



The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

October 4, 2019 – Edition

**David Francisco
McKenna Harriman**



On September 24th American Idol contestant and spinal cord injury survivor David Francisco paid a visit to Machias Memorial High School to tell his story. The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety and Choices Matter, a program that brings speakers to schools, sponsored his visit and had activities for students to participate in after David's talk.

In April of 2016, David moved to Nashville to pursue his ambitions in music. Not long after the move, he was riding his bicycle and was involved in a crash. The driver, who was distracted and impaired, ran a red light and hit David's left side. His bike was completely bent out of shape, and the left side pedal was sheared off. David was paralyzed from the waist down and was unsure if he would walk again. David spent eight months doing rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. After a hard-fought battle to regain his mobility, he was able to return to school in January of 2017.

David graduated from The Blackbird Academy for audio engineering in June of 2017, and very soon after, he proposed to his now wife, Kristi. In March of 2018 he auditioned for American Idol. In this audition he told his story and made Katy Perry cry. In June of 2018 David and his wife made an appearance on the Ellen Show.

David and the driver that hit him have become friends, and she even attended David and Kristi's wedding. The driver had a drug issue at the time of the crash; she has since turned her life around and is now completely sober. Her story, combined with David's, shows the power of forgiveness. David's overall message is that it's up to you to make good of whatever happens to you. You can either grow from your struggles, or you can be stuck in the victim mindset. David is currently working on an album that will come out November 1st. He is also working on a book that he hopes will be released in January of 2020.

To compliment David's story, the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety and Choices Matter provided a few different simulations, including a drunk driving simulator and drunk goggles to try. Students left the assembly with some powerful feelings regarding the importance of the choices they make, both in terms of impact on others and on themselves.



Class Officers Chance Walston



On September 27th during bulldog block, the school was split into four different classrooms organized by grade, and class officers were elected. Each officer was elected by fellow classmates by an anonymous ballot. Some were elected unanimously, while others came down to the last vote. Here are the 2019-2020 class officers:

Seniors

President- Megan Preston
Vice President- Chance Walston
Secretary- Rebecca Burgess
Treasurer- Timmy Jordan

Juniors

President- Jason Weaver
Vice President- Emily Pinkham
Secretary- McKenna Robinson
Treasurer- Stephanie Huntley

Sophomores

President- Alex Wood
Vice President- Alex Keene
Secretary- Ellie Bransfield
Treasurer- Ozzie Blyther

Freshman

President- Brookelyn Matthews
Vice President- Hayley Bishko
Secretary- Emily Fletcher
Treasurer- Ethan Foss

College Fair Megan Preston

On September 24th, 2019, a select group of seniors embarked on a trip to the University of Maine in Orono for the college fair. Chance Walston, Marc Michaud, Joey



Moore, Abby Hooper, Makayla Saddler, Kennedy Cates, Megan Preston, Josh Lafoe, and Logan Haskins were in attendance. The field house (where the fair was held) was filled with college representatives from all over New England. Most students learned more about the colleges they were interested in and left feeling hopeful on their post-high school decisions.

Once the college fair was over, the group went to one of the dining halls for lunch. It was buffet style with numerous kinds of food to try. From stir-fry to burgers to a salad bar. There was something for everyone. Most of the students enjoyed the mac and cheese as well as the ice cream. Some might say the highlight of the trip was the food!

10 Most Loved and Hated Halloween Candies Abby Hooper

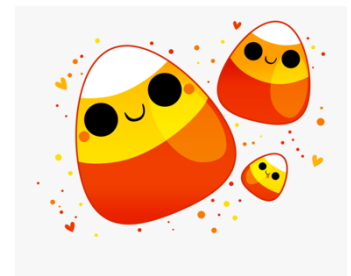
Least Popular

1. Circus Peanuts
2. Tootsie Rolls
3. Licorice
4. Smarties
5. Peanut Butter Kisses
6. Good & Plenty
7. Necco Wafers
8. Candy Corn
9. Wax Coke Bottles
10. Orange Slices



Most Popular

1. Snickers
2. Twix
3. Butterfinger
4. Skittles
5. M&M's
6. Nerds
7. Kit Kat
8. Sour Patch Kids
9. Hershey Bars
10. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups



Goal!

Chance Walston



On September 30th, the Machias soccer team played a very eventful game against Shead High School. It was clear that before the first half even ended, Machias was in control of every aspect of the game. For the home fans it seemed impossible that the game couldn't get any better until the last ten minutes.

Kashman Feeney was awarded a penalty kick but did not take it. Instead, he allowed Nevaeh Skinner to take his place. The crowd silently yet eagerly watched as Nevaeh stood behind the ball waiting for the whistle to be blown. As soon as it was, she ran in from the left side and launched the ball into the right side of the goal, right through the goalie's hands. Opposing fans did not realize the significance of what had just happened. She had just scored her first goal of her high school career.

Although they were all puzzled by the crowd's excitement, it's likely that they were more focused on her boyfriend, who was jumping with his fists in the air and screaming out of pure joy.

Sports Schedule

Chance Walston



Soccer

- September 27th vs Calais, 4:00pm (Home)
- September 20th vs Shead, 4:00pm (Home)
- October 2nd vs Sumner, 4:00pm (Home)
- October 4th vs Bangor Christian, 4:00pm (Home)

Volleyball

- September 27th vs Sumner, 4:00pm (Home)
- October 1st vs Sumner, 4:00pm (Home)
- October 8th vs Bucksport, 4:00pm (Home)
- October 9th vs Narraguagas, 3:30pm (Away)

Golf

- September 27 vs Bucksport, 3:30pm (Home)
- October 2nd, PVC's at Hermon, 9:00am (Away)

Cross Country

- September 27th vs Sumner, 4:00pm (Away)
- October 2nd vs Narraguagas, 4:00pm (Away)
- October 7th, DAC Race, 4:00pm (Away)
- October 12th vs Orono, 11:00am (Away)

October Birthdays

Abby Hooper



Matt Gardner –
Wednesday,
October 2

Emily Fletcher –
Thursday, October
3

Aidan Preston –
Thursday, October
3

Destiny Mclain –
Wednesday,
October 9

Ryan Rogers – Thursday, October 10

Blake Barabe – Tuesday, October 15

Branden Holland – Thursday, October 17

McCartney Prout – Tuesday, October 22

Caden Morris – Tuesday, October, 22

Quincy Davis – Wednesday, October 23

Katelynn Holland – Wednesday, October
23

Hunter Willey – Sunday, October 27

Sienna Ingalls – Tuesday, October 29

Horoscopes

McKenna Harriman

Aries: March 21st to April 19th

During this month your relationship with yourself will affect all of your relationships. How you view yourself affects how you will carry yourself, and how you interact with people. This month be sure to break away from your parents' values and establish your own.

Taurus: April 20th to May 20th

This month will be about healing and finding balance in your life. Some previous struggles are finally settling and you will be recollecting yourself. You will regain your power and self-worth during this month.

Gemini: May 21st to June 20th

This month will bring a height of desire and creativity. You will feel very inspired and as if you are on the top of the world. But remember to stay present because every choice that you make will affect your future. Be yourself and the right people will come to you.

Cancer: June 21st to July 22nd

This month will be very good for your personal growth. You will begin to notice the changes you have been striving for and so will others. This month you will have to confront the past and come to terms with some uncomfortable truths.

Leo: July 23rd to August 22nd

This month will bring you new channels of communication. Through these channels you will have some important choices to make. You will be very busy with these new communications, but buckle down as they will be very pivotal to your future.

Virgo: August 23rd to September 22nd

Be very financially careful this month because an unforeseen circumstance will arise costing you a bit of money. Due to this unforeseen circumstance, your month will be very intense. People will come forward to try and help you, but be careful of their real intentions.

Libra: September 23rd to October 22nd

Be very firm in your boundaries this month. There will be two clashing forces pulling you in opposite ways, but stay true to what you know and what you believe. If you do this you will follow the right path.

Scorpio: October 23rd to November 21st

This month you will need to catch up on rest and spend some alone time. Life has been tough and now that you finally have it figured out, take a few days off you deserve it.

Sagittarius: November 22nd to December 21st

This month will bring good things and opportunities that you have been waiting for your whole life. You will have to make a hard choice but you are ready because you have had this on your mind for a while.

Capricorn: December 22nd to January 19th

You will be partnering with powerful people to meet your career goals this month. Do not be reluctant to accept their help. It does not make you a weaker person. Some people will be jealous of your success, but don't let them bother you.

Aquarius: January 20th to February 18th

You will have many negative subconscious emotions this month. The only way to deal with them is to bring them to the surface and figure out what is causing them. It is not healthy to be feeling these things so it would be in your best interest to figure them out.

Pisces: February 19th to March 20th

Last month was very confusing and trying for you. Thank goodness that is over. This month will be catch up from last month's small spiral. Things could have gotten worse but they didn't so be glad you are picking up the pieces this month.

Got News? See Mrs. Albee, Room 9.