



# The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

March 20, 2020 – Edition

## State Game Chance Walston

The boys' basketball team Cinderella run came to a heartbreaking end on February 29, 2020. With the boys knocking off teams like Easton, and undefeated Jonesport-Beals, Machias fans and basketball fans around the state



watched with enthusiasm as they believed the run would continue against the Forest Hills Tigers, who were on a 43 game winning streak. Sadly, this was not the case.

The Tigers came out on fire, launching three pointers well beyond the arc. Machias did everything in their power to contain them, but even with a hand inches from their face, they were able to shoot with astounding accuracy. A big factor that Machias had to deal with towards the end of the game was foul trouble. With the two starting guards fouling out towards the beginning of the fourth quarter, Jayden Rhodes and Ethan Foss, the hopes of a comeback started to slip away.

As the final seconds started to tick away, Machias fans began to clap in appreciation of the historic season. The final buzzer went off, and the final score was official; 53-69. One by one, Machias players were called up to receive their runners-up medals. Two of the three captains, Reese Alley and Chance Walston, were handed the 2020 states runner up plaque, and brought it over to the Machias side and held it high in the air. The fans responded with a standing ovation, celebrating a great season.

This year, the Machias varsity basketball team was made up of four sophomores, two freshman, and six seniors. All six seniors had been playing together for years, and it was heartbreaking to know they would never play wearing a Machias Bulldogs jersey again. Their accomplishments and contributions will not be forgotten as they have participated in something that they had dreamed of for years; making their mark in Machias basketball history.

## Ice Fishing Trip McKenna Harriman

On March 6, 2020, the Outing Club went to Indian Lake for an ice fishing trip with Mr. Roy. Thirty-two people went on this trip through all of the grades. It was a beautiful day on the ice with just a little bit of wind. Mrs. Case's house is on the lake and she made hot chocolate and a bonfire for kids to sit around. People loaded anything you could ever need on the bus: bait, tip-ups, augers, ice skates, tents, and even heaters. Some people had success some didn't, some were just there to hang out. Overall, it was a nice trip to get out in the fresh air and fight the cabin fever.



Shane Alley



Group Photo



In the tent getting warm.



Nevaeh Skinner

## **Saint Patrick's Day** **Abby Hooper**

Saint Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture. It particularly celebrates St. Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints. It is celebrated on March 17 even despite the current coronavirus pandemic happening this year. As the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic, many St. Patrick's Day parades and gatherings all over the globe have been canceled. This holiday is centered around many traditions and celebrations. The shamrock was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. The shamrock became a symbol of Irish nationalism. Irish music is often associated with St. Patrick's Day. From ancient days of the Celts, music has always been an important part of Irish life. The Celts had an oral culture, where religion, legends, and history were passed from one generation to the next by way of stories and songs. Their music is produced with instruments that have been used for centuries, including the fiddle, the uilleann pipes, the tin whistle, and the bodhran. Each year, thousands of Irish Americans gather with their loved ones on St. Patrick's Day to share a "traditional" meal of corned beef and cabbage. Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick's Day at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. Belief in leprechauns stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. Pinching someone for not wearing green is an American tradition that started in the early 1700s. St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns who would pinch anyone they could see (anyone not wearing green). People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch them. Religious symbols include snakes and serpents, as well as the Celtic cross. Some say that Saint Patrick added the Sun, a

powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross. Other Irish-related symbols seen on St. Patrick's Day include the harp, which was used in Ireland for centuries, as well as a mythological creature known as the leprechaun and a pot of gold that the leprechaun keeps hidden.

## **Books or Movies** **Megan Preston**

Over this past week, I have been reading as well as watching a few movies! In between doing my schoolwork, I've watched some of my favorite movies. I watched *Pretty Woman*, *For the Love of the Game*, and *Ghost*. When I get bored of tv, I read on an app called Wattpad. This app is for novice writers. Many of them are my age, and the books are free. They have every genre! I mostly read fiction, but they have millions of other books. Between reading books, watching tv, and doing my work, I keep pretty busy. I am not allowed to go to the barn because when my stepdad comes home from the hospital, he will be at very high risk for any colds/flu.

## **March Birthdays** **McKenna Harriman**



March 1- Jason Weaver  
March 5 - Cheyenne Gandy  
March 10 - Tyler Demarest  
March 11- Maggie Allen and Jordan Campbell  
March 12 - Destiny Look  
March 17 - Jaydin Anderson and Isaiah Boynton  
March 20 - McKenna Harriman  
March 22 - Joe Horvath  
March 25 - Abby Hooper and Chloe Savage

# CORONAVIRUS SURVEY

This was an assignment for the Journalism class after school closed on March 16, 2020.

## Survey #1 Megan Preston

### **If you had to be quarantined alone for two weeks, what are the three essentials you'd stock up on?**

If I had to be quarantined alone for two weeks, I would most definitely need coffee! I would get coffee, creamer, and for food I would probably get oatmeal. I don't enjoy oatmeal all the time, but does keep me full pretty much all day. My mom agreed with me on the coffee!

### **Who would you want to be quarantined with for two weeks?**

If I could be quarantined with anyone for two weeks, it would probably be my sister. Even though she gets mad at me a lot, she would keep me entertained. My mom picked Jeff, and told us to fend for ourselves hahah!

### **What is your go-to sandwich or meal recipe?**

My favorite sandwich would probably be a breakfast sandwich with bacon and egg, but that has too many steps for me if I'm in quarantine with limited supplies. White rice and chicken would probably be my go-to, as it has protein and carbs that will help produce satiety. Mom said she couldn't decide as she has so many meals she likes.

### **What are you binge-watching?**

I am currently binge-watching NCIS and The Good Doctor. Mom is watching The Witcher and the news 24/7.

### **What superhero do we need right now?**

I don't know much about superheroes, but I would say Spiderman. He could put people in spiderwebs in their homes that aren't following social distancing. Mom couldn't

come up with a superhero for this one.

### **What's on your Spotify playlist?**

I have several playlists going, all different genres. The one I have been listening to the most has Mark Chesnutt, Rodney Atkins, Dan Seals, and Clint Black. When I get bored of that playlist I switch over to my other playlist that has music from the 60's, 70's, and 80's. It has over 200 songs! Mom uses her Apple Music and its mostly early 2000's country.

### **How did you connect with your friends when you couldn't in person?**

I have mostly been using snapchat. I also have been using Facebook, but I talk with adults there rather than my friends. Mom has been on Apple Messages NONSTOP. She is in a group chat with half the family and her phone goes off all day long.

### **It's suggested that you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. The choruses of some songs are perfect to sing while washing...for example Toto's "Africa" - What is your 20-second song/chorus to sing while washing your hands?**

I never thought of Africa as a song to use! I love it! I most of the time don't think about a song but I now will have to find one. Mom said she does ABCD's in her head twice.

### **Abby Hooper**

For this assignment, I interviewed my mom.

### **What are the things you need for quarantine?**

Diet Dr. Pepper, Books, and snacks

### **If you could only be quarantined with one person, who would it be?**

Abby (Me)

### **What will be your go-to meal?**

Tacos

**What show have you been watching?**

The Crown

**What's on your Spotify playlist?**

I don't have Spotify

**What song do you wash your hands to?**

Happy Birthday x2

**Journalism Survey Q's**

**Destiny Look**

**If you had to be quarantined alone for two weeks, what are the three essentials you'd stock up on?**

Me: Water, popcorn, and chocolate.

Mom: Food, water, and tv.

**Who would you want to be quarantined with for two weeks?**

Me: Russell and Logan

Mom: My family

**What is your go-to sandwich or meal recipe?**

Me: Salami, cheese, and bread & butter pickles on a white sub roll

Mom: Anything

**What are you binge-watching?**

Me: The Walking Dead

Mom: Ozark

**What superhero do we need right now?**

Me: I know nothing about superheroes.

Superman, I guess?

Mom: Spiderman

**What's on your Spotify playlist?**

Me: A lot of rap music.

Mom: Doesn't have one

**How did you connect with your friends when you couldn't in person? (Games, Snapchat, etc)**

Me: Snapchat and facetime

Mom: Facebook

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Me: I sing happy birthday through twice.

Mom: Same thing.

**McKenna Harriman**

**Quarantine Survey**

The three essentials that I would stock up on would be lots of water, snacks, and coffee from Dunkin.

If I were to be quarantined, I would want to be quarantined with my family and a few of my friends.

My go to meal would be either toast with butter and cinnamon sugar or chicken flavored ramen noodles.

I am currently bingeing One Tree Hill and watching lots of old Red Sox games.

The superhero we need right now is Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy from Sponge Bob.

I have been adding a lot of things to my spotify lately. One of my favorite bands just came out with a new album and I have been listening to that.

I connect with my friends using Snapchat, Facetime, and Facebook Messenger.

My favorite handwashing tune is Jolene by Dolly Parton. If you sing the line "Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene" four times it is about twenty seconds.

How would you answer these questions?

**Be Bulldog Strong!!**



## **March Horoscopes** **McKenna Harriman**

### **Aries - March 21 to April 19**

This month you will be working hard on your career. Work hard and you will establish yourself to the top of your career. Just because you are at the top does not mean that you should stop working. Now that you are at the top people will take notice of you. They will want to take your spot at the top.

### **Taurus - April 20 to May 20**

This month will be about finding your purpose. Things have been unclear for a little while, but this month everything will become very clear. You must find the perfect balance of riding the waves and taking control.

### **Gemini - May 21 to June 20**

This month your bonds will be strengthened. You will be going through some difficulties, and your true friends will become apparent. Be sure to appreciate the people that are truly there for you and love you.

### **Cancer - June 21 to July 22**

This month bonds that have been on the ropes will finally break. Let them go, they have been breaking for a while and it is time for it to be over. Just know that people grow apart and that is ok.

### **Leo - July 23 to August 22**

Something has been ruling your life lately. This month this situation will finally resolve itself. You will feel so free and liberated. Take advantage of finally being out of this situation and live. Live your best life.

### **Virgo - August 23 to September 22**

This month you will need to reevaluate your life. Reevaluate all of the things that you do on a daily basis. Think everything through before you do them. Everything has repercussions. You need to know that.

### **Libra - September 23 to October 22**

This month you will be building your life up. You have had the foundation for a while, but

you will begin on the rest of your life. Make sure that every part of your life is a good choice. These are going to be final decisions, and you will need to make them good.

### **Scorpio - October 23 to November 21**

This month you will have the power to do whatever you please. Any situation you want to put yourself in, you can put yourself into. The power of your mind can't be matched. Go after the things you want in every aspect of your life, academic, romantic, work, everything.

### **Sagittarius - November 22 to December 21**

This month will be a month where you will realize your self worth. Dig deep and remember the things that you love about yourself. These things far outweigh what you don't like about yourself. Remember that no one is perfect and you should not hold yourself to such a high standards.

### **Capricorn - December 22 to January 19**

This month you will be learning and growing. You need to take more responsibility and work hard. You will be learning a lot about life and the life you want to live. It will be hard work to create your future, but no one else will do it for you.

### **Aquarius - January 20 to February 18**

This month you will be taking a journey into your subconscious. Every deep dark demon that you have been hiding will be coming to the surface this month. This might sound scary, but everything will be ok. You might not notice how much these things affect you but once you get them dealt with everything will be so much better.

### **Pisces - February 19 to March 20**

Many doors will be opening and closing this month. You will gain new friends and communication lines. Use these to your advantage and make the strides that you want to make in your life. Everything is controlled by you and only you.

**Stay Safe, Stay Healthy – Practice Social distancing and stay at home.**