

## Veteran's Day Article Chance Walston

On November 8, the Machias school system held its annual Veteran's Day program. At 8:00 am, local veterans were invited to the Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School for a complimentary breakfast, then attended an assembly at the Machias Memorial High School gym. The band played the anthem of each branch of the military, the chorus sang, and each veteran was presented with a rose from members of the National Junior Honors Society.

Other students also volunteered to put up decorations that were made right here in the school, including an approximately 12-foot tall flag made of chains of construction paper. As soon as the veterans finished their breakfast, they were welcomed into a gym decorated in the red, white and blue that they had all fought for.

Along with this, Robert Hudson a local veteran was the guest speaker. A long time member of the United States Coast Guard, he now resides in Cutler. He works at the former Navy base on the communication towers. What really caught everyone's attention was the way he spoke about his time in the military. He was able to travel the world, meet lifelong friends, and found a new sense of patriotism that he takes pride in to this day. He reminded the veterans in the audience of the positives of their military time and possibly inspired the students to take an interest in the military.

Overall, the assembly was a success. The band was incredible, the chorus was extraordinary, and everyone watching was very respectful. This wasn't just another Veteran's Day assembly. This was a community gathering that humbled the students, appreciated the veteran's, and brought us all together for a day of thanks and admiration.



## Model State Mrs. Albee



The weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> brought long days, hard work, and a great amount of fun to the 2019 participants of the State YMCA of Maine Youth

in Government Program. This is a program that gives Maine high school students the chance to participate in a hands-on experience of Maine's Legislative process. Participants write and submit a bill, which is debated in committees, and then in the House and the Senate. Both the House and the Senate must pass the bill in order for the bill to go to the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed. The program was a huge success this year with 160 students participating and 91 bills submitted.

Mrs. and Miss Albee took eight students from Machias Memorial High School to Model State: Kendra Johnson, Sadie Phillips, Emily Pinkham, McKenna Robinson, Tyler Demerest, Aric McCurdy, Leif McKenna, Jason Weaver were all house representatives. After the opening ceremony on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>, the participants split up into assigned committees; they talked about the bills and debated whether they should be passed or killed. Each bill sponsor was given the chance to speak on behalf of his/her bill in front of the committee members. The members of each committee voted on a best bill for that committee. The best bill in each committee was put on the ballot to become the overall best bill.

On the morning of Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Machias Delegation returned to the state house for the second day of Model State. That day was spent in either the house or the senate debating bills. The students would argue and vote on which bills they believe should or shouldn't be passed.

After all the hard work, the Model State

participants deserved to have some relaxing fun. We returned to the Hampton Inn to play board games, trivia, swimming, bath bombs, and have pizza. It was a nice end to the evening, but students were very excited to hit-the-hay that night.

Sunday morning brought all the delegations together for the last time before departure. Participants were given the chance to vote in the election for the new governor and learn the winner of the overall best bill. After going through the final process of passing or killing a bill, the polls were announced. The leader and organizer of this program, Lonney Steeves, said his good-byes and presented this year's youth governor, Zachary Weeks. He was given the privilege of announcing Martin Brozman as the 2020 youth governor. Overall, it was a weekend filled with fun and was an amazing experience. I encourage everyone to participate next year!



**Pictured Left to Right (Back Row):** Leif McKenna, Aric McCurdy, Sadie Phillips, Emily Pinkham. **(Front Row):** Tyler Demerest, Jason Weaver, Kendra Johnson, McKenna Robinson.

## Thanksgiving Story Mrs. Albee



How did Thanksgiving start? Which President made it a national holiday? Well, I will answer those questions in a short background story.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country on the Mayflower were members of the English Separatist church. They left to get away from the religious beliefs and customs they had there. They fled to Holland first. When they were ready for a change, they fled here to America where they landed at Plymouth Rock.

They all survived a rough and devastating winter and fall, but by the time harvesting season came around they flourished and gathered a lot of food. To celebrate they decided to have a feast that included 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive. The feast lasted for three days.

Their meals included a wild duck or goose, not necessarily a wild turkey, pumpkin pie, boiled pumpkin, fried bread, and corn. There was also milk, cider, potatoes, and butter. Fish, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, berries, and plums could have been a part of the meal as well.

By the mid-1800s, many states observed a Thanksgiving holiday. Meanwhile, the poet and editor Sarah J. Hale had begun lobbying for a national Thanksgiving holiday. During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln, looking for ways to unite the nation, discussed the subject with Hale. In 1863 he gave his Thanksgiving Proclamation, declaring the last Thursday in November a day of thanksgiving.

In 1939, 1940, and 1941 Franklin D. Roosevelt, seeking to lengthen the Christmas shopping season, proclaimed Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November. Controversy followed, and Congress passed a joint resolution in 1941 decreeing that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November where it remains.

### **Thanksgiving Jokes** **Megan Preston**

*Billy:* Why do pilgrims' pants always fall down?

*Joe:* Beats me.

*Billy:* Because they wear their belt buckles on their hats!

*Luke:* What did the turkey say to the computer?

*Will:* What?

*Luke:* "Google, google, google."

*Alex:* Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

*Adam:* Why?

*Alex:* He sensed fowl play.

*Sister:* Mom wants you to help us fix Thanksgiving Day dinner.

*Brother:* Why? Is it broken?

*Pedro:* I was going to serve sweet potatoes with Thanksgiving dinner, but I sat on them.

*West:* What are you going to serve now?

*Pedro:* Squash.

*Keith:* If pilgrims were alive today, what would they be known for?

*Butch:* I have no idea.

*Keith:* Their age!

*Carrie:* What sound does a limping turkey make?

*Beth:* "Wobble, wobble!"

*(Dad Jokes)*

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I told them I couldn't just quit "cold turkey."

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving Day, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She turned to the stock boy and asked, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No, ma'am," he replied. "They're dead."

*And the biggest joke of them all:*

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## **A Thanksgiving Dinner**

**By Maude M. Grant**  
**Abby Hooper**



Take a turkey, stuff in fat,  
Some of this and some of that.  
Get some turnips, peel them well.  
Cook a big squash in its shell.  
Now potatoes, big and white,  
Mash till they are soft and light.  
Cranberries, so tart and sweet,  
With the turkey we must eat.  
Pickles-yes-and-then, oh my!

For a dessert a pumpkin pie,  
Golden brown and spicy sweet.  
What a fine Thanksgiving treat!

## **Turkey Trivia Quiz**

**Mrs. Albee**

1. When was the first American Thanksgiving celebration?  
1492  
1567  
1621  
1777
2. What is a female turkey called?  
a rooster  
a cuckoo  
a chick  
a hen
3. What is a male turkey called?  
a larry  
a clark  
a harry  
a tom
4. What great American statesman lobbied to make the turkey the national symbol?  
Benjamin Franklin  
Thomas Jefferson  
John Adams  
Andrew Jackson
5. What sound does a female turkey make?  
gobble  
click  
chirp
6. About how many feathers does a mature turkey have?  
1,500  
2,000  
3,500  
5,000
7. How fast can wild turkeys run?  
5 mph  
15 mph  
20 mph  
25 mph
8. Can wild turkeys fly? If so, how fast?  
No.  
Yes, up to 25 mph  
Yes, up to 40 mph  
Yes, up to 55 mph
9. Approximately what percentage of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving?  
49%  
67%  
82%  
90%
10. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?  
snark  
wattle  
garble  
swag
11. Which U.S. president specified that Thanksgiving would fall on the fourth Thursday of November?  
Martin Van Buren  
Andrew Jackson  
William H. Taft  
Abraham Lincoln
12. What is the fastest way to defrost a turkey?  
with a hair dryer  
in the refrigerator  
in cold water  
in the microwave oven

## November Events

Abby Hooper

# What's Happening

Class C State Cross Country Meet - November 2nd  
Veteran's Day Program - November 8th  
Veteran's Day - November 11th  
Student Led Conferences - November 14th and 15th  
Half Day - November 14th and 15th  
Fall Athletic Awards - November 13th  
Winter Sports Tryouts - November 18th - November 22nd  
NEASC Accreditation Team Visit - November 20th and November 21st  
Boys and Girls Basketball Scrimmage Against Sumner - November 26th  
Quarter 1 Academic Awards - November 27th  
Thanksgiving Break - November 27th - December 1st  
Thanksgiving- November 28th

### Accreditation Megan Preston

Machias Memorial High School welcomed The New England Association of Schools and Colleges on Wednesday, 2019. The purpose of the committee's visit was for the accreditation of our school. The group was here from Wednesday to Thursday, taking part in numerous activities. Breckin Gooch and Megan Preston started the committee off with a tour of the campus. Key highlights included the culinary arts room, the new roof on the gym, and the alternative education room. The committee held meetings with teachers as well as students, sat in on

different classes, and gave a report on their findings. The NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) visit was a success. The committee was impressed with our school and how well we are meeting our students' needs.

### McKenna Harriman DAR Good Citizen Award



Recently Grace Preston was awarded the DAR Good Citizenship Award. The award is given to a student

who shows qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their communities, as well as other guidelines set by the local DAR chapter. One senior is given this award from each school. After the student is selected, they can participate in the scholarship portion. For this they will submit a personal statement and an essay. The teachers at our school vote on the person they think should receive the award. They then tally up the votes and revote if needed. This award is a great honor to receive from all your teachers as well as the local chapter of the DAR.

### Honor Roll Mrs. Albee

Mr. Brian Leavitt, Principal of Machias Memorial High School, proudly presents the 2011-2012 Quarter 1 Honor Roll for academic excellence. The following students have earned the distinction of being recognized as achieving high honors or honors:

**High Honors:**  
**Seniors:** Timothy Jordan



**Sophomores:** Sebastian Peabody and Brianna Peck

**Freshmen:** Jacey Barabe

**Honors:**

**Seniors:** Kennedy Cates, Breckin Gooch, Mckenna Harriman, Logan Haskins, Abigail Hooper, Joseph Horvath, Austin Look, Destiny Look, Marc Michuad, Joesph Moores, Grace Preston, Megan Preston, Makayla Saddler, and Jacob Sinford.

**Juniors:** Nataiya Albee, Katelynn Holland, Hunter Rolfe, and Jason Weaver.

**Sophomores:** Ozzie Blyther, Cheyenne Gandy, Wesley Huffman, and Angie Scribner.

**Freshmen:** Maggie Allen, Pepper Beal, Hayley Bishko, Cameron Boynton, Shane Feeney, Emily Fletcher, Kolby Henderson, Sienna Ingalls, Brookelyn Matthews, and Sky Weaver.

## Perfect Pumpkin Pie

Mrs. Albee



Prep Time:15  
Min  
Cook Time:55  
Min  
Ready In:1 Hr  
10 Min  
Servings 8

Original Recipe Makes 1 - 9 inch pie

**Ingredients**

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin  
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened Condensed Milk  
2 large eggs  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in medium bowl until

smooth. Pour into crust. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and continue baking 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

## November Birthdays

### Abby Hooper

Friday, November 1- Sagelynn Downes

Monday, November 4 – Josh Norman

Thursday, November 7 – Stephanie Huntley and Mya Bekmiyev

Friday, November 8 – Hunter Rolfe

Saturday, November 9 – Jenna Gallant

Sunday, November 10 – Kyle Anderson

Monday, November 11 – Keegan Lowe

Friday, November 15 – Destiny Floyd

Tuesday, November 19 – Michael George and Rowan Michaud

Thursday, November 21 – Ben Robicheau

Monday, November 25 – Dakota Brown

Tuesday, November 26 – Pepper Beal

Friday, November 29 – Marcus Doyle

Saturday, November 30 – Colby Henderson

## The History of Veterans Day

Mrs. Albee



Veterans Day began on November 11, 1919, exactly a year after the end of the First World War,

and first became a national holiday in 1938. When it began, it was called "Armistice Day" and was meant to be commemorated by parades and public meetings.

Then, in 1954, following the end of World War II, the holiday was renamed "Veterans Day" to honor veterans of all wars, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower created a Veterans Day National Committee, making the Administrator of Veteran's Affairs the Chairman.

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Bill was signed, which ensured 3-day weekends celebrating Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day on Mondays. Under this new law, the first Veterans Day was observed on October 25th, 1971. This was confusing for many, and seeking to restore the significance of the original date, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law in 1975 that returned the holiday to its original date beginning again on November 11, 1978. Veterans Day has been observed on this date since then.

## **Student Led Conferences**

### **Mrs. Albee**



Machias Memorial High School has been holding Student Led Conferences for at least 10 years. Student Led

Conferences are when students sit down for 5-30 minutes with their guardian and home base teachers to explain their whole portfolio throughout their years of high school. The student should have two best worksheets for every year in every class they have taken. The best worksheet asks: what kind of knowledge the artifact demonstrates, what their strengths on the artifact are, and what their weaknesses on the artifact are. After they answer those questions, the student needs to check off

what skills the artifact demonstrates that they learned by doing the assignment. Finally, the student needs to sign and date it and the same for the teacher who teaches that class the work was chosen from.

Don't think that the student will just wing the conference though. The freshmen get to watch a video made by the seniors that shows good conferences and bad conferences. The good conferences include students showing their guardian their worksheets from every class and talking about their strengths and weaknesses in that class. The students show their guardian their report card and awards they have received from the teachers and from their coaches. One of the bad conferences showed a student just sitting down and blowing through his portfolio, barely explaining anything. The parent was the one asking questions and that's not what the conference is for; hence the name: "Student LED conference!" The parent can ask as many questions they want but that usually results when the student hasn't explained everything well enough.

After the Student Led Conference, if the parent has any concerns with any classes or grades, he/she can make an appointment that would just be the parent and teacher discussing the class and the student. This is helpful because the parent can figure out what the child's problem is in that class.

The Student Led Conferences are a big help in high school because they give the students a chance to show all the hard work they put into their schoolwork to their parents. Also, one of the requirements to graduate is to have the portfolio completed. By doing the conferences, the portfolio is all caught up so the day of graduation the portfolio will be all finished and perfect to hand in!

## **Horoscopes**

### **McKenna Harriman**

#### **Aries: March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>**

This month will be very rewarding in terms of your career. Things will all start

to settle and pan out with any recent struggles. In the future it will be hard to keep it this way so don't take it for granted.

**Taurus: April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>**

This month will be a calm before the storm. Unless you do something about it, things are slowly starting to decline and you are choosing to ignore it. Don't let this happen or you will be sorry.

**Gemini: May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>**

This month be sure to take care of yourself. You have been working very hard and you deserve it. Don't worry about too much. It will all keep until you are in a better mental space. Focus on you.

**Cancer: June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Don't let any recent success slow down your work ethic. Just because you are doing well does not mean you can quit. Everything can change in a matter of seconds.

**Leo: July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

When making decisions be sure to weigh each option extremely carefully. Don't jump into anything too quick. It may not seem like a big decision, but it will affect you heavily.

**Virgo: August 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This month will be trying for you. Just focus and don't waste time with unnecessary people and things. You will be strongly pulled to do this but stay strong and focus on what is important.

**Libra: September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Recent struggles will no longer seem important. Something amazing will happen to completely take your mind off things. Enjoy yourself this month with your newfound joy.

**Scorpio: October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>**

This month resting your mind will be incredibly important. You have been in overdrive recently, and you deserve a break.

Make sure you truly relax and take care of your mind.

**Sagittarius: November 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup>**

You have made big decisions lately; make sure to follow through with them. Many of these choices are final so be sure you put in your all.

**Capricorn: December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Never forget your self worth. You have been collaborating with many people lately and you are feeling inferior. Take on some projects of your own and believe in yourself. Because you can do it as long as you believe.

**Aquarius: January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Your mind has been taking you to a dark place. Stay strong and fight it with all you have. You are stronger than your own thoughts. Keep working against your thoughts and you will come out on top.

**Pisces: February 19<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>**

You will need to use all of your willpower this month. Things that you used to love are weighing you down. Think long and hard about why you originally loved these things. You will soon remember why you need them in your life, and they will give you new found joy.

**Answers to Turkey Trivia**

1. 1621
2. a hen
3. a tom
4. Benjamin Franklin
5. a click
6. 3,500
7. 20 m.p.h.
8. Yes, up to 55 m.p.h.
9. 82%
10. a "wattle"
11. President Abraham Lincoln
12. in cold water