



The Bulldog Reporter

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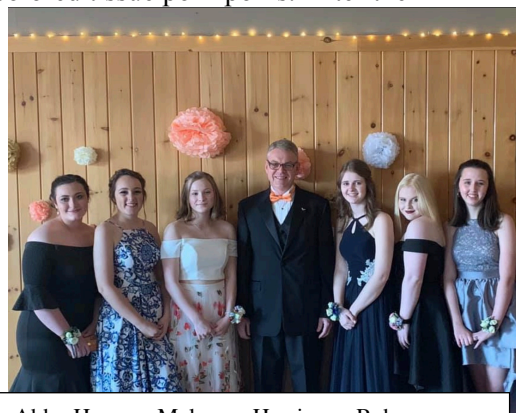
Prom 2019 Rebecca Burgess



Megan & Grace Preston

This year's prom theme was *Rustic Romance*. It was held at the Lee/Pellon Center on Saturday, May 4th. The theme involved burlap, lace, tulle, barrels, washtubs, lanterns, fairy lights, vines, and flowers. The colors for the prom were light pink, gold, white, and cream. The room was set up with ten tables decorated with lantern and birch tree center pieces complete with pink and gold balloons tied to them. The room was also decorated with twinkle lights and tea lights. Snow cones, a candy bar, and a snack table were set up for prom goers. The candy bar held such treats as sour patch kids, peanut M&M's, Skittles, regular M&M's, watermelon lollipops, mini peanut butter cups, and Rolos. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the candy bar with most of the candy being gone by the end of the night. There were two areas for picture taking, one had a backdrop of three white doors restored to match the theme, another was a white bench with vines and barrels on either side backlit by beautiful white lights. Photographer Kelly Jordan took pictures of everyone and had picture packages to offer to families for purchase. Junior Joe Horvath was the DJ for the night and played almost every genre of music so everyone had a song that they would enjoy. Joe took song requests to make sure that everyone had a fun time and listened to their favorite song. The juniors walked out with their escorts and were introduced by Mr. Henry. The juniors walked through the decorated arch to sit on the bench to have pictures taken. The arch was decorated with vines, flower vines, and lights. Mrs. Deborah Norman generously donated the flower vines. After everyone walked out, the class posed for a group picture. The juniors posed with girls standing in the back and the boys kneeling in front of a wall with pink, white, and cream-colored tissue pom-poms. After the juniors walked out, a lot of people left, but the people who stayed had a good time. People danced, took pictures, and enjoyed the snack table throughout most of the prom.

The prom committee included Megan Preston, Grace Preston, Abby Hooper, McCartney Blake, Rebecca Burgess, and McKenna Harriman. The prom Committee was responsible for planning the prom, choosing the decorations, and decorating/cleaning up for prom. Parents were heavily involved in helping get supplies and help set up/clean up. The prom committee would like to thank Timmy Jordan, Kelly Jordan, Melissa Denbow, Ellie Burgess, Mr. Henry, Mrs. Henry, Scott Harriman, Veronica Harriman, and Renee Look for helping with getting supplies, setting up, and clean up.



Abby Hooper, McKenna Harriman, Rebecca Burgess, Mr. Henry, Grace Preston, Megan Preston, McCartney Blake.

Cinco de Mayo Samantha Cox

Cinco de Mayo is held on May 5th to celebrate the Mexican army's victory over the French.

It was the Battle of Puebla that took place during the Franco-Mexican War in 1862. Originally it was considered a minor holiday but it has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening before the French retreated. Five hundred French troops lost their lives compared to the Mexicans who lost around one hundred soldiers. Even though it was not a major strategic win of the war, the battle was a symbolic victory for Mexico. After the Civil War ended, the US decided to help its neighbor Mexico and the French retreated soon after.

Since this holiday isn't recognized as a federal holiday, banks, offices, and stores remain open. The holiday is celebrated with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing, and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Although it's a widely celebrated holiday, it is often confused with Mexican Independence Day which is on September 16 and was declared more than 50 years before the battle.

Memorial Day Megan Preston

The American holiday, Memorial Day, is observed on the last Monday of May. This day is dedicated to all those who have served in the U.S. Military and was originally known as Decoration Day. The name Decoration Day came from the idea that it was honoring all battles, not just one. Having origins in the Civil War, it was honored officially by becoming a holiday in 1971. Many Americans celebrate this



holiday by visiting graves, holding memorials, hosting parades, and indulging in American Pride. Many also associate this holiday with the beginning of summer. A national moment of remembrance is hosted at 3 p.m. local time.



There are still a few 2019 Margareta yearbooks available for purchase. The cost is \$40.00. See Mrs. Albee in Room 9.

Megan Preston NHS Induction



The evening of April 23, 2019, was a night to remember for our chapter of NHS. The Machias Memorial High School National

Honor Society held an induction ceremony for the new members: Smita Martin, Breckin Gooch, and Jason Weaver. Current members: President Jakob Holland, Vice President Keely Tibbetts, Secretary Matti Conlin, Treasurer Megan Preston, Abby Hooper, and Grace Preston each spoke about the four pillars of NHS: Service, Scholarship, Leadership, and Character.

Mrs. Mary Rhodes was the speaker for the evening, and her speech was quite empowering. She spoke on each pillar as well as about each member of NHS. The members would like to thank Mrs. Rhodes for her time and for her speech. It was greatly appreciated. The meeting ended with a performance from the MMHS chorus and light snacks were provided. Congratulations and a warm welcome to new members, we are happy to have you!

The History of Mother's Day

Smita Martin



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood. The holiday became official in the U.S. in 1914 when

Woodrow Wilson signed it into law. It is observed differently throughout the world. Mother's Day is held on the second Sunday in May. Traditionally, mothers in the U.S. are presented with flowers, cards, and other gifts from their children. In 1908, Anna Jarvis tried removing Mother's Day from the calendars even though she had helped create the American incarnation of Mother's Day. She was upset with the commercialization of the day.

Tracking back to the ancient Greeks and Romans both societies held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. The most modern precedent for Mother's Day is an early Christian Festival that is known as Mothering Sunday. That festival was traditioned with children presenting their mothers with flowers and tokens of appreciation.

Student-Led Conferences

Megan Preston



During the week before April vacation student-led conferences were held. Similar to parent-teacher conferences, this conference examines the student's overall productivity and wellbeing at school. The one difference is this case is that the student leads the meeting, rather than the parent. This allows for greater involvement of the student as well as the student having to be organized. The student has to be organized as they present their portfolios during this meeting as well. At Machias Memorial High School, each student has a working

portfolio. It holds important awards, best works, records of activities, and more. Most are not familiar with best works, but here at MMHS a best work is a reflection of an assignment that the student feels proud of. Each year students fill out two best works for each class, one for each semester.

This last student-led conference was the students' favorite. This is because everyone builds a schedule of classes to attend in the fall. For many students, this is a huge motivation for next year!

Special Olympics

Grace Preston

Special Olympics took place at the University of Maine at Machias on Friday, May 3, both in and outside the UMM gymnasium. The Special Olympics are for people with intellectual disabilities, providing them the opportunity to participate in Olympic-type sports and interact with other participants.



The event is co-sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and UMM's Recreation Services. The events started off with a parade followed by an opening ceremony. From 10-11:30 participants competed in a variety of events, separated by age group. The events included a 25-meter walk, a 50- and 200-meter dash, softball throw, standing long jump, and indoor wheelchair races. After the events there was an award ceremony. Lunch was provided with a barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers. Dessert was an ice cream truck provided by Darlings.

The students who participated in the event from Machias Memorial High School were Ozzie Blyther and Keely Tibbetts. Ozzie and Keely participated in the standing long jump, softball throw, and a 50-meter dash. Ozzie received two 3rd place ribbons and a 1st place. Keely received two 4th places and a 5th place.

May Day & May Day Baskets

Ashley Norman

May Day is the celebration of honoring workers at a springtime festival. This holiday is celebrated on May 1 with dancing, singing, and eating cake as part of the festival. Some people may know one tradition that sticks out and that would be the 'Maypole dance.' A group of children each hold a ribbon that is tied to the top of the pole, the children circle the pole weaving the ribbons in the process.



Some people believe that May Day is the only day of the year that fairies have a chance to get to earth. Many others believe that washing your face on the dew brings out the beauty in the skin. In Italy, May Day is seen as the happiest day of the year. May day baskets are baskets full of flowers or candy that are given to one another. They are usually left on the door handles of peoples' houses. The person leaving the basket, will ring the bell or knock and run before the person they are giving the basket to gets to the door. Happy May Day!

Top 10 Best and Worst Mother's Day Gifts

Rebecca Burgess

Best:

Bouquet of Flowers
Deep Cleaning Services
Custom Family Portraits
Kitchen Aid Mixer
Jewelry
A Trip/Vacation
French Press Coffee Maker
Digital Picture Frame
Clothes
Skincare/Cosmetics



Worst:

Plunger
Office Supplies
A Plant
A Lint Roller
Exercise Equipment

A Broom
Pajama Jeans
A Botox Gift Certificate
A Snuggie
A Trashcan



Machias Softball Wins First Game Since 2017

Abby Hooper



On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, the Machias High School softball team won its first game of the 2019 season. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Class C and number 6 team Sumner 8-6 on the Tiger's home field. The battery for Machias was junior pitcher Abby Hooper and junior catcher Megan Preston. They collected a total of 8 strikeouts. The leading hitters were Abby Hooper with a RBI double, Megan Preston with a single, Jaida Case an RBI single, Neveah Skinner with a bunt for a single, and Logan Haskins and Destiny Look both had singles. The Bulldogs have four eighth graders on the team who are critical assets. Players include 3rd baseman Jaida Case, shortstop Maggie Allen, 1st base Jaydin Anderson, and right fielder Hayley Bishko.

Last year, the team did not get a win. The team this year is more experienced and works together very well. With the experience of a first win they hope to keep winning and compete with more teams. As a result of this win, the softball team is in 11th place in Class D; teams ranked 1-12 qualify for the playoffs. If they can collect a couple more wins, they have a great chance of having a prelim game for the first time in years. Their next game is Tuesday, May 14, at 4:00 against the Shead Tigers.

MDI Lab Trip Samantha Cox

On May 1, Mr. Lenke and his Chemistry class took a field trip to the MDI Biology Lab. Mr. Lenke kindly gave the students donuts on the long bus ride to the lab. The Lab was a beautiful open campus with an accessible lake. When we got to our destination, a very eager lady had a presentation to introduce theories and research conducted at the Lab.

The research consists of the life cycle of *C. elegans* (roundworms), a specific type of worms they used. The worms are clear and about one millimeter in length. Their life span is 2-3 weeks. The research revolves around the aging process in humans and how we can live longer and healthier lives. As you know when we age, our muscles tend to lose the mobility they once had. With this specific type of research, they factor in different scenarios like: a diet, starvation, and temperature. The slideshow had many diagrams of how these factors help further the research to come.

Not only do they do work with worms, but they also have other species that have a connection through the aging process. Axolotls, rats, striped fish and the *C. elegans* worms are all combined in their fascinating theory. As students we had the chance to experience just a little of what the researchers do constantly. We were led into one of the labs and given the opportunity to transfer the worms into a new container with new *E. coli* (food). We used a pick to get the worms out of the container. (The pick is a stick with a thin piece of titanium metal at the end). Using a microscope, you can see the worms well enough to move them. The catch is that there are about 300 worms on a plate and it would take hours to transfer all of them. Luckily, we had only had to transfer a few.

After our lab fun was over, we were led around the campus. It really was beautiful with a lake open to the lab and a sunny sky to lift the spirits of all. Our trip was coming



to an end and that's when the next fun began. There was an area where we could take things if we wanted to. Needless to say, everyone searched and looked through the leftover stuff and took things we found that were interesting or unique.

Upcoming Events Abby Hooper

UPCOMING Events

Cinco de Mayo - May 5
Mother's Day - May 12
Make up day - May 18
Academic Awards- May 22
Step up day - May 23
Senior class trip - May 23
DAC Awards Banquet- May 23
Drama Production - May 24 and 25

Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 19

Aries, put your energies into activities that contribute to your self-development and stay clear of things and people who bring you down. Self-doubt is self-defeating right now; be who you really are, the driven, energetic go getting, entrepreneurial Arian, who never gets down for long.

Taurus - April 20 to May 20

This is an opportunity to grow and be more open and accepting. In some cases your attitudes may soften, but this need not necessarily be true. The challenge is to be able to work with and get along with people whose views and values you oppose. You may learn to understand other attitudes more fully and thus be more comfortable with them.

Gemini - May 21 to June 20

Gemini, will see a burst of energy and you should use that to make new beginnings, and it does not matter how small or in what area

of life they are – anything new which you begin now can have a greater impact on your confidence, well-being and life prospects than you think.

Cancer - June 21 to July 22

This is the time to seek out new pastures and to both reeducate and re-awaken yourself to possibilities and new avenues of thought. This is very exciting, and while it may alienate you from some people and things you once felt at home with, it is an acknowledgement that you are changing and growing as a person. Who knows, some may follow your lead – you could be the pioneer of your peers, the one that sees the light first and acts upon that, thus inspiring others.

Leo - July 23 to August 22

How you handle life now is very much reflective of how you are changing and in which direction you are growing. Younger Leos may see some of the events as disappointing and may feel disillusioned and even angry at fate and life. Those Leos who are more mature and take a more philosophical approach will see events as a chance to learn valuable lessons about themselves and others.

Virgo - August 23 to September 22:

Virgo, relationships can be a great area of learning and self-evolverment – we often dislike people who have traits that we do not like in ourselves, so it is worth examining those who you take a dislike to and asking yourself what they can teach you about yourself and how you can change for the better.

Libra - September 23 to October 21

Libra, support your mental health and reduce stress. Get more fresh air and take moderate exercise. Pets and animals may play an important role in your life, and you may get a new puppy or kitten or a rescue dog/cat.

Scorpio - October 22 to November 21

Scorpios are rediscovering what fun means and how much fun contributes to well-being and also to spiritual understanding and evolverment. The emphasis will be on activities and spending your time in a way which is fun and which nourishes you and renews your zest for life. Scorpio, shake up the routine, break the mold and begin to live again.

Sagittarius - November 22 to December 21

Sagittarius, family relationships will also demand your attention – these are mainly parental relationships. The way you relate to and communicate with your parents is very important. You can find the issues you are facing rather disconcerting in the short run; however, in the longer term you can grow from the changes that happen now and new starts are possible.

Capricorn - December 22 to January 19

Capricorn, it is a nervy month where you can feel anxious and then suddenly excited for no reason, being quite jumpy you may overreact to certain small occurrences and say something you later regret. A decision made in haste is a bad one, and there is a big difference between doing something timelessly and rushing it.

Aquarius - January 20 to February 18:

You feel the need to always be in control of every situation. You have a set way of doing things and want to stick to it. You are very strong-willed but you need to remember to ask for help when you need it. Don't be worried about making a splash this month. You are unique and many appreciate that.

Pisces - February 19 to March 20

This month you may get caught up in drama, but be sure to keep your mind clear. Do not stress over unneeded stress. Don't forget to stay organized as you are going to have many social events this month but you must not forget that you have important work that must also be done.