay at home" recipes that we can enjoy.

Have a great week!

Your humble correspondent, Dave McCullough, contact 207-712-8294 or dmccull1@maine.rr.com

Dennysville News

Submitted by
Ann Montgomery

The best news to share is that Jim Bergstrom, rehabbing in his apartment with his repaired (with pins) broken hip, is doing, on the whole, reasonably well. With all such things, it's slow going, but he continues to be faithful to his exercises and is experiencing gradual, slow progress. He returned home the day before Easter, so he was happily back at Dennysville Heights in time to receive, as did all the residents, a home-cooked Easter dinner from their wonderful manger.

In all other areas, people are putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward to a return to some semblance of normal...someday. It's lasting so much longer than it was at first hoped, with no assurance that there won't be a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, should things begin to open back up again. What a strange time. Still, spring cannot be stopped, the maple blossoms are glimmering again, and my early forsythia bush is getting ready to express its welcome to warmth and sun any day now. I was leaning against the propane tank among its branches yester-

day, soaking up some vitamin D, and felt I could almost see those yellow buds begin to push open!

The library is still making available (through the closed door) print services, laptop computers, and internet assistance and guidance during its regular hours of Monday 4 - 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday 1:30 - 4 p.m., although last Friday there was a sign on the door which explained that the usual librarian (that would be me) for that day was currently unavailable. It didn't mention that I'm trying very hard not to mope about this annoying case

of shingles that's had me over a barrel for several weeks. I keep telling me it's better than the virus or any of so many other things, but now I know what others have gone through, while I was thinking, "Oh, too bad that they have shingles." I'll be more sympathetic in the future! Anyway, it's good to call ahead to make sure that there really is someone on duty, since our available staff has been quite reduced due to so many things.

Churches have all had to modify their activities as well, including meeting for services. In Dennysville meetinghouse,

there is always a very small, determined, number of worshippers that gather, at safe social distance, of course, for scripture, hymn-singing, and prayer. It's a comfort and an inspiration to continue in hope, not just for the immediate future, but for the day when all will be made new, and all will be totally well, forever!

For this week: That's all she wrote...or could write. God bless you all, and watch for every bird (there were mergansers on Round Pond yesterday!), opening bud, and lovely warm spring day!

Summer Service Opportunity Serving in Hancock and Washington Counties

Are you at least 18 years old? Are you looking for an exciting summer opportunity? Do you enjoy helping your neighbors and your community and being outdoors? Healthy Acadia is partnering with Goodwill VISTA to recruit for AmeriCorps Summer Associates to help with food rescue efforts in its Downeast Gleaning Program this summer, with positions based in Machias and Ellsworth.

AmeriCorps Summer Associates serve 10-week terms over the summer months for organizations working to support increased food distribution to families in need. Programs begin as early as late May up to late June. Associates will receive a stipend of \$2,395 for the 10-week program. All summer associates also receive an education award valued at \$1,300 that may be used towards furthering

education or opt for a \$249 cash payout upon successful completion of the term.

AmeriCorps Summer Associate applicants must be at least 18 years old and commit to full-time hours. This is a great way to add valuable work experience to your resume or to your college application. The deadline for applying for a late May start date is mid-April and for a late June start date, June 1. Due to the

evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, AmeriCorps program availability may change.

In Washington County, interested applicants may contact Regina Grabrovac at (207) 255-

3741 or by email at regina@healthyacadia.org. In Hancock County, interested applicants can contact Katie Freedman at 667-7171 or by email at katie@healthyacadia.org.

Help Wanted



HealthWays

The Regional Medical Center at Lubec, Inc.

Full Time Certified Medical Assistant

Certified Medical Assistant needed to assist medical providers in our Lubec clinic. CMA or practice-trained Medical Assistant with good communication skills; phlebotomy and/or injection experience a plus. Graduate of an Accredited Medical Assisting program, Associate Degree or higher and Medical Assistant certification required or willingness to obtain. Excellent Benefit package.

Apply: HealthWays/Regional Medical Center at Lubec, 43 South Lubec Road, Lubec, Maine 04652 (207) 733-1090 ext 5203 trier@rmcl.org

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The Regional Medical Center at Lubec, Inc.

Assistant Technical Services Manager

Full time position to work in an integrated computer network environment. Responsibilities include installing and configuring network devices; diagnosing and resolving communications, hardware, and operating system problems. Associate Degree in computer information systems and 3 years experience in network design, security, troubleshooting skills, LAN/WAN technology and electronic health records. Experience working with Windows 2008 Enterprise and Windows 2008 SQL server is preferred. Experience working with Linux a plus. Generous benefit package.

Send cover letter with and resume to trier@rmcl.org :

HealthWays/Regional Medical Center at Lubec

Attn: Terry Rier, Human Resources

43 South Lubec Road, Lubec, Maine 04652

(207) 733-1090 ext 5203

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First Atlantic Corporation

Marshall Healthcare, LLC.

Director of Nursing

Marshall Healthcare Facility, a 2018 perfect survey facility, is seeking an energetic professional to lead the nursing department, a 64-bed skilled nursing and long term care facility located in the heart of beautiful downeast, Machias, Maine. Seeking an applicant with a positive attitude, excellence in communication, team player, self-motivated, and committed to enhancing the lives of our residents and able to combine professional knowledge with clinical, organizational, interpersonal, and customer service skills along. A minimum of 2 years management experience preferred as well as knowledge and experience with Medicare, Medicaid and case mix. Must possess, as a minimum, State of Maine RN license. Experience in long term care and quality improvement preferred.

Interested Applicants should send resume to : Marshall Healthcare Facility, Attention: Debra Murphy, RN Administrator, 16 Beal Street, Machias, Maine 04654 Tel: 207-255-3387 ext. 11 Fax: 207-255-3320 Email: adminmarshalls@firstatlantic.com

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First Atlantic Corporation

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Full-Time/Part-Time CNA

Requirements: C.N.A certificate in good standing with the State of Maine Registry

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Part-Time - Evening - RN

Send resume to: Marshall Healthcare, LLC. 16 Beal St., Machias. Call 207-255-3387 with questions, or email officemarshalls@firstatlantic.com

MI/NO000007809

The Calais Advertiser

is looking for community writers from the following towns:

Eastport, Baileyville, Calais, Pleasant Point, Perry, Pembroke, Robbinston, Charlotte, Dennysville, Whiting, Lubec, Talmadge/Waite/Topsfield, Vanceboro/Lambert Lake, Campobello, Deer Island, and Grand Manan to provide news each week, such as local events, resident news and more.

Interested? Email publisher@calais.news

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED

**Full-time
year-round
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*Must have good work ethic,
computer skills, ability to
work with excel,
spreadsheet and payroll.*

**Please contact
207-952-0240
or 207-952-0241**

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**HELP WANTED
Business Office Manager**

Washington Place
40 Palmer St., Calais, Maine
~30 bed assisted living home~

Seeking a person with great customer service skills to join us as a full-time office manager. Must have knowledge of bookkeeping/accounting procedures and account payables/accounts receivable procedures. Must be computer literate and have experience with excel and word.

**If interested please contact:
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A Bachelor's Degree in Business/Public Administration, Accounting, Economics, or related field and five years of experience in administrative management including budget, finance and personnel functions are required. Directly related work experience may be substituted for educational requirements. In addition, public relations, organizational and strong written and verbal communication skills are essential.

Please send a cover letter and resume to:
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trier@mcl.org

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**Employment
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We are looking for **part-time seasonal help** with a local tick and mosquito pest control business.

You must be able to carry an 80 lb mist backpack blower and be willing to work weekends and long days as needed. Certifications are a plus, but not an initial requirement. Pay is based on experience and Board of Pesticide Control certification. We are willing to train and assist with certifications.

Contact blair@tickandmosquitooffense.com or call 207-812-1974

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Marshall Healthcare, LLC.**

Immediate Opening

Full-Time Unit Manager

Shift: Primary Day Shift.

Essential Job Duties:

Currently seeking an energetic professional for Unit Manager. Looking for applicant with a positive attitude, excellence in communication, team player, self-motivated, and committed to enhancing the lives of our residents and able to combine professional knowledge with clinical, organizational, interpersonal, and customer service skills. Long-term care experience and leadership preferred.

Requirements:

RN license in good standing with the State of Maine Registry

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Please send resume to: officemarshalls@firstatlantic.com
or mailed to: **Marshall Healthcare Facility**
16 Beal Street
Machias ME 04654

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Be Safe and Enjoy Your Time on the Water

Press Release from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Website

Many look forward to sunny spring days to get outside and go boating, fishing, kayaking, or canoeing. These outdoor activities, as well as many others, are essential for your physical and mental health and are permitted under Governor Mills' executive order as long

as people continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

Please explore close to home. If you cannot maintain the proper distance from non-household members in the boat, you should not be in the same boat.

Things to remember before you go boating this spring:

- Always wear a life jacket. The water is very cold and if you think you will have time to put it on after you are in the

water, think again.

- Stay alert and be aware of others on the water.

- Always operate your boat at a safe and reasonable speed for your surroundings.

- Never drink and drive!

- Check the weather before leaving shore and carefully observe changing weather.

- Watch out for wildlife.

- Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated and wear a hat and sunscreen to avoid overexposure to the sun.

- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.

The boat registration renewal period has been extended

Boaters may operate without a current 2020 registration and milfoil sticker until April 30, 2020. The Department is providing more time and some additional methods for you to apply for a new boat registration or renew an expired one. The easiest way to renew your boat registration is online at mefishwildlife.com, but not all towns have signed up with the state's internet vendor, InforME, to do registrations. Here are a few suggestions to help you get your boat registered for the 2020 season:

- First time boat registrations cannot be completed online, they must be done at the town office so the town can collect

sales and excise tax. Registrants should call their town office to see if they are open, and possibly register their boat with the town office through the postal system.

- If you cannot register your boat online or at the town office, MDIFW will work with you to register your boat.

- If you just purchased a new boat from a dealer, you should have a temporary registration that is good for 20 days.

The Department is continuing to look for additional ways to assist boaters with registrations during the civil state of emergency. For the most up to date information please visit mefishwildlife.com/covid19.

Calais American Legion

**Michael McLean
454-3435**

With the coronavirus pandemic, Memorial Day Weekend activities will have a great impact on our community! We will do what is authorized by our state.

Please remember our fallen and never forget our POW/MIAs.

Any correspondence: Commander Calais American Legion Sherman Brothers Post #3, PO Box 311, Calais, Maine 04619. Email: calleg3@yahoo.com. Facebook: Calais American Legion. Tel: 207-214-4410(cell). Please leave message. Commander Mike.

Please Report Banded Wild Turkeys!

Temporarily waiving the requirement to register wild turkeys during the spring 2020 hunting season will come as a challenge to our harvest management. Fortunately, the Department's efforts to capture and band a subset of the turkey population will help to generate population estimates to inform future seasons and bag limits.

There are currently several hundred banded wild turkeys across our Wildlife Management Districts (WMDs). Reporting banded turkeys is a reliable method to estimate the harvest when total harvest cannot be accounted for. Our wildlife biologists have a record of the number of turkeys that were banded this past winter and will use the number of harvested banded birds shot that are reported to estimate our total spring harvest.

Information on how to report a banded wild



turkey is printed on the band. There are two methods you can use:

Go to <https://wildturkeyme.org/report-a-tag/> or call 1-844-234-9237

Newspaper Paperboys/girls Routes Delivery Change

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are suspending paper deliveries from our paperboys/girls to protect them and those in our community until it is safe to resume. We will still mail our paper for our subscribers.

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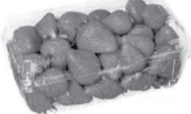
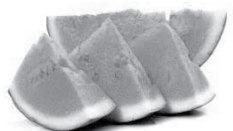


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Sale valid April 27 to May 3, 2020

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| <p>Boneless Rib Eye Steaks</p>  <p>\$6.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Boneless Chicken Breasts</p>  <p>\$1.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Boneless Pork Tenderloins</p>  <p>\$3.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Best Yet Bacon 16 oz.</p>  <p>\$4.⁴⁹ / lb.</p> |
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| <p>California Strawberries 16 oz.</p>  <p>2 / \$5</p> | <p>Whole Seedless Watermelons</p>  <p>\$5.⁹⁹ / ea.</p> | <p>Red Seedless Grapes</p>  <p>\$1.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Maine White Potatoes 10 lb.</p>  <p>\$3.⁹⁹ / ea.</p> |
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| <p>Kretschmar Honey Ham</p> <p>\$4.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Wunderbar Bologna</p> <p>\$1.⁹⁹ / lb.</p> | <p>Apple Pies 10 inch size</p> <p>\$3.⁹⁹ / ea.</p> | <p>Chocolate Cupcakes (6 pk)</p> <p>\$2.⁹⁹</p> |
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| <p>Sara Lee Classic White Bread</p> <p>Buy 1, Get 1 Free!</p> | <p>Sara Lee Artesano Bread</p> <p>Buy 1, Get 1 Free!</p> | <p>Entenmann's Little Bites</p> <p>Buy 1, Get 1 Free!</p> | <p>Thomas English Muffins</p> <p>Buy 1, Get 1 Free!</p> |
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