

## A lot has changed at Gridiron Restaurant with the pandemic



Schan Martin said his collection of autographed helmets was the inspiration for opening Gridiron in 2006. (Tsukroffphoto)

With a lack of business due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Schan Martin, who owns the Gridiron Restaurant and Pub on Lisbon Street in Lewiston with his wife, Kim, put himself on layoff to leave more working hours for his employees.

Before the pandemic, "We were busy, pretty much all the time," Martin said. And then, "Things were going great, the pandemic hit (and) things changed a little!"

Actually, things changed a lot at Gridiron. On March 17, "We shut everything down completely, because we thought it was only going to be a two-week thing. So I was like, let's just

clean up everything, get it done. Then we'll come back and everything will be back to normal," he said.

However, the State of Maine increased the restrictions, and Gridiron didn't open again until the last week of May.

"We had zero business" for the two months the restaurant was closed, Martin said.

With the reopening, he is working fewer hours because "I gave up my position for my employees, so I could keep them busy," Martin said. "I'm not doing the physical cooking, which I really enjoy," he said. "The kitchen is my home. That's where I'm most comfortable! I enjoy it."

As with other

restaurants, Gridiron reopened in stages. "When we first opened up, we just opened up as take-out, because that's what they allowed us to do," he said. "And then when they allowed us to open to have some guests outdoors, we did that."

"We've been very lucky with staff. Our staff has stuck with us," Martin said. Employees have been very loyal, and Gridiron only lost a couple of employees, he said. Before the pandemic, about 40 people worked full- and part-time, and this has dropped to about 35 as Gridiron reopened with its limited seating.

Martin said some employees left because of the "normal day-to-day business that would have happened" even without the pandemic restrictions, so he didn't have to fire any staff due to the lack of business. "I couldn't do that! We were able to just let them go and didn't have to re-fill their position."

"I have more people than I need right now, but we want to keep them going," Martin said.

Thanks to a large parking lot, Gridiron was able to expand outdoor seating for between

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## Gorham PD promotion of Sergeant Todd Meslin



The Gorham Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Sergeant Todd Meslin. Sergeant Meslin joined the Gorham Police Department in December of 2016 after serving with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office for thirteen years. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division since his employment with the Gorham Police Department. While with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Meslin worked in the Patrol Division, School Resource Officer Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and Recruitment Division and served as a member of the Bomb Disposal Team. Sergeant Meslin will be supervising the midnight patrol shift. The department is looking forward to working with him in his new role and are delighted to support his desire to grow his law enforcement career within the Town of Gorham Police Department. Congratulations to Sergeant Meslin!

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Anne Trapp graduates from Bates College

Anne Trapp of Brunswick, Maine, graduated after majoring in environmental studies and minoring in German and theater at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Trapp, the child of Gregory J. Trapp and Kathleen R. Trapp of Brunswick, Maine, is a 2016 graduate of Deerfield Academy.

Bates College graduated 463 students from 37 states and 52 countries on May 31, 2020. Cumulatively, the Class of 2020 performed 80,000 hours of community service, exemplifying Bates' commitment to community learning and civic action.

The commencement, virtual due to the pandemic, reached more than 10,000 viewers worldwide. It featured introductory remarks by President Clayton Spencer and an address by renowned multimedia art-

ist Vanessa German, who had been the subject of a solo exhibit at the Bates Museum of Art during the academic year. Delivering her remarks in the form of a poem, she encouraged the graduating seniors to ride "a rocketship of perseverance" into their futures. "You know of the power that resides within you - when you are in the click and the groove of the thing that is your thing. You know what right feels like, when you are right inside of it."

In remarks pre-recorded in her hometown of Malden, Mass., senior speaker Alexandria Onuoha paid homage to her mother, a Jamaican immigrant who raised her as a single mother. The double major passed on her mother's advice in a speech titled "Stay Strong, and Walk Like You Got Some Sense."

"Our story as a class is not perfect, but it's real," Onuoha said. "For students who have been waiting for this moment to be celebrated - especially for students of color, for first-generation students, for international students - it's more than a walk, it's a moment of victory. We may not have been able to walk across the stage and then hug our families, but we do get to walk with a Bates degree and a holistic perspective on academics and on life. We get to walk towards the next chapter of our lives as writers of our own story."

Bates College said that, though it was delayed in sharing this news due to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, readers should know that its pride in its graduates is as strong as ever. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

## Millie Barnard steps down as Managing Editor

With these editions of the Twin City Times and the Gorham Weekly, we extend a very big "Thank You" to Managing Editor Millie Barnard, who is moving on to a new stage in her life.

Barnard has been with us for about 18 months, and was instrumental in helping get the Gorham Weekly into production.

She was wonder-

ful with her oversight of press releases, and did an amazing job ensuring we had meaningful copy for our readers.

In addition to freelance writing and running her cleaning business, Busy Bee Cleaning Service, Barnard will be joining her friend and sensei, Sadie Landry, at Pelletier's Karate Academy on Taylor Hill Road in Lewiston. They will

be working to expand the dojo into "Project Thrive Learning Center", for families learning to adjust to the new hybrid model of school.

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

## Camden National Bank expands executive team



**C A M D E N , Maine** – Camden National Bank announced that on Sept. 1, 2020, Timothy P. Nightingale will become Executive Vice President, Chief Credit Officer, and Ryan A. Smith will be promoted from Senior Vice President, Director of Credit Administration to Executive Vice President, Commercial Bank-

ing. Nightingale joined Camden National Bank more than 20 years ago and most recently served as Executive Vice President, Senior Loan Officer.

Smith joined the bank in 2012 and has since been promoted to leadership roles in commercial banking, treasury management, and credit administration, culminating in his new position on the executive team.

"Tim and Ryan have been instrumental to the success and growth of Camden National Bank's commercial banking di-

vision, as well as our exceptional loan portfolio and balanced underwriting management over the years," said Greg Dufour, President & CEO of Camden National Bank. "Both have had dedicated careers at Camden National Bank, seeking opportunities to grow professionally and better serve clients, fellow employees, local communities, and our shareholders."

Nightingale, who will be leading credit and underwriting, special assets, and commercial administration in his new role, first joined as Regional Vice President of UnitedKingfield Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Camden National Corporation. In 2001, he was named Senior Lending Officer and was promoted to Senior Vice President in 2003. In September 2006, when UnitedKingfield Bank merged into Camden National Bank, Nightingale became Senior Vice President, Senior Lend-

ing Officer. In January 2011, he was promoted to Executive Vice President.

Nightingale currently serves on the board of directors for the Finance Authority of Maine, as well as the Economic Growth Council of Maine, both of which are gubernatorial appointments. He is a former gubernatorial appointee and served for seven years on the board of Maine Technology Institute.

Smith brings more than 25 years of banking and finance experience - including extensive knowledge of commercial lending, business banking, and treasury management services - to his new role on the executive team. In 2012, Smith joined Camden National Bank to lead commercial banking efforts in central and southern Maine. He soon took on the added responsibility of leading the treasury management

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## Survey finds many Americans view social security as important

A new AARP survey <https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/economics/info-2020/social-security-anniversary-survey.html?CMP=RDRCT-PRI-SOCSEC-072920>, released recently in conjunction with Social Security's 85th anniversary, confirms that Americans highly value Social Security, and even more so due to the pandemic. The vast majority of Americans, 93% of Republicans, 99% of Democrats, and 92% of Independents, see Social Security as an important government program, and 56% believe it is even more important for retirees in light of the coronavirus pandemic. In a letter sent yesterday to President Trump <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/politics/advocacy/2020/08/letter-to-potus-on-socsec-payroll-tax-081320.pdf>, AARP asked him to explain his plan to replace Social Security funding.

More than 242,000 retired Mainers receive Social Security retirement benefits. For over 23 percent of these beneficiaries, Social Security accounts for more than 90 percent of their income.

"AARP Maine is fighting to protect voters 50-plus and their families," said Lori Parham, AARP Maine State Director. "We want to make sure their voices are heard on the issues that matter, protecting Social Security and Medicare, lowering prescription drug prices, and ensuring they can vote safely from home or in-person <https://states.aarp.org/maine/election-voting-guide>. Workers have paid into

Social Security with every paycheck. It's a hard-earned benefit and a promise that must be kept. AARP will never stop fighting to strengthen Social Security, and make sure hard-working Americans get the benefits they've earned."

AARP's survey <https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/economics/info-2020/social-security-anniversary-survey.html?CMP=RDRCT-PRI-SOCSEC-072920> found that Social Security is a key source of income and economic stability in retirement, but they have concerns about whether it will be enough.

Nearly three-quarters of Americans (74%) are worried that Social Security will not provide enough to live on during their retirement. Two-thirds of Americans believe the average monthly Social Security retirement benefit of \$1,503 per month is too low. Nearly 3 in 5 Americans are not confident in the future of Social Security, with confidence in the program lowest among 30-49-year-olds at only 28%. Nearly 2 in 5 Americans (39%) say they do or will rely on Social Security for a substantial portion of their retirement income, and 4 out of 5 expect it to be part of their retirement income.

In Maine, the nation's oldest state, Social Security is even more important to keeping Maine seniors out of poverty. "Many Maine seniors rely solely on Social Security for their monthly income," said Parham. "In a time of great uncertainty, they know that Social

Security will still be there for them. We must keep that promise."

Social Security is a key component of AARP Maine's "Protect Voters 50+" campaign <https://states.aarp.org/maine/election-2020-strengthening-social-security>, which launched August 3. The initiative is calling on presidential and congressional candidates to tell people their plan to protect Social Security for current and future generations, and help voters cast their votes safely from home or in-person <https://states.aarp.org/maine/election-voting-guide> this November.

This survey <https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/economics/info-2020/social-security-anniversary-survey.html?CMP=RDRCT-PRI-SOCSEC-072920> was conducted among 1,441 Americans 18 and older between July 14, 2020 and July 27, 2020 with a confidence interval of ± 3.4% at the 95% confidence level.

## Teachers receive 25% off at Ocean State Job Lot

Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL), a privately-held, family-owned discount retail chain with 140 stores in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania is pleased to offer its "Educator Discount Week" at all Ocean State Job Lot locations from August 20 through August 26.

To obtain the 25% discount, customers must present proper photo identification indicating they are a teacher, educator, homeschooler, or school management or support personnel who are authorized to make purchases on behalf of their school. Most products in the store are included in the promotion; limited product exclusions apply, including Ocean State Job Lot gift cards, third party gift cards, clearance items, propane tanks and refills, beer, wine, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, Char-Broil Gas Grills, kayaks, live plants and flowers. Discounts cannot be combined with any offers including, but not limited to: Job Lot cou-

pons, Insider Exclusive Deals, Crazy Deals® and advertised sale items. The discount is not applicable to prior purchases.

"Each year, our 'Educator Discount Week' allows us to show our appreciation to those who do the important work of developing and inspiring our youth," said Paul Conforti, Chief Marketing Officer. "While some states are trending toward reopening schools for in-person learning and others are not, we recognize that our educators need to prepare for a variety of scenarios. We're hopeful that this discount will allow them to purchase the supplies necessary to help ensure their students' needs are met whether they're in the classroom, learning remotely or a combination of both."

Founded in 1977, Ocean State Job Lot is a growing, privately held discount retail chain with 140 stores in New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, approximately 5,600 employees, and annual

sales of approximately \$750 million. Job Lot sells brand name, first quality merchandise at closeout prices. Shoppers find an ever-changing array of household goods, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal products (holiday, gardening, patio, pool and beach supplies), and kitchen pantry staples at a fraction of their typical price. The company was named a "Best Midsize Employer" by Forbes Magazine.

The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation has a long history of philanthropic leadership, supporting numerous causes, including feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, assisting veterans and military families, aiding animal rescue, caring for children, advancing healthcare, supporting the arts and promoting learning. Ocean State Job Lot is headquartered at 375 Commerce Park Road in the Quonset Point Business Park, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Phone: (401) 295-2672; Web: [OceanStateJobLot.com](http://OceanStateJobLot.com).

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# What's Going On

## Devoted Health Plans to Double Its Workforce in Maine

Healthcare startup Devoted Health, a next-generation Medicare Advantage plan dedicated to delivering high-quality, hassle-free health care for seniors, plans to double its workforce at its recently opened service center in New Gloucester.

Massachusetts-based Devoted Health opened its service center at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester last October.

The center hosts a team of nearly 40 staff, including 25 premier member service guides. These guides, using world-class technology to help Devoted members simplify their healthcare experience, bring compassion and humanity to every moment of service.

The company is actively hiring new member service guides and could double its workforce in Maine by the end of the year.

Devoted Health's Maine-based team members have been working remotely since mid-March and the new employees will also work remotely during the pandemic restrictions.

"This is exciting news," said Governor Janet Mills. "Not only will this expansion result in more good paying jobs, but it is a positive recognition that our dedicated, hardworking people are a smart and worthwhile investment. On behalf of the State of Maine, I thank Devoted

Health for its continued commitment to our state, and I look forward to watching their continued growth as a groundbreaking startup company."

Devoted Health is one of the fastest growing Medicare Advantage companies in the US, with nearly 20,000 members in Texas and Florida. With plans to expand offerings to several new states in 2021, Devoted Health is expanding its team and physical footprint at its New Gloucester office.

Devoted Health's leadership has deep experience in Maine. Its co-founders, Todd and Ed Park, were also co-founders of healthcare information technology company, athenahealth, and established a successful operation in Belfast, Maine in 2008. Additionally, Larry Henry, Devoted Health's Head of Health Plan Operations, is the former Chief Operating Officer of Martin's Point Health Care in Portland, ME, whose Medicare Advantage plan is the leading plan in Maine and nationally recognized for high quality.

"At Devoted, we are committed to transforming the health care of our nation's seniors by treating each member like family," said Henry. "I have first-hand experience working with industry-leading teams here in Maine. They have a commitment to excellence, an

incredible work ethic and an ability to relate to people that make Maine an ideal place to build a service operations center."

In addition to contributing to a mission that matters, employees at Devoted Health enjoy a robust set of benefits. Every employee is given equity in the company and an employer-funded health plan that covers the employee and their family at no premium.

Devoted Health was recently recognized by Forbes' as one of America's Best Startup Employers in 2020. The company was also named a 2019 Best Places to Work in Boston. With 557 employees in five locations - Maine, Massachusetts, Florida, Texas, Ohio and Arizona - Devoted plans to hire 300 employees across all locations this year.

"Devoted Health is one of America's most exciting startup companies. They have a world class team who knows how to scale operations while building a first-rate work culture. Mainers are going to love the opportunities at Devoted Health," said Peter Del-Greco, President & CEO of Maine & Co., a private non-profit organization that helps companies with their growth and expansion plans in Maine.

Information on Devoted Health employment opportunities may be found at: <https://jobs.lever.co/devoted/>

## Nearly \$20 Million in Financial Relief For Maine Farmers

Washington, D.C.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced August 18 that Maine farmers have been awarded a total of \$19,704,833 to date to help offset the financial harm they have experienced due to COVID-19. The funding is provided through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), created through the CARES Act, which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers.

"The supply chain disruptions and restaurant closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have placed increasing financial pressure on Maine's rural farming communities, from newly founded farms to operations that have been passed down from generation to generation," said Senator Collins. "These direct payments, which I worked to include in the CARES Act, will help provide some relief. During this difficult time, I will continue to advocate for Maine farmers."

In addition to facilitating the Farmers to Families Food Box program, CFAP is providing vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face significant additional marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers will receive direct support from

two funding sources: The first is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the CARES Act, which will compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020 and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops. The second is the Commodity Credit Corporation, which will compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to ongoing market disruptions.

To date, Dairy farmers have been awarded \$8,705,213, Livestock farmers have been awarded \$1,241,804; Non-Specialty crop farmers have been awarded \$658,758, and Specialty crop farmers have been awarded \$9,099,058.

The USDA is continuing to accept applications from farmers through August 28. More information about CFAP and the application process can be found on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) resource page: [Farmers.gov/cfap](https://Farmers.gov/cfap).

Last month, Senator Collins visited Van Buren, where 760 food boxes through the Farmers to Families Food Box Program were distributed to members of the community. The food boxes, which contained products from Maine farmers, were purchased through a \$2.14 million contract recently awarded to Maine Farmers Exchange (MFX) to participate in the program.

Additionally, Senator Collins recently visited Native Maine Produce and Specialty Foods to meet with

managers and employees and celebrate a \$1.35 million contract the wholesale food distributor was recently awarded to distribute 45,000 food boxes, each holding 25 pounds of produce, to Maine food banks.

Senator Collins has helped to lead bipartisan efforts in Congress to direct more support to farmers. She co-signed a series of letters to the USDA, urging Secretary Sonny Perdue to prioritize assistance to Maine farmers, including those in the dairy, potato, and blueberry industries.

Senator Collins and Representative Pingree also wrote to USDA to emphasize the need to provide assistance directly to growers as well as support local producers and their supply chains, and she joined Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) in leading a group of bipartisan Senators in urging the USDA to target COVID-19 relief provisions to reach local farmers.

In a letter to the USDA, Senator Collins elevated the concerns and questions raised by representatives of the potato industry, including the Maine Potato Board, who are facing an unprecedented crisis due to the economic impact of COVID-19. Furthermore, Senator Collins offered recommendations for the CFAP that would address the supply backlog and called for direct relief for potato growers.

In May, Senators Collins, King, and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) in-

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# Maine Arts Teachers Set Resiliency Goals for School Year



Dr. Larry McCullough of the Pinetree Institute was the keynote speaker at a recent retreat, hosted virtually by the Maine Arts Commission (Photo courtesy of Pinetree Institute)

“The arts are responsible for the well-being of a culture.”

This is just one of many critical messages that keynote speaker Dr. Larry McCullough of the Pinetree Institute shared with almost 50 arts educators at an annual retreat, hosted virtually by the Maine Arts Commission. Since 2011, the Maine Arts Leadership Initiative, (MALI), a network of visual and performing arts teacher leaders supported by the Commission’s Arts Education Program, has gathered every summer, and COVID-19 was not going to stop them.

“Despite Zoom fatigue and just coming off of a very challenging end to the school year, we knew that arts educators needed a chance to be together, to rejuvenate, and gear up for the fall,” explained MALI leader Kate Smith, a music teacher at Central Elementary School in South Berwick.

The MALI Program Team organized the Institute around Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), a cornerstone of all arts education and particularly pertinent for teachers and students facing such uncertainty in their classrooms. “We always seek to address emerging needs in the field and minimizing the trauma of this current crisis was clearly number one on our radar,” Smith said.

They tapped long-

new cohort of visual and performing arts teachers and teaching artists to join the statewide network of educators leading in their communities and their fields. Over 120 teachers and teaching artists have now engaged in higher collaborative learning on assessment, advocacy, and leadership through MALI, resulting in stronger arts education programs throughout the state. This year, 17 music, visual art, theater and circus arts teachers from around the state were accepted into the program.

The new cohort included Reba Askari, Director of Theatre and Education at the Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine; Bryan Bergeron-Killough, Music Teacher at Eliot Elementary School; Melissa Birkhold, Music Teacher at Crescent Park, Woodstock Elementary Schools in SAD 44 and Andover Elementary School; Josie Davis, Violin Faculty and Envision Chamber Music Workshop Director at Bay Chamber Concerts & Music School; Eustaquio Dones, Music Teacher at North Berwick Elementary School; Aaron Gagnon, Music Teacher at Elm Street and Minot Consolidated Schools in RSU 16; Alison Graichen, Music Teacher at Wells Elementary and Wells Junior High Schools; Joshua Lund, Music Teacher at Benton Elementary School in MSAD 49; Kari McCarthy, Art Teacher at Brunswick Junior High School; Pamela Moulton, Visual Teaching Artist in schools and eldercare facilities in the Greater Portland area; Courtney Naliboff, Music, The-

ater and Language Arts Teacher at North Haven Community School; Jack Pneuman, Circus Arts Instructor in southern Maine; Megan Rogers, Music Teacher at Union Elementary, Friendship Village, and Prescott Memorial Schools in MSAD 40; Linda Vailancourt, Music Teacher at North Yarmouth Academy; Jude Valentine, Public Programming Coordinator at the Farnsworth Art Museum; Colin Wheatley, Strings Teacher at Waterville Public Schools; Christina Zahn, Music Teacher at Brownfield Denmark Elementary, New Suncook Elementary, and Molly Ockett Schools in MSAD 72

Integral to every Institute is professional goal-setting for each participant. This year’s goals truly reflect topical issues. “Creating an inclusive, decolonized, non-performance based curriculum that explicitly connects SEL to music,” is one participant’s goal for the year. Other goals focus on embedding emotional resiliency in lesson plans, racial justice, improving the re-

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*Larry McCullough*

PINETREE INSTITUTE



Artwork by Mik Smith

Maine Arts Leadership Initiative

mote experience for students, leading in advocacy for the arts, teacher self-care, and staying connected with other arts educators.

“It’s very exciting to see the work that all the veteran MALI teachers, combined with the energy of the new cohort, will bring to the field this year especially,” Martha Piscuskas, Director of Arts Education at the Commission, said.

This is a “very dynamic, engaged group,” Dr. McCullough said. “I so enjoyed working with them.”

The Maine Arts

Commission supports artists, arts organizations, educators, policy makers, and community developers in advancing the arts in Maine. For more than 50 years the Commission has encouraged and stimulated public interest and participation in the cultural heritage and programs of our state; has worked to expand the state’s cultural resources; and has encouraged and assisted freedom of artistic expression for the well-being of the arts, to meet the needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state.

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## Online events Gorham library

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September 8:

Preschool Discovery Time, 9 a.m., description coming soon.

September 10:

Toddler Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m., ages 18 months to 3 years old: Sing along with Ms. Dani as she uses songs, rhymes, and books to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Each week will feature a new book but use the same songs and fingerplays so the kiddos

will be able to learn the words and actions to each month's song choices.

September 15:

Preschool Discovery Time, 9 a.m., description coming soon.

September 16:

Babies en Plein Air, 9:30 a.m.: Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. To ensure the comfort and safety of all participants, we ask that caregivers wear masks and leave older siblings at home or with a friend during this community

baby program. Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

September 17:

Toddler Discovery Time, 9:30 a.m., ages 18 months to 3 years old: Sing along with Ms. Dani as she uses songs, rhymes, and books to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Each week will feature a new book but use the same songs and fingerplays so the kiddos will be able to learn the words and actions to each month's song choices.

## Farro Tabbouleh Salad

Prepared by Chef Dorene Mills

Yield: 6-8 servings

For these hot summer days, lemon adds a nice freshness to any food, and parsley has such a bright clean flavor that it compliments the lemon nicely. This side dish can be eaten along with your favorite grilled meat, or on top of a bed of fresh lettuce from the garden for a delicious salad. I love this salad throughout the summer and it's simple, fresh and delicious!

Ingredients:

Pearled Farro Grain  
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Lemon Juice ¼ cup  
Olive Oil ½ cup  
Cucumber, peeled, deseeded 1 cup  
Fresh Curly Parsley ½ bunch  
Fresh Kale 2 leaves  
Salt  
Pepper  
Method of Prep:



Follow directions to cook the Farro on the back of the package. Drain and rinse with cool water and set aside.

In a large bowl, add in lemon juice, olive oil, and cucumbers and toss till blended.

Finely chop parsley and kale and add to

dressing. Toss in Farro and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled. You can substitute another grain or pasta for Farro, such as Bulgur wheat to make it a true tabbouleh, or Couscous for a lighter version. Enjoy!

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## Kentucky Derby withheld from Scarborough Downs

By Michael Sweeney for Scarborough Downs

As of this date it appears the Kentucky Derby will not be simulcast at Scarborough

Downs this year or at any other venues in Maine. Despite repeated requests from Scarborough Downs, Churchill Downs has declined to make the race available

to us and our fans. We understand Churchill Downs has also denied requests from Maine's OTB parlors, Hollywood Casino in Bangor and the See *Derby*, page 9

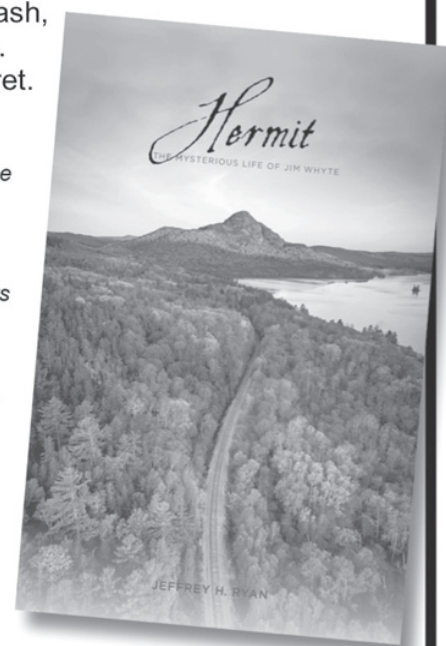
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## Maine's community colleges make tech promise

In a pledge to incoming and returning students, Maine's community colleges are announcing the "Tech Promise," a commitment that students in need will have the technology and support they need for learning online.

"You bring the commitment to learn and we'll make sure you have the tools you need," said Maine Community College President David Daigler. "We have a lot of students who are interested in attending one of our seven colleges, but they're hesitating because they just aren't sure about the future. The Tech Promise erases at least one of those concerns."

"We are committed to the success of all our students, and the first step in this uncertain time is making sure they have the tools and support to be successful," Daigler said. About 70 percent of classes are online this fall, with in-person in-

struction limited to critical hands-on instruction.

"We recognize that it's a big change for our students. We want them to feel as confident as we do that we're going to have a great online learning experience," Daigler said. "We've invested in new technology ourselves to make the transition to online, and our faculty have been working this summer to overhaul and enhance their courses for remote delivery. We've discovered so many ways to improve instruction, and it's clear to us we'll be using many of these methods going forward even after the pandemic has ended. It's a whole new approach to delivering what students need, where they need it, and the flexibility to offer it when they need it."

Daigler said the Tech Promise means each college will work with its students to make sure they have the technology they need, such as computers, internet

connections, and tech support. Some colleges have instituted lending programs or allowed access to campus computing resources for rural students who do not have internet access. All students have to do is fill out a simple form.

As part of the Tech Promise, the colleges are offering free online training for all students on what to expect in an online course, and tips for being successful in an online course.

The Tech Promise is an extension of support provided this spring when students shifted to remote learning, and the colleges used federal COVID-19 aid funds to provide computers and tech support to students.

Funding for the program will come from a number of sources, including federal CARES Act money earmarked for COVID-related expenses, and The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges.

## Federal rule expands sporting access on refuges and hatcheries

Maine anglers now have more opportunities, thanks to the final Fish and Wildlife Service rule expanding sporting access on refuges and hatcheries.

Since day one, the Trump administration has prioritized recreational access to public lands, particularly for hunting and fishing. These two great American pastimes have formed the bedrock of the nation's wildlife conservation efforts, generating more dollars for habitat protection and restoration than any other outdoor pursuit. Today, the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) helped grow that legacy by finalizing a rule to open additional hunting and fishing opportunities in Maine and across the country. This brings the total expansion to over 4 million acres nationally since President Trump took office.

"On the heels of President Trump signing the most significant conservation and recreation funding in U.S. history, providing nearly \$20 billion over the next 10 years to fix and conserve the American people's public lands, the Trump Administration has now made an additional 2.3 million acres accessible to new hunting and fishing opportunities," said U.S. Secre-

tary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt. "We continue to take significant actions to further conservation initiatives and support sportsmen and women who are America's true conservationists."

"The Trump Administration and Secretary Bernhardt have made access to public lands for hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreation a priority beginning day one. Hunting and fishing are a part of our American history, and we continue to ensure we provide opportunities for these activities which epitomize our American heritage," said Service Director Aurelia Skipwith. "Furthermore, we have maintained our commitment to promoting good government by reducing the regulatory burden by working with states to facilitate these outdoor activities."

In Maine, the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge is expanding existing sport fishing to new acres, and Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge will open to sport fishing for the first time.

"With the adoption of new regulations to expand hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries, citizens throughout the Northeast will have

greater access to enjoy the traditions and heritage associated with the pursuit of small game, big game, and sport fish," said Gordon R. Batcheller, executive secretary of the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies. "Working in concert with state fish and wildlife agencies to identify appropriate opportunities, the Service is meeting our shared challenge of ensuring that the National Wildlife Refuge System and National Fish Hatchery System are key resources for hunters and anglers from all walks of life."

Hunting and fishing generate millions of dollars in revenue for states each year from the sale of licenses and tags. Additionally, excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, as well as sport fishing equipment and boating fuel, generate more revenue for states for wildlife management and public recreation; in 2020 alone the Service will distribute nearly \$1 billion to states under the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The final rule will publish in the Federal Register and will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket Number: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2020-0013.

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# Gridiron

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50 and 70 guests at a time. "We have tables of eight," Martin said, and Gridiron socially-distances the groups of guests as they arrive.

Overall, Gridiron has room for about 150 guests at a time, between the outdoor patio seating and the various rooms indoors.

A helpful kickstart to reopening Gridiron was the state's permission to allow bars and restaurants to sell beer and wine for take-out in original manufacturer's sealed containers. This "was a huge help" with the take-out business at the restaurant, he said. "It helped keep the lights on, that's for sure!"

Take-out sales of beer and wine have slowed down as restaurants have been allowed to open for indoor seating. Gridiron allows "some guests at the bar" with proper-social distancing, Martin said.

Business has slowed down a little during the summer, Martin said. "We went up when we opened, and now we're starting to see a slight downturn. More restaurants are opening up, more outdoor activities are going on."

He's also seen more cars at private houses, which he believes are for house parties. Plus, sports are only just starting to ramp up again,

and many of his older guests appear to be staying home for their own safety.

Gridiron appeals to older guests with its "volume of food, for the price they can get it at," Martin said. But, "I don't think a lot of people want to be out here wearing masks," which Gridiron requires for all their guests under state mandates. A box of complimentary masks sits on a table at the front entrance.

Gridiron has not had any issues with Covid-19 contamination during the pandemic, Martin said.

Martin created the concept for Gridiron around his love of sports and his collection of autographed sports helmets, opening the restaurant in May 2006. "I had been collecting helmets for a while . . . I knew the time was right," he said.

He had previously owned Thatcher's Restaurant, a restaurant with a small pub, in the Auburn Mall, along with Thatcher's in the Maine Mall, and Kinicky's, a 50's-style pizza restaurant on Congress Street in Portland. Kinicky's was named after the character in the movie "Grease".

Martin doesn't plan to expand the current Gridiron restaurant or add another location. He said "at this stage in my life" he's happy with just Gridiron. "I've got kids, so before, when I had the

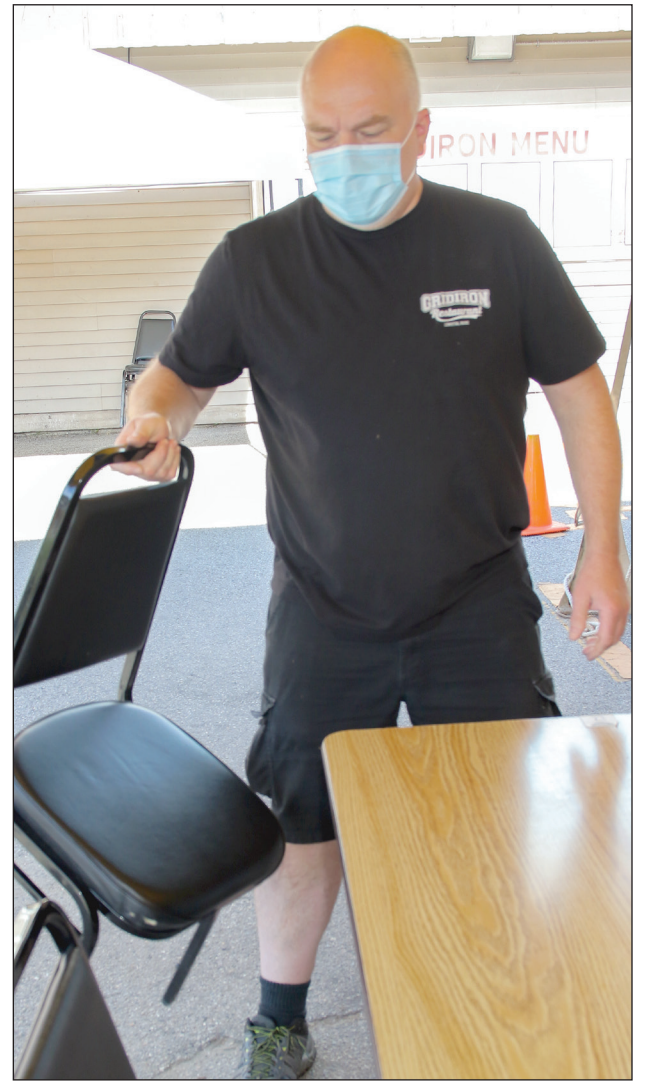
three (restaurants), I was able to bounce all over the place, work my 18-hour days and not have to worry about anything."

As for other restaurants in the area, with

such a lack of business right now, "People coming into the business, or opening up new restaurants? They're crazy. I don't know how they dare to do it."



Owner Schan Martin double-checks the complimentary facemasks that are available for guests at the entrance to Gridiron Restaurant and Pub on Lisbon Street in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)



Schan Martin sets out chairs in the outdoor seating area that can accommodate up to 70 people at Gridiron Restaurant and Pub on Lisbon Street in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)

## Back-to-School printables to celebrate first day

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# August Art Extravaganza at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries



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On August 29 and 30, Thomaston Place Auction Galleries will present a spectacular inventory of important paintings and sculpture, including works by N.C. Wyeth (PA/ME/MA, 1882-1945) and James William “Bo” Bartlett (ME/GA, 1955-). Titled ‘Summer’s Bounty II’, the sale will also offer outstanding selections of Chinese antiquities, estate jewelry, marine & folk art items, plus nine fine automobiles.

Out of an abundance of caution in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the sale will be conducted as a live virtual sale, with telephone, absentee and internet bidding. The auction can be viewed in real time on all three online bidding sites, ThomastonLive, LiveAuctioneers and Invaluable.

Thomaston Place owner and auctioneer Kaja Veilleux said: “We’re always on a quest to find the best-of-the-best for our August sale, and I’m confident that this year’s auction includes the finest collection of art we have ever seen in our gallery. The catalog is a veritable who’s who of important artists.”

Leading the painting selection will be: “First Farmer of the Land” a charcoal depicting George Washington overseeing plantation laborers by N.C. Wyeth, the composition work for his last unfinished painting; a mural sized oil painting titled “Tarmen, 1987”, by James William “Bo” Bartlett, featuring Pennsylvania road construction workers; and “Listen Lord”, an oil on canvas work

by Aaron Douglas (NY/KS, 1899-1979), a New Negro Art Movement/Harlem Renaissance era illustration for James Weldon Johnson’s 1927 book, “God’s Trombones, Seven Negro Sermons in Verse”.

The 190+ painting catalog will include works by: Alfred Thompson Bricher (NY/NH, 1837-1908); Frederic Edwin Church (NY/CT/Mexico, 1826-1900); Ivan Aivazovsky (Russia, 1817-1900); Severin Roesen (PA/Germany, 1815-1872); Marguerite Zorach (NY/ME/CA, 1887-1968); William Trost Richards (PA/RI, 1833-1905); Albert Bierstadt (NY/CA/MA/Germany, 1830-1902); Jean Baptiste Camille Corot (France, 1796-1875); and Charles Woodbury (ME/MA, 1864-1940).

There will also be artwork by many important Maine contemporary artists, including: Connie Hayes, Don Stone, John Whalley, Michael Karas, Philip Barter, and Paul Black.

A cast and patinated bronze maquette titled “Armless Seated Figure” by Henry Spencer Moore (UK, 1898-1986)

## Derby

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on-line advance-deposit-wagering site created by the Maine Legislature and the Gambling Control Board. We are disappointed with the decision of Churchill Downs and continue to renew our requests, hoping for a more reasoned approach that treats Maine racing fans fairly.

We understand that Churchill Downs and Oxford Casino, which Churchill controls, were disappointed that the Gambling Control Board did not pick a Churchill affiliate to operate Maine’s new advanced deposit wagering system.

The Downs supported allowing Oxford Casino to operate an advance deposit wagering system, and we have long contended that laws that discriminate against venues are mistaken, including the laws that have prevented the Downs from competing with Oxford Casino.

But as much as we have disagreed with Legislative choices, we have always tried to work with the entire racing and gaming community for the good of Maine residents and the industry. We hope Churchill Downs and the Oxford Casino will likewise consider the interests of

Maine fans as we work together to make the best of these difficult and challenging times.

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In addition to the live on-track experience, people may also watch and wager on Scarborough Downs races at Maine’s OTB parlors, and online at dayattherack.com (Maine residents must wager at hollywoodraces.com).

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will lead the sculpture category. There will also be 3-D works by Bruno Zack (Austria/Germany/US/Ukraine, 1891-1945), Kevin Robb (CO, 1955-), Dmitri Chiparus (Romania/France, 1886-1947), Antonin Mercie (France, 1845-1916), Roland Paris (Austria/Germany, 1894-1945) and Cabot Lyford (NY/ME, 1925-).

Among the large group of Chinese antiquities will be a fifteenth Century Sino-Tibetan carved and painted figure of Guanyin of “1000

Arms” that has been exhibited at the Palace Museum of Shanghai and the

Imperial Museum, Xian, and a Ming Dynasty three- See Auction, page 16



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# Finalists for 2021 Teacher of the Year



Cindy Soule, Gerald A. Talbot Community School, Portland - 2020 Cumberland County Teacher of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Maine DOE)

Year honored earlier this year during a special virtual ceremony which was viewed over 7,000 times.

The Maine Teacher of the Year program honors outstanding teachers who represent the thousands of excellent educators in Maine. Maine's Teacher of the Year serves as an advocate for the teaching profession, education and students, and represents Maine in the National Teacher of the Year program.

Each educator was nominated by a member of their community for their exemplary service in education and dedication to their students. They were selected by a distinguished panel of teachers, principals, and business community members from a pool of hundreds of other nominated teachers in their communities.

The Maine Department of Education, Educate Maine, Maine State Board of Education and the Maine State Teacher of the Year Association are pleased to announce that Cindy Soule from Cumberland County, Alison Babb-Brott from Knox County and Heather Webster from Lincoln

County are moving on as 2021 State Finalists.

**Cindy Soule, Gerald A. Talbot Community School, Portland - 2020 Cumberland County Teacher of the Year**

Cindy Soule creates a learning community that disrupts the opportunity gap. For twenty of her twenty-one years of teaching, she has been committed to one of Maine's most diverse schools, the Gerald E. Talbot Community School, in Portland, Maine. Soule fosters a dynamic learning environment that inspires curiosity and citizenship in her fourth-grade students.

A lifelong resident of Maine, Soule developed an appreciation for the natural world. This passion is evident in her teaching. She grounds learning in real world contexts and encourages students to construct scientific understanding through observation, questioning, and collaborative thinking. Through inquiry and discourse, Soule empowers students to see themselves as meaningful contributors to their communi-



Heather Webster, Medomak Valley High School, Waldoboro - 2020 Lincoln County Teacher of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Maine DOE)

ty. This work is recognized by her Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching candidacy.

Soule contributes to a positive culture of collective efficacy where students thrive. To enrich student learning, she partners with community organizations to include Side X Side, the Maine Audubon, and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. She serves as a representative on the Portland Schools Literacy Committee, Talbot Leadership Team, Building Steering Committee, RTI Team, and

See *Teacher*, page 13

# Retired game warden speaks about "A Good Man with a Dog"

WINTHROP –The Bailey Library in Winthrop virtually hosted retired game warden Roger Guay on Tuesday in an event that was part of a yearlong series celebrating Maine's bicentennial by exploring outdoor recreation in Maine.

Guay was to speak about his book "A Good Man with a Dog," the story of his journey from the woods of Maine to the swamps of New Orleans. When Guay's father died in a fishing accident, it was a game warden that helped him through the loss. Inspired by this experience, as well as his love of the outdoors, Guay became a game warden and certified K9 handler, beginning a career that spanned twenty-five years and saw him establish canine units as a staple of the game warden service.

"A Good Man with a Dog" explores Guay's life as he and his canine partners are exposed to increasingly dangerous events, from tracking down hostile poachers to



Roger Guay as a rookie game warden in 1986. (Photograph courtesy of Roger Guay)

searching for victims of violent crimes, including a yearlong search for the hidden graves of two babies buried by a Massachusetts cult. Guay witnessed firsthand FEMA's mismanagement of the post-Katrina cleanup efforts in New Orleans, an experience that left him scarred and disheartened. But he found hope, and eventually returned to the woods he knew and loved from the days of his youth.

Roger Guay served with the Maine Warden Service from 1986 until his retirement in 2010. He is a K9 master trainer and a certified K9 handler, as well as being certified in cadaver and explosives searches.

In addition to decades of search and rescue experience, he has extensive experience in missing persons and homicide searches.

Guay has received numerous commendations from the warden service, the Maine House of Representatives, the Maine State Police, and U.S. Police Canine Association.

Guay lives in Guilford, Maine.

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## Sen. Collins, King push for NIH research funding

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME), along with 24 of their colleagues, sent a bipartisan letter to Senate leadership calling for \$15.5 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to be included in the fourth COVID-19 relief package to avoid significant harm to the research pipeline in the United States.

“Amid the pandemic, a majority of our researchers have been unable to continue their work while away from their labs and the impact will be felt for years to come. These disruptions will add a significant delay in our understanding of dangerous diseases as well as cutting-edge treatments to improve quality of life for those suffering from them,” the Senators wrote. “This critical funding must be included in the next COVID-19 package so that NIH can continue its groundbreaking research to treat and eventually cure this virus and other deadly diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer’s, heart disease, and diabetes.”

In the letter, the Senators urged Senate

leadership to provide additional funding for the National Institutes of Health, including \$10 billion to help make up for unforeseen disruptions and costs to important, ongoing medical research nationwide, and \$5.5 billion for NIH-supported coronavirus-related research into cures, treatments, and vaccines.

In addition to Senators Collins and King, the letter was signed by Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Tina Smith (D-MN), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Doug Jones (D-AL), Cory Gardner (R-CO), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Jack Reed (D-RI), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Bob Casey (D-PA), and Bill Cassidy (R-LA).

As the Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, a senior member

of the Appropriations Committee, and the founder and co-chair of the Senate Alzheimer’s Task Force and the Diabetes Caucus, Senator Collins is a champion for greater investments in biomedical research. She successfully advocated <https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/senator-collins-announces-historic-funding-increases-alzheimer-s-diabetes-and-other-for-a-2.6-billion-increase-for-the-nih>, a \$350 million increase for Alzheimer’s research, and an \$81.8 million increase for diabetes research in the fiscal year 2020 appropriations package. This funding met the funding level the NIH estimates it will need <https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/senator-collins-statement-nih-s-alzheimer-s-research-budget-to-find-a-means-of-effectively-treating-or-preventing-alzheimer-s-disease-and-related-dementias-within-six-years>.

Visit <https://www.collins.senate.gov/sites/default/files/NIH%20Dear%20Colleague%20Coronavirus%20Funding.pdf> to read the letter.

## CMCC awarded \$597,000 to help at-risk students succeed



The TRIO program at Central Maine Community College has been awarded two major federal grants to help more students to succeed in college.

The U.S. Department of Education announced that Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will receive two federal Student Support Services (SSS) grants totaling \$597,000 per year to help more students succeed in and graduate from college. The grants will amount to almost three million dollars for the five-year grant period and will serve 295 students every year.

While the TRIO program at CMCC has held a Student Support Services grant since 1998 and has since helped 3850 students to graduate, this is the first time the college has received a second SSS grant. The

new grant focuses on helping STEM majors (students majoring in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related degree) to graduate or transfer to a baccalaureate program.

SSS helps college students who are low income, first generation (those whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) or students with disabilities. The grant funds comprehensive services such as academic advising/tutoring, financial aid advice, and career and college mentoring. Such services enhance academic success and make it more likely that students will graduate or transfer with the lowest possible debt.

Started in 1968, SSS recognizes that students whose parents do not have a college degree have more difficulties navigating the complexity of decisions that college requires for success; it bolsters students from low income families who have not had the academic opportunities that their college peers have had, and helps students with disabilities remove obstacles preventing them from thriving academically.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the systemic inequality and financial hardship which keep promising students from succeeding in college,” said Maureen Hoyler, president of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C. “These funds will help make certain that deserving students at CMCC will experience increased success,” noted Terry Charlton, director of the TRIO Success Center at CMCC. “Finally something good has happened in 2020!”

## Gorham Founders Festival Parade announcement

Who doesn’t love a parade? In honor of Maine’s 200th birthday this year, the Gorham Founders Festival Parade will have a Maine themed float contest with cash prizes!

The parade will place, Sunday September 13, 3 p.m. in Gorham village.

Everyone is welcome to be part of the parade-you, your church, your team, your school group, your business, or your organization! Get creative if you want to join the contest! Also, walkers, bikers, vehicles, trucks, etc., are welcome!

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the parade on the website at [www.gorham2020.com](http://www.gorham2020.com) or contact Suzie Phillips at 892-9847 or [sphillips@gorham.me.us](mailto:sphillips@gorham.me.us).

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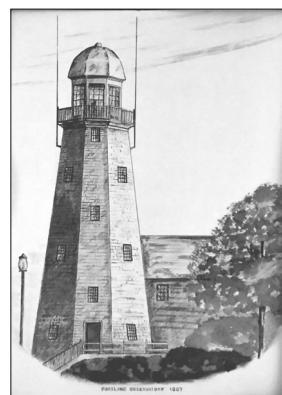
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U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® have released the 2021 Best Lawyers in America® list. Nine attorneys from the firm of Skelton Taintor & Abbott have been named. Best Lawyers® is the oldest and most respected peer-reviewed publication in the legal profession. A listing reflects the respect of fellow members of the legal profession as well as the public.

The Skelton Taintor & Abbott attorneys named and their practice areas are:

Darcie P.L. Beaudin,

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Amy Dieterich, Employment Law – Individuals; Ronald P. Lebel, Family Law; Sarah C. Mitchell, Family Law; James Pross, Workers’ Compensation Law – Claimants; Norman J. Rattey, Real Estate Law; William Skelton, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law; Theodore Small, Construction Law, Litigation – Real Estate; Stephen B. Wade, Insurance Law, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs and Defendants, Product Liabili-

ty Litigation – Plaintiffs and Defendants, Medical Malpractice – Plaintiffs.

These attorneys represent a legacy of excellence at the firm that spans from Lebel receiving his 20th such recognition to first-time honorees Dieterich, Pross, and Skelton. In addition, Jordan Payne Hay was named to the “Ones to Watch” list for the practice areas of Intellectual Property Law and Labor and Employment Law – Employees.

“This recognition represents the standard of excellence that all of the



Amy Dieterich



Stephen B. Wade



Ronald P. Lebel



Jordan Payne Hay



Theodore Small



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firm’s attorneys embrace and reflects the high esteem we have earned from our colleagues and clients,” said Mitchell, the firm’s president.

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**Thursday, August 27**

The ATRC Policy Committee meeting for the month of July has been cancelled. This will take place at 10 a.m. via zoom.

**Friday, August 28**

Goat Yoga led by Ashley Flowers, at Smiling Hill Farm from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-2020-season-tickets-80765071503?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>.

**Friday, Sept. 4**

Goat Yoga led by Ashley Flowers, at Smiling Hill Farm from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-2020-season-tickets-80765071503?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>.

**Saturday, Sept. 5**

Goat Yoga led by Ashley Flowers, at

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Smiling Hill Farm from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-2020-season-tickets-80765071503?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>.

**Sunday, Sept. 13**

Gorham Founders Festival Parade, with Maine themed float contest, 3 p.m. Gorham village. Please sign up for the parade on the website at [www.gorham2020.com](http://www.gorham2020.com) or contact Suzie Phillips at 892-9847 or [sphillips@gorham.me.us](mailto:sphillips@gorham.me.us).

**Friday, Sept. 25**

Restorative practices certificate program offered by UMaine Hutchinson

Center and Restorative Justice Center. Six-session course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten, [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](mailto:um.fhc.pd@maine.edu); (207) 338-8002.

**Thursday, Oct. 29**

Restorative practices certificate program offered by UMaine Hutchinson Center and Restorative Justice Center. Six-session course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten, [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](mailto:um.fhc.pd@maine.edu); (207) 338-8002.

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**Friday, Oct. 30**

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**Thursday, Nov. 19**

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## Camden

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group, and he was named Camden National Bank's Officer of the Year in 2014. He grew the treasury management line of business through 2015, when he became Director of Commercial Banking for central and mid-coast Maine. In 2019, he was promoted to Senior Vice President, Director of Credit Administration.

Originally from Maine, Smith currently lives in Auburn with his family. He is actively involved in the local community as a volunteer coach for youth baseball. He also serves as a Board Director and Past President of the Maine Building Materials Exchange. He is a member of the Commercial Lending Committee for the Maine Bankers Association. He received a Bachelor of Science in Finance degree from the University of Maine.

"We look forward to the next chapter of Tim and Ryan's service on our executive management team," Dufour said. "They will work closely to build upon our strong foundation in commercial banking."

## Relief

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roduced the Farming Support to States Act (<http://bitly.ws/9uCP>), a bipartisan bill to provide states access to immediate, flexible funding to aid in responding to urgent and emerging issues

caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in America's agriculture economy and food supply chain.

## Teacher

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Science Teams. On behalf of students, Soule is a recipient of Portland Education Foundation, TD Banknorth and DonorsChoose grants.

Soule holds a Master of Science in Special Education from the University of Southern Maine and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from the University of Maine at Orono. A 2020 Funds for Teachers Fellow, she looks forward to continued professional discovery and learning.

**Alison Babb-Brott, St. George School, St. George - 2020 Knox County Teacher of the Year**

Alison Babb-Brott is the second grade teacher at St. George School in St. George, Maine, where she has taught since 2016. Babb-Brott is inspired by the power and potential of young students and sets the bar for high expectations, as evidenced by her students' engagement and achievement. She believes that by teaching students to be the leaders of their classroom and academic careers, they will in turn become leaders of their communities and their world.

Babb-Brott teaches learning expeditions that

connect students with authentic, local experiences - like her "Plants and Pollinators" expedition, in which students study local flora and fauna and plant pollinator gardens - and also expose students to global perspectives - like her "Schools and Community" expedition, in which students explore schools around the world to find similarities that connect them and differences that challenge them.

Underlying Babb-Brott's content delivery is a fierce commitment to the development of her students' character. Every interaction is designed to teach and support integrous care for student dialogue, classroom culture, and academic achievement.

Babb-Brott graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She later received her Master of Education at the University of Massachusetts Boston in 2015.

She returned to teach in Maine as the ocean and her family called her home. On a boat in Penobscot Bay or in the stands at her younger sister's soccer games, she is happiest surrounded by friends and family.

**Heather Webster, Medomak Valley High School, Waldoboro - 2020 Lincoln County Teacher of the Year**

Heather Webster is an English teach-

er at Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro, Maine, where she has just completed her 19th year. Webster is an active teacher-leader who is always focused on improving the school experience for all students; she has served on many and varied committees and particularly enjoys developing student-centered curriculum. She is the co-founder of the school's student-staffed writing center. She also started Storybook Theater, a community service drama program

where high school students bring a book to life for elementary students.

Webster recognizes the importance of relationships and works to establish positive ones both in and out of the classroom. Her classroom motto, from the Apollo 13 mission, is "Failure is not an option," and she works to provide students with choices and multiple opportunities to demonstrate knowledge, often seeking out or creating, project-based activities to employ in her classroom.

Webster graduated from the University of Maine in 1991, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in English. She later completed the coursework for teaching certification and is currently pursuing a Master of Education in Literacy with a concentration in Writing and the Teaching of Writing, at the Univer-

sity of Maine. Family, both nuclear and extended, are of utmost importance to Webster. Her husband, Phil, supports her endeavors, and parenting her 16-year-old son Russell has definitely contributed to making her a better teacher. She loves reading, writing, and scrapbooking, and can often be found on horseback navigating woods trails or circling a show ring.

One of these three teachers will be named the 2021 Maine Teacher of the Year, an honor awarded each year to one teacher in Maine. The announcement will be in October after the final stages of the selection process are complete.

Maine Teacher of the Year is a program of the Maine Department of Education, administered by Educate Maine. More information can be found at: <http://www.mainetoy.org>.

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# Auction

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part sancai glazed earthenware garden pagoda stupa that was exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum's Chinese Garden Court in the mid-1990s. The Asian collection will also include early bronze objects, fine porcelain, terra cotta figural roof tiles, temple figures, carved jade, and Japanese kimonos.

The estate jewelry collection will include: a ladies platinum ring set with a 2.95 carat center diamond; a handmade Art Deco diamond and emerald platinum link bracelet; an antique diamond set Maltese cross form platinum brooch/pendant; and an E. Howard & Co., Boston 18K gold Series 1 key-wind pocket watch.

Featured in the marine and folk art categories will be: a circa 1900 cased fully rigged 8-foot-long ship model of the Royal Mail Packet Ship "Aragon"; 27 fine ship paintings, by Samuel Walters (UK, 1811-1882), Claes Claesz Wou (Netherlands, 1592-1665), Antonio Jacobsen (NY/NJ/Denmark, 1850-1921), Brian Coole

(MA/UK, 1939- ), and others; and a variety of unusual weathervanes.

The estate silver group will include a monumental sterling silver centerpiece presented to Augustine Roche, Mayor of the City of Cork (Ireland) in 1894, a pair of French Art Deco silver wine coolers by Maison Cardeilhac, and a set of 4 George III Period armorial engraved Scottish silver trays by George Fenwick, Edinburgh,

Ten fine automobiles will be offered, including: three Mercedes Benz models, two Rolls Royce models, two Cadillac models, a 2001 Corvette, a Jaguar XK8, Audi A3 wagon. And, two recreational vehicles, a 1997 Holiday Rambler Endeavor LE and 2003 Winnebago Sightseer, will be sold.

Other items of interest to be sold include: 2 early twentieth Century carved carousel figures, 3 KPM plaques, art glass by Galle and Tiffany Studios, a selection of antique, mid-century and custom designer furniture, and 35 oriental carpets.

The auction will begin at 11:00a.m. EST each day. A complete, full col-

or catalog, with detailed descriptions and photographs, is available, and all lots can be viewed at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries' website, [www.thomastonauction.com](http://www.thomastonauction.com). Please visit our website or call 1(207) 354-8141 for more information.

The gallery will be open for previews by appointment only on Monday, August 24 through Friday, August 28 (between 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. each day). Please call us at 1(207) 354-8141 to schedule a preview time.

Thomaston Place Auction Galleries is Maine's premier international auction company located on U.S. Route 1 in Thomaston. Thomaston Place is a leader in discovering Maine's antique and fine art treasures by offering Free Appraisals each Tuesday at the gallery, creating fundraiser events for civic and charitable organizations, and providing house call appraisal services. Their expertise in researching and marketing antiques and fine art has earned Thomaston Place the respect of buyers, collectors and experts worldwide.



*Carved carousel lion figure*



*"Clinging to the Edge (Stonington)", oil on canvas painting by Connie Hayes (ME, Contemporary)*



*Guanyin of "1000 Arms"*



*"Jazz in the Gardens" stainless steel sculpture by Keven Robb (CO, 1955-)*



*Mid-1960s "Romanesque" pewter and bronze coffee table by Philip & Kevin Laverne*



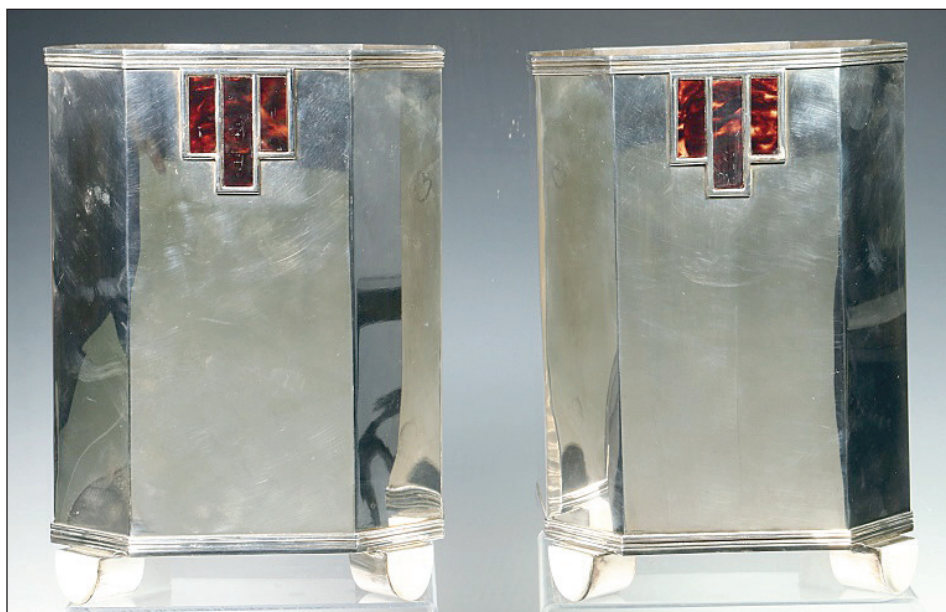
*Cased model of the Steamship S.S. Camden, built at Bath Iron Works in 1907*



*NC Wyeth's charcoal drawing "First Farmer of the Land"*



*"Noon at Point Judith" (Narragansett Bay, RI) by Alfred Thompson Bricher (NY/NH, 1837-1908)*



*Pair of French Art Deco silver wine coolers*



*"Tarmen, 1987", oil on linen mural by James William "Bo" Bartlett*