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Local racer pursues dream to compete against fastest riders

Minot's William W. Clark III is chasing his dream of being a professional motocross athlete. The 28-year-old dirtbike racer is competing in the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship, the world's most prestigious off-road motorcycle series that travels across the country for 12 weekends every summer.

Over the course of this grueling championship, hundreds of riders and thousands of fans converge at some of the most picturesque landscapes in the U.S. Many of the events and the tracks the series is contested on carry upwards of four decades of history, making them legendary and iconic venues for the sport of motocross, just like landmark stadiums such as Wrigley Field and Fenway Park.

The Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship begins in mid-May and continues until late August, and features two classes of competition-250 Class and 450 Class. The 250 Class is where the sport's rising



William jumping with number 717 at the MX207 in Lyman, Maine. Photo by Acorace Photography.

stars do battle, making a ever-changing name for themselves in a powerful 250-pound hopes of future success, just like in the NASCAR Xfinity Series. The 450 Class is the championship's premier showcase, where the biggest names in motocross like Ken Roczen, Eli Tomac, and Marvin Musquin showcase their talents in search of victory and a championship, just like NASCAR's Cup Series. Regardless of class, these competitors are some of the toughest, fittest, and most daring athletes on the planet as they battle their own physical and mental limits, an

track, motorcycle, and 39 other riders. There's simply nothing like it.

All of motocross' most well-known names have left their mark on the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship, including Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana, Ryan Dungey and Jeremy McGrath. To win in this championship is distinguishing in the annals of the sport's history, but to even have the talent to compete against the world's best riders from around the globe is an in-See Racer, page 9

USM LAC Senior College Outsiders Club

Prior to Covid-19 and social distancing practices, the USM LAC Senior College Outsiders Club, continued a successful run of weekly hikes, walks, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing throughout the early to late winter and early March. The Club determines whether to wear boots, snowshoes or spikes according to conditions. They had some beautiful snowy, icy and relatively dry hikes. Dressing in layers proved to keep the club members comfortable throughout the season!

A favorite hike was with the Alpine goats at Ten Apple Farm, Yarmouth Road in Gray. A basic level of fitness is required for the two to five-mile excursions, and newcomers are welcome. Call (207) 753-6510 if you are interested.



(Back) Janet Joseph, Carmen Cohen, Elaine Bragdon, Michelle Ouellette, and (front) Nancy Long.



Christine McCarthy, Nancy Kleckner, Jeanne Lessard Front: Michelle Ouellette, Claire Bruno.



Elaine Bragdon, Suki Thompson, Jeanne Read, Reine Mynahan, Dick Mynahan, Carmen Cohen, Christine McCarthy, Bob Kleckner and Jeanne Lessard.



Grace Trainor and one of the eight goats that hiked with the group.







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Governor's Address: Now is the time to let our true selves shine

It's finally spring. The crocuses and tulips are poking their heads through the soil, robins are singing. Meanwhile, we continue to fight one of the biggest challenges our state has faced in a hundred years.

The State of Maine has joined all other states in confronting the threat of the COVID-19 virus. Like other states, Maine has seen hundreds of people fall seriously ill and dozens of people die as a result of the virus.

All 50 states now have invoked their emergency executive powers. The President declared every has state a federal disaster area. And the overwhelming majority of states have issued strict "stay healthy at home" orders and orders pro-

hibiting large gatherings and many common recreational and business activities.

We all want life to return to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. Our hearts break to see closed storefronts and people struggling to make ends meet because of this crisis. Each day people call me and tell me their story and urge me to keep people safe while also doing what we can to protect the businesses and the lives and livelihoods of working men and women who are the heart and soul of our state.

At the same time, they and we know that reopening too soon and too aggressively could cause a secondary surge in COVID 19 cases, risking the lives of Maine people, overwhelming our healthcare system and further destabilizing



Governor Janet Mills

the economy. Nobody wants that.

That's the truth. And I'm not going to sugarcoat it.

Here in Maine, we are pursuing a cautious reopening, tailored to our state's own demographics and economic sectors. This approach won't be driven by artificial deadlines or generic guidelines. It will be driven instead by fact, science and public health, and it will be done in cooperation with the private sector.

Our basic principles are: Protecting public health; maintaining health care readiness; building reliable and accessible testing; and prioritizing public-private collaboration.

The Administration's approach will utilize criteria and measurements being developed now by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that will lead to a phased reopening of our economy. We will share those measures shortly when they are finalized.

Meanwhile, the Department of Economic and Community Development will solicit ideas from industries and the various sectors of Maine's economy about we can collaborate and how they can work with State Government to develop practical, reasonable, evidence-informed protocols to reopen.

We invite Maine people to take part in the discussion-give us your ideas about how we can safely restart the economy at https://www. maine.gov/decd/.

We also continue to process tens of thousands of new unemployment claims and sending out the \$600 weekly checks under the new federal program and planning how to process the new claims for self-employed individuals under this other new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program. We're getting through it.

While we work hard to get benefits out to all eligible people, while we keep track of outbreaks of the virus across the state, and while we plan on how to reopen businesses and activities, dreaming of going back to the way things were, we also know that things will not return to normal soon.

Meanwhile we call on each other to reimagine how we do things, how we invent different ways of doing business, or shopping, or traveling, taking care not just of ourselves but of every man, woman and child in Maine, for whom we are all now equally responsible.

After all, you know, Maine is not just a state or a way of life or a dot on the map with 1.3 million people, or some place between the 42nd and 47th parallel on the globe. Maine is a community of souls, a state of givers and doers, of people with ideas, courage and compassion. Now is the time to let our true selves shine.

munity College: Kate

Riding To The Top elects new board member



Lindsey Lombardo

Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center recently elected Lindsey Lombardo of Yarmouth, Maine to its Board of Directors.

Lombardo is the Norway Savings Bank, Freeport Maine branch

manager. She joins RTT board members Janis Childs, Brandon Cohen, Casey Etter-Bobb, Steve Flynn, Gary Plummer, Carissa Robb, Hilda Sastre and Jim Small in leading the nonprofit.

Founded in 1993, Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center's (RTT) mission is enhancing health and wellness through equine assisted activities and therapies. RTT is a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International). Located just west of Portland in Windham, Maine, RTT is the state's only year round PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center solely dedicated to serving people with disabilities through equine assisted activities and therapies. More than 250 clients visit annually, assisted by certified instructors, over 160 volunteers, and a herd of 18 horses, all specially trained to assist with therapeutic riding, carriage driving, equine assisted learning and hippotherapy. RTT is a community-based nonprofit, receives no federal or state funding and provides scholarships to over 60% of its clients. For more information about client services, volunteering, or making a gift, please visit us at www.ridingtothetop.org or call 892-2813.

MCCS Students of the year honored

Seven students chosen as the 2020 Students of the Year at Maine's community colleges were honored last Wednesday in a special online presentation.

"We are in awe of what these students have accomplished," MCCS President David Daigler said after the students and the nominating deans spoke during a Zoom webinar. "It's sincerely the highlight of the year."

A recording of the presentation is available on the MCCS Vimeo and YouTube channels (https:// vimeo.com/410716701 https://youtu.be/ and v7PU6Ahclmc).

The students were selected by faculty and staff at their college for their academic success and their campus and community involvement. In addition

Nicole Lajoie

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to being named Student of the Year, each student received a John and Jana Lapoint Leadership Award in the amount of \$1,000. The Lapoints both served as trustees of the Maine Community College System. After John's death in 1995, Jana Lapoint helped establish the fund for the annual awards.

"I know how proud [John] would be of all of you. We both would encourage you to never give up, keep pursuing your dreams, never accept it can't be done, and always give back to society whenever and whatever you can," she told the students. "You all have my deepest respect and admiration for all your accomplishments."

The 2020 Students of the Year are:

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McPherson, Computer Technology, of Litchfield; Eastern Maine Community College: Ethan Preble, Human Services, of Birch Harbor; Kennebec Valley Community College: Mason Peterson, Liberal Studies, of Waterville; Northern Maine Community College: Marcel Chalou, Water Treatment Technology, of Easton; Southern Maine Community College: Liam Woodworth-Cook, Liberal Studies/English Concentration, of South Portland; Washington County Community College: Clinton Dakin, Engine Specialist, of Stockton Springs; York County Community College: Billy Susanto, Computer Science, of Berwick. Learn more about

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USM/LA Senior College continues to Zoom



USM/LA Senior College Zoom class.

USM/LA Senior College, like other institutions of learning is continuing to keep the curriculum alive and well on Zoom. Thanks to one of our members, Mary Jane Beardsley, USM/LA Senior College has been on the cutting edge of senior college classes online. Originally the idea was to include those who are sick or homebound, but since the COVID-19 crisis the Senior College has found that they are ahead of the curve in getting classes out via Zoom. Many other senior colleges across the state have participated in the Senior College's offerings and are beginning to provide classes which are available through USM/ LA Senior College. Who says that senior citizens are not tech savvy?

Many of our members are currently enjoying some early spring classes—some single presentations and some weekly for four to six sessions. The Board of Directors has put together a second spring session during which the classes will be online and free to seniors. The following is a list of those currently planned



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2. Got to Get Ourselves Back to the Garden: 2 sessions, botanizing and herbaria then and now and keeping records of what is happening in your garden.

3. Online Banking Made Easy: 5 sessions, getting started, safety and security, and managing your account.

4. Food in the Time of Plague: 4 sessions, cooking and conversation about foods that make up cuisines around the world.

5. Fun with Snapfish: 3 sessions, create great Snapfish books for gifts! The instructor will hold an early introductory meeting so check your email. 6. A Geezer Adventure in Vietnam: 1 session, the instructor will talk about his time living and working in Vietnam, 45 years after it became an independent country.

7. Viruses and What to Do About Them: 2 sessions, what are viruses from a scientific perspective? How do we handle the emotional and social fallout caused by them?

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What's Going On

"FrontLine WarmLine" help Maine's health care workers

A new volunteer phone support service, the FrontLine WarmLine, launched last week to help Maine health care workers and first responders manage the stress of serving on the front lines of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FrontLine Warmline serves health care professionals, such physicians, nurses as and counselors, as well as emergency medical services personnel, law enforcement, and others who are directly responding to the pandemic in Maine. The line is staffed by volunteer professionals activated through Maine Responds, including licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, social workers, and nurse practitioners, who can help callers to deal with anxiety, irritability stress, poor sleep, grief or worry and, if needed, connect them with additional supports.

The FrontLine WarmLine is available to clinicians and first responders from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week by calling (207) 221-8196 or 866-367-4440. Text capability will be added soon.

The FrontLine WarmLine is a joint effort of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Maine Department of Public Safety's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, The Opportunity Alliance, Maine Psychological Association,

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the National Association of Social Workers.

"Maine's health care professionals and first responders have worked tirelessly to protect Maine people in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. "We recognize that this work takes an emotional toll so we're proud to support the FrontLine WarmLine as a resource offered by behavioral health peers who know how to help."

"Maine's first responders and health care providers put themselves under great stress responding to this pandemic," said Jessica Pollard, director of the DHHS Office of Behavioral Health. "It's important for these dedicated professionals to know we're here for them and are ready to support them in managing the completely expected reactions they may have. We thank all of the volunteer professionals who are pitching in to help."

"As always, Maine's first responders and EMS clinicians are dedicated to continuing to provide high-quality services and care to the people they serve, but it is equally imperative that we serve them with resources like the FrontLine Warm-Line to help manage the stress, anxiety, and worries associated with responding to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Maine EMS Director Sam Hurley. "Maine EMS is wholly supportive of the FrontLine Warm-

and the Maine Chapter of Line and encourages all first responders and EMS clinicians to reach out for a helping hand."

> "It's been inspiring to see Maine's mental health community stepping up to support Maine's front line in this pandemic," said Ed Pontius of the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians. "All the clinicians and others caring for patients-Maine's first responders and law enforcement-are doing an important job for all of us. We know how tough this work can be on them. We are glad to be able to support them and their crucial work, and we join all of Maine in appreciation of their courage and heroic efforts for all of us."

FrontLine The WarmLine will be available until further notice.

For those who are not health care workers or first responders but are experiencing emotional distress, several other 24/7 resources are available: Statewide Crisis Line: 888-568-1112; Intentional Peer Support Warmline to speak with staff who have lived experience with mental health conditions: 866-771-9276; Suicide Hotline: 800-(800-273-273-TALK 8255); 211 and 211maine. org can provide general COVID-19 information, including how to access behavioral health and social service resources; Maine DHHS Office of Behavioral Health resources guide at https:// www.maine.gov/dhhs/ samhs/coronavirus.shtml.

Harold Alfond Foundation grants \$1M to Good Shepherd

The Harold Alfond Foundation has awarded Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's largest hunger-relief organization, a \$1,000,000 grant to support hunger relief efforts that are underway across the state of Maine in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

Good Shepherd Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America network, is working with its partner food pantries, meal sites, shelters and schools across the state to meet the needs of Mainers who are struggling to provide enough food for their families.

"The impacts of COVID-19 in Maine have created a perfect storm for our food bank and our community hunger-relief partners," said Good Shepherd Food Bank President Kristen Miale. "Our food supply is down, our operation-

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al processes have been upended by social distancing, and the need is growing as more Mainers are facing unemployment and other challenges. Weighing all of these factors, we estimate our expenses related to the COVID-19 response will exceed \$6M over a sixmonth period."

"The grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation comes at a perfect time, and we are so grateful for the Foundation's foresight and generosity," continues Miale. "One hundred percent of this funding will be deployed across the state

in the form of food and funds for our partner hunger-relief agencies."

"We all know that access to healthy food is critical for good health, learning, and growing, and that many Mainers are struggling to put food on the table at this unprecedented time," said Greg Powell, chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation. "The innovation and teamwork at Good Shepherd Food Bank and across the charitable food network in Maine is as inspiring as it is in need of support. So, the Foundation is See Alfond, page 12

Country Club members raise \$127K for Good Shepherd

Before the COVID-19 crisis hit, been Lincoln County had over 4,000 food-insecure residents, knowing this and seeing the impacts of local the pandemic across the nation, Paul Coulombe, Boothbay owner of Harbor Country Club, issued a challenge to the club's members to support Good Shepherd Food Bank and offered to match all donations up to \$50,000. In less than two weeks, his call was answered by over one hundred donors, who came together to meet the challenge.

"The outpouring of support from our members from all over the country to help the most

vulnerable in Maine has extraordinary," stated Paul Coulombe, owner of Boothbay Harbor Country Club and philanthropist. "To see our members come together during this great time of need is truly heartwarming. It's a great feeling to be able to provide Good Shepherd Food Bank with \$127,087 which will undoubtedly, have a tremendous positive impact on Maine families in need-including our neighbors on the Boothbay peninsula."

Approximately 200,000 Mainers rely on Good Shepherd Food Bank's network of over 450 partners every year. On a normal day, the Food Bank and its partners provide more than 68,000 meals. For Mainers already facing food insecurity, COVID-19 means the very real danger of lost wages, further difficulty accessing enough food, and an increased reliance on the charitable food network. Add onto that the school closures and job losses, and we know that even more Mainers will be and are struggling. "The generosity of the Boothbay Harbor Country Club's employees and members, coupled with the generous matching support from

Paul Coulombe, will go a long way in helping us serve our most vulnerable during these unprecedented times," said Kristen Miale, president of Good Shepherd Food Bank. "Our partner, the Boothbay Region Food Pantry, has transitioned to a no/low-contact model of drive-up distributions, which serve the community every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The local schools are also providing curbside lunches Monday through Friday."

The majority of the Food Bank's partner agencies have moved to distributing pre-packed shelf-stable food boxes, meant to help families stretch their food budget for one month. With food costs of \$38 per box, these emergency food boxes represent the bulk of the Food Bank's unanticipated expenses. Donations from the Boothbay Harbor Country Club family will be used to support Good Shepherd Food Bank as they purchase food for these boxes and ensure that their partner agencies will be able to distribute them at no cost to Mainers. For more information or to donate to Good Shepherd Food Bank's COVID-19 Response Fund, please visit www. feedingmaine.org.

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Good Shepherd Food Bank projects \$6.3M in new costs



Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's largest hunger-relief organization, announced that an estimated \$6.3 million in additional resources will be needed over a six-month period to help Mainers struggling with hunger as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. This represents a 150 percent increase to the baseline six-month operating costs.

This announcement comes on the heels of a release earlier this month from Feeding America that estimated that its entire nationwide network of 200 food banks could experience a total of \$1.4 billion in increased expenses over six months.

Rising unemployment and poverty due to quarantine and stayat-home orders are impacting people already at risk of hunger and could result in up to an additional 67,000 Mainers experiencing food insecurity, an increase of 39 percent, based on projections using Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap data.

The challenges posed by COVID-19 are es like those posed by the COVID-19 situation," said Kristen Miale, president of Good Shepherd Food Bank. "Between the disruption to our supply chain and the understandable decline in volunteers across the state, our partner hunger-relief organizations are operating in the face of unimaginable change."

Based on a recent survey of its partners, which include food pantries, meal sites, shelters and schools, Good Shepherd Food Bank found that 90 percent of partners are experiencing increased demand, with 65 percent seeing both an increase in community members seeking assistance for the first time and regular patrons seeking more frequent assistance. Approximately 75 percent of the people seeking first-time help are doing so due to a result of job loss due to lay-offs or furloughs in the household.

The Root Cellar in Portland reports seeing an increase of 15 percent feedingmaine.org.

in new families, plus a 30 percent increase in regular member attendance – families who would only come once in a while are now coming for every distribution. Similarly, the Ridge View Community School that runs a school pantry program in Dexter has gone from serving 40 to 50 families a week to 110 and the nearby Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard has gone from serving 85 households to 140, plus an additional 10 deliveries to home-bound community members.

This initial impact analysis of the COVID-19 crisis on the charitable food network in Maine is modeled on results from regular surveys of food pantries, meal sites, and other hunger-relief organizations, estimates about food purchases and other key cost drivers, as well as data from Feeding America and its Map the Meal Gap study.

For more information, please visit www.

What's Going On

JMG gives \$300,000 to students for groceries

As families continue to struggle with the economic impact of COVID-19, JMG is partnering with its school partners to distribute \$100 Hannaford Supermarkets gift cards to 3,000 students and their families throughout Maine.

While Maine's K-12 public schools are continuing to provide free bagged breakfasts and lunches to students by scheduling pick up times, and even school bus deliveries, food insecurity continues to rise.

"The need is so great right now, and it just keeps increasing. JMG has taken the lead in this effort and is putting resources directly into the hands of our students and families at a time when they need it the most," says Eric Haley, Superintendent of Waterville Public Schools. "This is an extered, partnership at its best."

JMG programs are hosted within Maine's public schools and higher education systems. JMG Specialists deliver a competency-based model, providing instruction for essential life and career skills, through personalized learning strategies. JMG has named its relationship-based approach a "continuum of support". It is the only nonprofit in Maine serving students from middle school through high school graduation, and into post-secondary education and careers.

There are 143 JMG programs in Maine, in all 16 counties.

"Students in all of the communities we serve have been telling their JMG Specialists they are struggling with getting enough food and other critical household

ample of student-cen- items," explains Craig results-driven Larrabee, JMG's President and CEO. "JMG serves as a bridge between public education and private business. I reached out to the private sector because I knew its leaders would want to do something to support Maine students. Unum was the first to say yes, and others quickly joined forces."

"Unum has learned from past investments that JMG Specialists have a deep understanding of their students. JMG's relationship-based network is one of the fastest ways Unum can get relief to our neighbors in need," says Cary Olson Cartwright, Unum's Assistant Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility.

Bill Williamson, Maine President for Bank of America, says See JMG, page 12



amplified as food donations to Good Shepherd Food Bank and its network of more than 500 partners decline, due increased consumto er demand and supply chain challenges, and less shelf-stable food is available for purchase. Furthermore, hunger-relief agencies are seeing a sharp decrease in their regular volunteer workforce, many of whom are retired senior citizens school/corporate and groups.

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Lotus restaurant reopened for takeout and delivery

has re-opened for delivery and curbside pickup only. The Auburn restaurant, which features Japanese and Chinese cuisine, has begun offering takeout from its full menu, with updated hours to account for the changes taking place globally due to COVID-19.

Lotus is asking customers to call ahead with their orders, and to pay by phone, minimizing any physical exchanges of money. Delivery is available in Lewiston and Auburn with a minimum order of \$25. Curbside pickup is new to Lotus, where customers who order takeout will be asked to stay in their vehicles and call the restaurant when they arrive so the food can be brought out to them.

Lotus is also offer-

Lotus Restaurant ing a \$5 lunch special, urday from 11 a.m. to 8 which includes a lunch entree and an appetizer from the restaurant's menu. Jim Wu, owner of Lotus Restaurant, says that the hope is for the lunch special to give people in the community an affordable treat.

> "We know that a lot of people are struggling right now," said Wu. "It's hard to stay away from a normal routine, and we know that some people in the community are having to make tough decisions on spending. By offering this lunch special, we hope that it gives people an opportunity to still enjoy delicious food without the hassle of cooking or cleaning up on their own."

Lotus' updated hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sat-

p.m. Lotus Restaurant is located at 279 Center Street in Auburn and can be reached at (207) 241-0870. The menu is available at LotusAuburn. com.

Lotus is a family-owned restaurant specializing in Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Originally opening in 2013, Lotus quickly became one of Auburn's busier restaurants focusing on the value and quality of its food. Lotus is located at 279 Center Street in Auburn and online at www.LotusAuburn.com.

Send all items for Arts & Entertainment to Editor@Twin CityTimes.com. Deadline is Friday by five.

Scholarships available for Androscoggin students

Brown Scholarship Fund provides support to residents of Androscoggin County pursuing a post-secondary degree at a two- or four-year college. The application deadline is June 1, 2020.

Eligible applicants must demonstrate a level of academic achievement suitable for predicting success in college; strong character and family values; and financial need as shown by a Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$5,000 or less. Preference will be given to applicants who will be in the first generation of their fam-

The Annette M. ily to attend college. ing higher education. There is a preference for students attending accredited colleges in Androscoggin County, with secondary preference to those attending schools elsewhere in Maine. Applications from students attending school outside of Maine will be given the lowest priority.

Annette M. Brown taught in the Lewiston-Auburn area in the early 1900s. In her 1916 will, she left \$16,000 to establish a scholarship fund for needy students. Since then, the fund has given thousands of dollars to Androscoggin County students pursuToday, the selection process is handled by a subcommittee of MaineCF's Androscoggin County Committee.

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecf. org.

Auburn's Storywalk celebrate Earth Day 2020

The City of Auburn is pleased to announce the Riverwalk Storywalk for April 2020: "Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!" Stroll along Auburn's beautiful Riverwalk and learn a few tips on simple ways to live green.

If you have an idea for a future Storywalk theme or would like to have your work showcased in the displays during L/A Arts Last Friday Art Walk between May and September,

please reach out to Sabrina Best. Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@ auburnmaine.gov or 333-6611.

In October of 2019, the City of Auburn, in collaboration with LA Arts, announced the completion of the delightful new "Storywalk" project along Auburn's beautiful Riverwalk. The project includes eight durable display cases, which can be found between Festival Plaza and Bonney Park. They showcase

different "art and culture" pieces each month. Residents and visitors of all ages are encouraged to take a monthly stroll along the Riverwalk to enjoy the displays, which are changed monthly by the Auburn Recreation Department.



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Gathered Greens / Grapes, Aged Balsamic & Olive Oil Vinaigrette, Pineland Farm Feta, Toasted Almonds / g.f-8 MK Wedge / Romaine Hearts, Local Apple, Bacon Crumbs, Blue Cheese, Pickled Onion, Buttermilk Dressing / g.f -9 Braised Farm Beets / Fern Hill Farm Fresh Goat Cheese, Candied Walnut Brittle, Beet Vinaigrette, Greens / g.f-11 Grilled Romaine Caesar / Croutons, Shaved Parmesan, House Made Creamy Garlic Dressing / - 9 (Add Anchovy + 2)

PASTAS + GRAINS

Organic Quinoa Bowl / Broccoli, Carrots, Green Beans, Cranberry, Spinach & Kale, Brussels, Almond / Vegan + g.f-12/20 Gnocchi Primavera / Butter Roasted, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Seasonal Vegetables, Parmesan / Vgt. -12/22 Rigatoni Bolognese / Slow Braised Tomato - Beef & Pork Sausage, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs, Parmesan / 13/ Handmade Ravioli / Four Cheese Filling, Wilted Spinach Pesto Cream, Almonds, Pineland Farm Feta / Vgt. - 12/22 Gnocchi Mac + Cheese / Creamy Cheddar Sauce, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs / -12/22 Butternut Squash Risotto / Sage Roasted Fall Squash, Butter, Parmesan, Pepitas, Fried Brussels / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26 Mushroom Risotto / Roasted Crimini & Shiitake Mushrooms, Butter Parmesan, Truffle Oil / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26 Spaghetti with Braised Lamb Ragu / Pineland Farm Feta, Chopped Mixed Olives -24 Orecchiette Pasta with Chicken & Broccoli / Garlic Butter, Wilted Kale, Parmesan -22 (Vegetarian Orecchiette available with Pesto)

ENTREES

Pan Seared Scallops / Truffle Roasted Crimini + Shiitake Mushroom Risotto, Green Beans, Beurre Monte / g.f-18/32* Grilled Faroe Island Salmon / Sage Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto, Fried Brussels, Pomegranate Gastrique / g.f-27* Chicken Under a Brick / Bone-in Breast, Whipped Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Emulsion / g.f-24 Slow Braised Boneless Beef Short Rib / Horseradish Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Mushroom Sauce / g.f-28 Grilled Filet Mignon / Herb Roasted Fingerlings, Pearl Onions, Wilted Greens, Foje Gras Butter, Beef Sauce / a,f - 34* Spice Rubbed Pork Loin / Smoked Bacon Elbow Macaroni and Cheese, Cheddar, Fried Brussels Sprouts, BBQ Sauce / -24 Pulled Pork Sandwich / Chipotle BBQ Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Grilled Brioche Bun, House Fries - 14 MK Burger / Cheddar, Bacon Crumbs, Shredded Romaine, Pickled Onion, House Sauce, Brioche Bun, Herb Fries -15

SIDES

Fried Brussels Sprouts / g.f - 9 - Pan Roasted Vegetables / g.f - 9

DESSERTS

Warm Chocolate Cake / Marshmallow Gelato, Sea Salt Toasted Peanuts /g.f - 10 Chocolate Mousse / Belgium Chocolate, Whipped Cream, Candied Walnut Crumbs /g.f-9 Tiramisu / Mascarpone Cream, Coffee Ladyfingers, Chocolate Sauce -9

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Can't stop, won't stop: Special **Olympics Maine gets creative**

5000 Maine children and adults with intellectual disabilities, rely on and look forward to the 75 events offered by Special Olympics Maine each year. The athletes train hard and get excited about all of the opportunities they usually have to be seen for their abilities and not their disabilities. For many of them, the state events are like their state championship. They also look forward to seeing old friends, spending time with their teammates, traveling to other towns for training or competitions, attending the dances, staying in dorms, earning medals and ribbons, getting free health screenings, and having people cheer for them when they compete.

Special Olympics Maine relies on several fundraising events throughout the year, as well as the generosity of others, in order to meet their 1.3 million dollar a year budget and to continue to provide opportunities to their athletes.

so Like many other non-profits, the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in all training, social and competitive events in Special Olympics to be canceled through June 10. Regional and state basketball tournaments, Spring Unified sports, State swimming, Spring Games and the largest event of the year, the state Summer Games. In addition, all live fundraising events have been canceled during this time as well.

Within minutes of announcing the cancellations, Special Olympic Maine staff (all 5 of them) pulled together to begin brainstorming how they would continue to offer opportunities to our athletes to stay physically, mentally and emotionally fit during the quarantine, how to keep them all feeling positive, and to keep them looking forward to events just as soon as we are safe to offer them. (and without money coming in, how would they make all of this happen, and still be able to offer events when the lock down is over) Social Media has been the key. Through Facebook, and Instagram, Special Olympics Maine is offering daily workouts, cooking classes, stress management

tips, yoga, stretching, and strong mind activities. Volunteers and staff have been creating videos to share every day and have created a schedule of online events for everyone to follow.

Mondays are dedicated to fundraising. Special Olympics Maine is holding a raffle, selling tickets for \$20 each and the winner will receive three prizes-a snowmobile, a 4-wheeler, and a Sea-do! The drawing will be October 30. The staff are also holding an online auction and encourage people to shop through Amazon Smile and choose Special Olympics Maine as their charity of choice. They also hope that people will send in donations to their state office. It is important to the staff to make sure people realize that Special Olympics is important, relevant, and even crucial for many of their athletes.

Tuesdays are dedicated to staying positive. Stress relief, meditation, finding activities that are fun and help keep the mind focus on good things that are happen-See Olympics, page 12



Kat Logan

In the midst of postponed shows at their theater, The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present Live from Home, a series of concerts performed by regional musicians at home that can

be streamed online by audience members via Facebook.

The Live from Home

concert series: Kat Logan

Kat Logan will perform on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are not necessary for the Live from Home concerts. Audience members will be encouraged to donate to help the organization recover lost revenue due to postponed shows, and to support the performers, many of whom are also facing canceled shows and loss of income.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will continue to announce upcoming Live from Home performers their website (https://www. chocolatechurcharts. org/) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/Chocolate-Church-Arts-Center-212223856285/).



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William W. Clark III at his first AMA Pro Motocross race.

credible achievement in itself that deserves to be recognized. This is the most elite level of motocross and all its competitors can rightfully claim their position as one of the best in the world.

Clark has been riding dirt bikes since he was 5 years old and has been competing professionally since 2018. He chased events around New England and spent some winters in Florida as a teenager. After multiple injuries, Clark decided to put riding on hold and went off to college in 2010. He gained a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Maine at Orono in 2014. Upon graduation he got back into the sport of motocross, where the dream was still alive. He honed his talents by racing locally at MX207 and other New England venues as well as professionally in Canada before deciding to chase success at the sport's highest level.

With the help of family, friends, and sponsors such as Clark Metal Fabrication, FXR Racing, Central Maine Powersports, Simard and Sons, Unleashed Doggy Daycare, and Art-Worx Suspension who help pay his way to the races, Clark has had the opportunity to pursue his dreams. Motocross is a sport that requires sacrifice and the ability to overcome adversity, and without the commitment from Clark and his supporters, this dream would not be possible.

Other sponsors he would like to thank include Scott Goggles, Amsoil; Jim's Auto Body; Yoshimura R&D; P3 Carbon; 139 Designs; Sunstar; Carter Racing; Acerbis USA; Bell Helmets; Dunlop; and ODI Grips.

Media can find additional information for the 2020 Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship at https://promotocross.com/page/media-policy.

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The Lu-Pro Motocas Oil cross Championsanctioned by ship, AMA Pro Racing, features the world's fastest outdoor motocross racers, competing aboard homologated bikes from one of six competing manufacturers on a collection of the roughest, toughest tracks on the planet. The 12-round series begins just outside California's famed Hangtown in May and ends at Indiana's Ironman Raceway in August. The summer-long championship includes stops at America's premier motocross racing facilities, with events in California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland, Min-Washington, nesota, New York and Indiana. Racing takes place each Saturday afternoon, with competition divided into two classes: one for 250cc machines, and one for 450cc machines. MX Sports ProRacing, the industry leader in offroad powersports event production, manages the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship. The series is televised on NBC, NBCSN and MAVTV, and is streamed live on NBC Sports Gold. The title sponsor is Lucas Oil, a leading producer of premium oils, greases, and problem-solving additives, all made in America. More information can be found at www.ProMotocross. com.

Auburn students' art displayed at Portland Museum of Art

Three Auburn sixth grade students celebrated youth art month with the Maine Art Education Association and the Portland Museum of Art (PMA) on March 07. The student exhibit was slated for February 26 through March 29 this year. The work was to be returned at the end of March; however, due to the closure of the PMA during the COVID-19 epidemic, it remains hanging among the Muextraordinary seum's collection for an undetermined amount of time.

Each year student work is selected to highlight the quality arts education program within school districts throughout the State of Maine during March, the month identified to celebrate Youth Art nationwide. The 2019-2020 school calendar year found three sixth grade students from three Auburn elementary *See* Art, *page11*



Sophie Cote, 6th Grade student, Fairview Elementary School, at the Maine Art Education Association's Youth Art Month celebration at the Portland Museum of Art.



Amelia Lavoie, 6th Grade student of Walton Elementary School, center, with her parents at the Maine Art Education Association's Youth Art Month celebration at the Portland Museum of Art.



Madysin Silvia, 6th Grade student, Washburn Elementary School(center), with her parents and younger brother, Masin, at the Maine Art Education Association's Youth Art Month celebration at the Portland Museum of Art.

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The North Pond Hermit is a 2014 Short documentary. It premiered at Camden Film Festival and did the festival circuit in 2015.

With all the social isolation happening, the director of the movie received many emails asking where people can see the film. So, the director has made it available for free on Vimeo (https://vimeo.com/406217619).

The North Pond Hermit tells the extraordinary story of Christopher Knight, aka The North Pond Hermit. Knight lived in the woods of Maine with no human contact for 27 years.

Technically, it was not what public health

experts name self-isolation as Knight crept into private summerhouses to steal all the food and supplies he needed to survive.

The strange burglaries—peanut butter went missing while jewels were left untouched created feelings of uneasiness and frustration among the townspeople who increasingly grew wary of one another.

When he was finally arrested on suspicion of more than one thousand burglaries, "The Hermit" became, very much against his will, a polarizing figure and a national celebrity.

Christopher Knight's story is valuable not because it contains insights or tips for better coping with today's imposed social distancing, but because it raises questions about our complex relationship with isolation—an object of both fantasy and aversion.

Moreover, "The Hermit" is a humorous, lighthearted film, which is what everyone needs at the moment.

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

Dunkin' commits \$90K to support Maine relief organizations

In late March, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation activated \$1.25 million in emergency funding to support community-based health and hunger relief organizations across the country during the COVID-19 health crisis.

The foundation recently announced that \$20,000 of that funding has been granted and delivered to two Maine food banks to help meet the pressing needs within the local community: Good Shepard Food Bank of Maine in Auburn and Hampden received a \$10,000 grant; Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard also received a \$10,000 grant.

The grants are making a difference by funding such vital services as emergency food boxes and meal kits for families, and food and water for families in shelters. Both organizations also received a care package with Dunkin' gift cards, as many are seeing a significant increase in the volume of people they serve and are facing unprecedented and costly challenges in the wake



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of the pandemic.

"The Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard is incredibly thankful for the grant we received from the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation," said food cupboard President Jennifer Grenier. "Our number of clients is increasing with each distribution and we will be able to continue to serve the needs of households in our community for many months. It's during the darkest times when we truly discover just how important our organization is and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of organizations like the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood foundation."

In addition to grant support, Dunkin' has reached out to Maine hospitals, community health clinics, and hunger relief organizations throughout the state offering to deliver local hero care packages containing gift cards and coffee, with a commitment to provide another \$70,000 in gift cards. Dunkin' began distributing these local hero care packages in March, and so far, 20 Maine organizations have received a total of 5,550 gift cards valued at \$27,750 along with 78 cases of Dunkin' K-Cups and 15 cases of ground coffee.

"During these unprecedented times, Maine Dunkin' franchisees are honored to help keep our local healthcare heroes running and provide emergency funds to hunger relief organizations playing a critical role for many communities," said Maine Dunkin' franchisee Colleen Bailey.

Dunkin' has also launched an online gift card site, DunkinCoffeeBreak.com, so that guests in Maine and across the country can send a Dunkin' eGift Card as a small token of appreciation to thank *See* Dunkin', *page 12*



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schools making art with such confidence that it was not until after the selections that their teachers realized this is the first time three students in the same grade level represented the City of Auburn during the Youth Art Month exhibit at the Museum. The Portland Museum of Art sponsored and hosted the Maine Arts Education Association's Youth Art Month celebration with 114 student artists participating from across the State of Maine. On March 7, the three students each received a Certificate of Participation and celebrated with family and teachers at the Portland Museum of Art

Fairview Elementary Art Teacher, Stephen Amoroso, chose Sophie Cote's "Flower Bulbs" painting, and her combination of Surrealism with Pop Art for the manner in which "she pushed a great idea". Using the dreamlike qualities of Surrealism and the repetition of Pop Art concepts, Sophie relied upon the realistic illustration of a light bulb within her artwork to create a dynamic composition.

Walton and Washburn Elementary Art Teacher, Lynda Leonas, chose Amelia Lavoie's illustration to represent Walton Elementary School at the PMA's Maine Art Education Association Youth Art Month exhibit. Amelia's Realistic Portrait was chosen for her use of value and her placement of the highlights to create a 3-dimensional quality within the facial features. Relying upon Realism and techniques studied in fifth grade to shade geometric forms, Amelia worked outside her weekly scheduled classes in order to transfer her learning into the illustration of a human, organic form.

sent Washburn Elementary School at the YAM exhibit. Using a tinted yet opaque color palette over her ink rendering, Madysin responded to Jean-Michel Basquiat's Neo-expressionist graffiti-styled art works with her own representation of mood expressed within portraits. Basquiat's portraits utilized vivid colors to represent recognizable human forms and their emotions.

This year's YAM celebration offered a Make-and-Take art station featuring laser cut pins promoting our Maine 200 Bicentennial. The themed pins highlighting Maine images, including lobsters and pinecones, were created and laser cut by Maine Art Education Association member Caroline Brown, and her students at Camden Hills Regional High School. The station encouraged the celebrated youth artists and their family members to decorate the pins and wear a memento celebrating the honor of representing quality youth art education programs here in Maine.

While the Youth Art Month exhibit has been halted in the middle of its run due to the COVID-19 crisis, the students' works of art are suspended hanging on the darkened walls of the closed museum among the Picasso's, Wyeth's, and Hartley's them-The Museum selves. will determine if there will be extended viewing dates as soon as they can. Elise Pelletier, Maine Arts Education Association Coordinator of the PMA Youth Art Month, and Meghan Quigley, Associate Educator for Youth Learning of the Portland Museum of Art, will provide details for the continuation of or the completion of this year's Youth Art Month exhibit as they become available. Until then, three Auburn students have works of art establishing a unique documented entry into the world of exhibition and provenance.







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Ms. Leonas chose Madysin Silvia's mixed media painting to repre-



Maine College of Art volunteers speak with families as the celebrated youth artists color laser cut wood pins honoring the Maine 200 Centennial at the Portland Museum of Art on March 07th, 2020.

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Olympics

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ing. Many of the athletes are separated from daily staff, their friends, co-workers and day programs that help keep them active and healthy so staying positive is extremely important.

Wednesdays are Weekly Warrior workouts where volunteers share workout videos of things our athletes and their families can do at home. At the end of each week the athletes get a certificate emailed to them and every four weeks their names go into a drawing for prizes.

Thursdays we focus on essential workers who are athletes and volunteers. It has been amazing to recognize Special Olympic athletes who are on the front line but unseen, working in grocery stores stocking shelves, working in factories, or cleaning offices, hospitals, police departments, etc.

Friday is fun day with cooking classes, learning to juggle sessions, opportunities for athletes and supporters to share their talents, and a chance to join the Special Olympics staff on themed Zoom parties.

Throughout the week, the staff will also be offering Healthy Athletes Tips from Healthy Athletes Clinical Directors, and Students at USM and UNE, covering things like taking care of your teeth, your hearing, your feet, etc. Through Healthy Athletes the Special Olympics team annually offers free health screenings at their state summer games, which will not be offered this year.

Information and activity kits are being mailed to families who do not have access to internet.

Special Olympics staff say the response has been incredible-hearing from parents who say they cannot imagine how they would get through this time with their child who has autism or an intellectual disability if it were not for the activities we are offering to keep them busy, active, involved and excited to see what's coming next. Athletes are calling and messaging the staff daily tell how much fun they are having. In addition to the offerings for athletes, the Special Olympics staff are also trying to give back. They have dozens of athletes sending videos and messages out to sponsors and supporters thanking them for everything they have done in the past and reminding them of how much they mean to everyone involved in the Special Olympics. The staff is also doing thank-you's to essential workers.

To see some of the fun activities the staff has put together visit https://www.facebook. com/SpecialOlympics-Maine/?ref=bookmarks. To view some of the workout, cooking or inspirational videos, visit https://www.youtube. com/channel/UCLzReuMO78cpdNSI6OQcMrQ?view_as=subscriber.

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honored to help provide that support."

Good Shepherd Food Bank annually distributes 25 million meals per year, about 70 percent of which is donated food from retailers. In these times when consumers are stocking up on supplies and eating at home instead of dining out, the Food Bank expects retail donations to diminish substantially and is actively purchasing nutritious shelf-stable food at wholesale prices to make up for the difference. Crops like potatoes and apples are also being purchased from Maine farmers.

In the first month of its COVID-19 response, the Food Bank has purchased more than two million dollars' worth of food, which is nearly double what the organization spends on shelf-stable purchased food in an entire year.

While all of the pur-

eries. These community partners have a long road ahead as Maine recovers from this crisis, and we hope that this flexible support will help them continue to meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors."

A recent survey conducted by Good Shepherd Food Bank indicated that 90 percent of the food pantries it serves are seeing an increase in people seeking help.

"We just don't know what the tail end of this crisis looks like," speculated Miale. "We are estimating that Maine's food insecurity rate could grow by as much as 39 percent in 2020, but how long will that last? And when might our traditional retail donations come back? There are many variables and we're responding to the changing information daily. We're innovating every day."

"We have been buoyed over the past few weeks by the incredible generosity of our philanthropic supporters, including this most generous grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation," continued Miale. "Mainers are helping Mainers. All of us are working together—that's how we'll make it through this."

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a doctor, nurse, first responder, teacher, grocery clerk, postal worker, neighbor or any hero in their life. For every card purchased at this site, Dunkin' will donate \$1, up to \$100,000, to the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation emergency funds, specifically for non-profits helping families affected by COVID-19.

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the request from JMG met important standards, "We look for organizations that are really going to have an impact and make a difference, and that is why we contribute to JMG. It has the leadership, the scope of services, and scale needed. JMG is unique because it offers a full spectrum of support, and students know JMG is there for them."

Eve Pelletier is a student enrolled in JMG's College Success program at the University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK). Formerly in foster care, Eve credits her JMG Specialist Susan Dubay with helping her with everything from applying for a tuition waiver to making sure she had her own laptop when Maine's university system had to close its campuses and move to a distance learning platform.

"My JMG Specialist is basically my go-to person for everything. I just started my first semester at UMFK this January, but my specialist started reaching out to me last August because she knew I was interested in going. She worked with me for months to make sure I was ready and to help me create my financial plan," says Pelletier. "The coronavirus was a complete surprise, and it was shocking to have to leave campus. Now my JMG Specialist is my life-line while I am trying

College Success Specialist at UMFK. "All of my colleagues, all JMG Specialists, are proactively reaching out to our students, providing consistency and comfort, asking students what they need most amid all the disruptions to their lives."

JMG secured private donations from Maine employers and, the Harold Alfond Foundation agreed to provide matching funds – bringing total contributions to \$300,000 to help JMG students overcome food insecurity. Corporate donors includes Unum, Bank of America, Hannaford Supermarkets, Procter & Gamble, Bangor Savings Bank, AT&T, Skowhegan Savings Bank, IDEXX, Machias Savings Bank, BerryDunn, E.J.Prescott, Pratt & Whitney, Kennebec Savings Bank, Hospitality Maine, Pike Industries and the Retail Association of Maine.

The Harold Alfond Foundation is committing additional resources to JMG to assist with anticipated emergency student needs caused by the pandemic.

"We consider JMG to be one of Maine's anchor organizations making important con-

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine (HHRC) today is celebrating thirty-five years of Holocaust and human rights education and programming for Maine students, teachers and community members.

The HHRC was founded on April 23, 1985, when a group of Holocaust survivors, their families and allies gathered at the Blaine House to commemorate Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Remembrance Day. Following the ceremony, Holocaust survivor Gerda Haas then led the group to file the necessary papers for a non-profit. Thirty-five years later, the HHRC has a permanent home at the Michael Klahr Center located on the University of Maine at Augusta campus and continues to provide educational Holocaust and human rights programming through exhibits, events, in-school programming and, now, through online education.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

tributions to the state and economy," says Greg Powell, Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation. "JMG's rapid response is helping to meet the needs of students during these challenging times, while also ensuring these funds go directly back into local stores to contribute to Maine's economy. We are pleased to make this worthy investment."

All of JMG's school-based partners will receive a minimum of 20 gift cards for \$100 to local Hannaford Supermarkets and/or its affiliate stores. JMG Specialists will collaborate with school administrators to distribute the gift cards to 3,000 students and their families next week.

JMG is a statewide, private nonprofit that partners with public schools and private businesses to offer results-driven solutions to ensure all Maine students graduate, attain post-secondary credentials and pursue meaningful careers. JMG provides more than 11,000 students a year with the skills and experience they will need to reach their potential. JMG graduates become engaged members of their communities, productive adults in the workforce, and contributors to Maine's economy.

HHRC celebrates 35 years

online Holocaust and human rights education program for students and teachers on Yom HaShoah with a virtual workshop about the Holocaust titled "Decision Making In Times of Injustice" for students and teachers from Lewiston, Maranacook and Messalonskee.

"We know that racism. anti-Semitism and hate are viruses too and that pandemics bring out the worst in some people even as they bring out the best in most of us. Given our extraordinary mission, history and resources, the HHRC has the unique power to stand up against hate by providing public, online tools to inspire and educate people to advance equity and inclusion," HHRC Executive Director Shenna Bellows said. "Bringing Holocaust and human rights education directly to Maine students, teachers and community members where they are is of critical importance in a world that is relying more and more on technology and online learning,"

chased food is going out to food pantries and other hunger-relief partners at no cost, Good Shepherd Food Bank knows that its community partners need more support.

"We are passing on a portion of the grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation directly to our statewide partners who are on the frontlines of fighting hunger," said Miale. "Based on survey results, we know our pantries are experiencing increased expenses for labor, cleaning supplies, and gas for food deliv-

drive-thru ordering, carry-out, and delivery, with a select number of locations also offering curbside service.

For more information on Dunkin' and the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation's coronavirus relief efforts please visit dunkindonuts.com.

The list of organizations receiving support grows daily and includes: Southern Maine: Maine Medical Center, Northern Light Mercy Hospital, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, Southern Maine Health

"We have physical distance, but our connections to students have never been stronger," says Susan Dubay, the JMG

to figure out how to finish

classes online."

Last week, the HHRC kicked off its

The HHRC started *See* HHRC next page

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Ongoing, daily

New England Aquarium is offering special virtual programming to keep families engaged daily at 11:00 a.m., while the Aquarium remains closed to the public. Content will be posted on the Aquarium's social media platforms.

Ongoing, Wednesdays

Lewiston outdoor market (and weather permitting) from 10 to 11 a.m. at 91 College Street, Lewiston. Neighbors who help set up the market wear gloves and masks. The market is set up to allow safe social distancing. Customers will have their temperature taken upon arrival and be given a box to fill if they are safe. If they are running a temperature, they will be sent home quickly with a box of food.

Ongoing, Tuesdays

and Thursdays

Online Story Time with Baxter Memorial Library's Ms. Heidi at 9:30 a.m.

Ongoing, Tuesday through Fridays Afternoon Chapters

with Baxter Memorial Library's Mr. Jeff at 2 p.m., throughout April. Join Mr. Jeff on Facebook Live as he reads Frindle, Holes, The Wild Robot, and the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

Friday, May 1

Live from Home Concert Series featuring Kat Logan presented via Facebook Live stream on The Chocolate Church Arts Center Facebook page at 7:30 p.m. https://www.

t facebook.com/Chocolate-Church-Arts-Center-212223856285/.

Saturday, May 2 The Greater Gorham Farmers Market

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., unless guidance from either the town, the state, or the federal government instructs otherwise or the environment changes. Please keep in touch on our Facebook page for further updates and stay safe.

Monday, May 11

Harry Potter Muggle Cakes: Live from Hogwarts-at-Home. Join Ravenclaw Librarian Heidi Whelan on Baxter Memorial Library's



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Facebook page at 2 p.m. as she temporarily puts down the books and pick

up a mixing spoon. She

will demonstrate how to prepare a magical muggle cake.

Maine State music theatre cancels 2020 season

After much consideration and taking direction from the Federal CDC, Maine CDC, Bowdoin College, and the Town of Brunswick in regard to the Covid-19 crisis, Maine State Music Theatre (MSMT) is saddened to announce the cancellation of its 2020 summer season.

For 62 years, MSMT has been an integral part of summer in the Mid Coast, providing the public with Broadway-caliber performances that celebrate the magic and value of musical theatre, lift the collective mood of the region, and contribute to its shared economic health.

"The excellence of our history and all of the amazing people that have come before us to create this theatre weighs heavily on us at this time," said Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. "We are the current shepherds of MSMT and are responsible for protecting all that has transpired in the past. That said, we also have a responsibility to the present and the future. There is simply no path to safely execute our season while protecting our patrons, employees, and the Brunswick community." While other theatres might be able to reschedule shows for a future date, MSMT doesn't have that option. The theatre only has access to the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus from June through August.

possible for the 200 performers, technicians and designers to begin production rehearsals under one roof, which typically starts in May long before the audience of 600 per show start attending performances in June.

"While we won't have some of the production costs associated with producing shows on our stage, the preparation for these shows began a full 10 months ago," explained Clark. "Meaning much of our yearly budget has already been spent with no means of earning the income we rely upon both for this year and for the upcoming 10 months of preparation for 2021.'

As a result of the lost revenues the cancellation brings, Clark hopes patrons will consider making a tax-deductible donation of their 2020 tickets or an additional charitable gift to support the MSMT Lifeline Fund–set up specifically to sustain the theatre during this challenging time.

Patrons with tickets to summer shows are asked to fill out the Ticket Return Form at www. msmt.org to expedite ticket donations and refunds. already underway, with hopes of announcing the season line-up in late June.

MSMT is also implementing plans to help and give back to the community, including making masks for Mid Coast Hospital's CHANS Home Health & Hospice patients and other local service agencies. MSMT is dedicating two employees for a limited time and recruiting volunteers to help with the project.

"We are very fortunate to have a network of talented volunteer 'stitchers' to help us," said Clark, "and we are so happy to be able to help."

MSMT will continue to give up-to-date information on its social media channels and website at www.msmt.org.

Maine State Music Theatre first opened its doors in 1959. 62 years later, this historic theatre continues to entertain, educate and delight audiences, bringing live theatre, music, and more than 60,000 patrons into downtown Brunswick annually. Today, under the leadership of Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark and Managing Director Stephanie Dupal, MSMT produces four main stage musicals, a Theatre for Young Audience musical series, and a concert series, employing the talents of professional directors, designers, actors and technical staff from across the country. MSMT also offers free educational and engagement programs across the region.

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Continued from previous page its weeklong commemoration of Yom HaShoah and its 35th anniversary with a virtual Yom HaShoah remembrance ceremony Sunday evening, hosting over 100 members of the public for reflections by the children of Holocaust survivors, Rabbi Erica Asch of Temple Beth El and HHRC staff and board.

"We have a moral responsibility now and forever to never forget, to work toward never again and to do everything we can to confront prejudice, discrimination and intolerance, said Bellows. "Despite the pandemic and school closures, the HHRC is committed to carrying on the legacy of our founders to ensure that the stories and lessons shared by Holocaust survivors are remembered and shared."

UMaine Extension's ask-an-expert agriculture

University of Maine Cooperative Extension created a new resource for Maine farmers and agricultural producers devoted to frequently asked questions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Questions about COVID-19 and agriculture can be submitted using an online form. UMaine Extension experts will respond and selected questions with their answers will be posted. Questions also can continue to be submitted to local Extension offices by email or phone.

For more information about Extension resources for Maine agriculture, call 207.581.3188, email extension@maine.edu or visit extension.umaine. supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

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and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with worldclass scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental steward ship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

The timing of this decision also involves the uncertainty of when the Maine Center for Disease Control will deem it After working through this unprecedented decision, which Clark admits will also be very hard on the many partner organizations and businesses that both support MSMT as sponsors, but also which benefit from the 60,000 plus theater-goers each summer, the theatre will turn its energy to the exciting 2021 Season planning As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has

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