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ASSESSOR’S OFFICE: Starting Tuesday, May 19th the Assessor, Gary Geaghan will be out and about doing annual review of new construction. No interior assessments will be done. He will be following the 6 foot separation rule if he needs to speak with the homeowner. He will be driving a gray Toyota RAV-4 license plate 4805UZ.

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VETERANS COMMITTEE: The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will NOT be meeting on May 5th. The committee chairman and the town manager have been in conversation concerning the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. At this time we are not positive about the events this year.

INFRASTRUCTURE: May is upon us and we will be starting spring road work. We will be starting on Chicken Mill Pond Road and Bartlett Hill during the month of May. If you have any questions or areas of concern please feel free to call me at the Town Office 963-5589 or on my cell 460-7117. —Jim McLean

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR MAY

| MAY 25TH | MONDAY | *TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY* | ALL DAY |

DORCAS LIBRARY: Adhering to the guidance of the CDC, and following Governor Mill’s Executive Order, we have to stay closed for the time being. Hopefully, this will help to slow the progress of the virus in our community by encouraging and modeling the vital practice of social distancing. Thus, we have to cancel all programs, meetings and other events. You can return checked out items in our drop-box and contact us by email if there is a certain item you need (dorcaslibrary1@gmail.com). Remember, our WIFI is strong all around the building 24/7 - no password necessary. We miss you and hope to see you soon again!

TRAPS 2 TREASURE: Traps 2 Treasure is accepting used and unwanted traps. We ask that you call Becky @ 669-2187 or Buzz @ 620-6037 to schedule a time to bring them up so we can let you in and find an appropriate spot for you to unload them. There is no need to remove bricks. We cannot accept mangled or cut up traps at this time. Those should be deposited in the metal roll off at the transfer station. Thank you for being a part of this program.

RSU 24 SCHOOL BOARD: We are living in surreal times and the impact on education has been profound. The Coronavirus has certainly adjusted the manner in which we do things as we are operating remotely for most aspects of our operations. Since March 16th, we have been providing remote learning opportunities for our students. We recognize that our system is greatly impacted by many variables such as the internet, family needs, and most importantly, the needs of our students. If your child is struggling or you know of a child who is struggling with school work, please contact the Principal of your local school for assistance. Food delivery continues in each of our school communities, with distribution taking place on Mondays and Thursdays. We do not want any of our students to go without the proper nutrition. If your child is not receiving the food distribution or you know of a child who would benefit from this opportunity, please contact the Principal at your local school. The budget review process for the 2020-2021 school year is nearing completion. The Budget and Finance Committee has formally reviewed each individual budget that makes up the district budget and at our May 5th RSU #24 Board of Directors meeting, the full Board will consider the budget for next year. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please feel free to attend the May 5th meeting. In response to the impact of the Coronavirus, we are holding our meetings using Zoom, an online meeting platform. You will find the specific web address for the meeting on our website. The new building project to replace Summer Memorial High School continues to move forward. We continue to meet with our architect to discuss progress on the building project and groundbreaking is projected for this summer. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or comments related to our schools, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at meastman@rsu24.org. I wish you and your family the best during these very challenging times.

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN’S CLUB: Due to public health concerns about the spread of Covid-19 and recommendations from the Maine and National CDC(s), the Acadian Community Woman’s Club has made the decision to postpone the upcoming 7th Annual ‘Love Your Mama’ 5K Race and Fundraiser. It had been scheduled for Sunday, May 10th, Mother’s Day. The Club hopes to reschedule in the near future and will keep our local communities posted on updates. In the meantime, stay well and thank you for supporting the ACWC’s efforts!

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND: The Schoodic community fund is seeking grant applications for 2020. Its mission is to invest in the Schoodic Community and improve the quality of life for all residents. It is especially concerned with education, culture, and the environment as well as the economic vitality of the community. Schools, non-profits, and municipalities may apply for grants. Individuals may not apply. Detailed information and grant applications are available at: schoodiccommunityfund.org or by contacting Fund Chair Mike H. Summerer M.D. at 963-7182. The postmark deadline for grant applications is June 1st. Grants will be awarded in September. Individuals, businesses, and other entities interested in helping to grow the Schoodic Community Fund endowment and thereby increase its ability to award grants can do so via its website or by mailing contributions to: Maine Community Foundation, Schoodic Community Fund, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

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Special thanks to Youngs Market and Mcs Market for making them available to buy. We can also send tags to you via regular mail - call for directions!