

## Maine Maple Sunday is this weekend

### From Maine Office of Tourism

AUGUSTA – Maine Maple Sunday is an annual celebration of the coming of spring.

Syrup producers from across the state open their sugarhouses to the public to enjoy samples of freshly made maple syrup and other goodies for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual event this Saturday and Sunday. The event is always on the fourth weekend in March.

Each March, regardless of how much snow is still on the ground, the maples are at it again – sending sweet sap surging up to feed the buds – but not before maple syrup producers can tap the trees to make delicious syrup and candies.

Maine Maple Producers Association (MMPA) President, Scott Dunn, said the event is critical to the success of many family businesses and producers in

Maine. Organizers are adapting and preparing for a safe event this year.

According to MMPA, more than \$27 million for the Maine economy is generated by the maple syrup industry in Maine, supporting more than 560 jobs that generate more than \$17.3 million in wages.

Annually, the state produces more than 575,000 gallons of syrup.

Each of the nearly 100 participating sugarhouses offers different events and activities including tours of the sap lines and demonstrations of sap boiling; tastes of culinary delights of all things maple, from pancakes to maple syrup-topped ice cream; and hayrides and face painting. Many sugarhouses are open both Saturday and Sunday of the fourth weekend in March.

Somerset County in Maine is the largest maple syrup producing county in the U.S.

In Gorham, maple syrup producers include Parsons Maple Products, 322 Buck St.; Jo's Sugarhouse at Hartwell Farm, 443 Sebago Lake Rd (Route 237); Merrifield Farm, 195 North Gorham Rd; and The Lockman Place, 274 North Gorham Rd. Dunn Family Maple is nearby in Buxton at 419 Chicopee St.

Close to the Lewiston-Auburn area are Royal River Orchards, 201 Peacock Hill Rd, New Gloucester; and three sugar houses in Sabattus, Maple Rush Sugar House, 123 Webster Corner Rd; Pep's Pure Maple Syrup, 179 Lisbon Rd; and Jillson Farm Sugarhouse, 143 Jordan Bridge Road.

Find a local sugarhouse at the MMPA website at <http://bitly.ws/cgzN>, then entering either your zip code or the name of your town.

Find the website for the Maine Office of Tourism at <http://visitmaine.com>.

## Gorham Town Notes

### From Town of Gorham

GORHAM - The Town Clerk's Office will close at noon on Friday to perform an operating system update. No appointments will be taken after 11:40 a.m. on Friday.

Residents can re-register motor vehicles, snowmobiles, ATVs or boats online at <http://bitly.ws/cgBd>.

### Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will begin in the coming weeks as weather permits. The schedule will be made public as soon as dates are determined. Please call Public Works at (207) 892-9062 with any questions.

### Upcoming Events

The Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWD) offers "yardscaping" tips at <https://www.cumberlandswcd.org/yardscap> to help folks achieve a safe and healthy lawn while reducing the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

The CCSWD recommends choosing grass varieties that like to grow in Maine

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## Junction Bowl league scores



Nick Calvert delivers for The (League) Office in recent Monday night league action at the Junction Bowl on Railroad Ave in Gorham. (Tsukroff photo)

### From Junction Bowl

GORHAM – League scores from Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham.

Scores include the player handicap.

### Week 9 Monday Night Strikes

Hammond Eggs rolled for 2 games and the weekly team series against The Gutter Rats with 1 game, 2439-2315.

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Bobby Brown  
180-162-188 – 530  
Substitute  
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Alex Benner  
263-250-206 – 719

### The Gutter Rats

Gary LaPierre  
215-248-205 – 668  
Ben Smith  
185-192-206 – 583  
Amy Pompeo  
184-195-163 – 542  
Shawna LaPierre

*See Bowling, page 11*

## Gorham to comply with stormwater discharge permit

### From Town of Gorham

GORHAM - Gorham will file a Notice of Intent to comply with a stormwater discharge permit by the end of the month.

The NOI is for a Maine General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems issued on Oct. 15 (MER041000 W009170-5Y-C-R) and an associated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Copies of the NOI and SWMP may be seen at the Town of Gorham Municipal Center and on the municipal website at <http://bitly.ws/cgAS>.

The DEP will review the submittal and assess if it is complete for processing within 60 days of the submittal.

Once it has been deemed complete for processing, it will be made available on the Maine DEP website for 30-day pub-

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest column

## A discourse on cursing

By Grammar Guy

I've been contemplating a new parenting tactic: pre-emptively teaching my son bad words.

Miles is seven, and he will someday know all the same expletives as I do. Because of this, I surmise that he ought to learn the words in context from his dad. That's why I've started a spreadsheet in which I rank bad words from the tamest to the most profane. I'll teach him two words per year with proper context and word origins, and keep instructing him until I exhaust the list.

While this may be a bad parenting tactic, it's also purely theoretical — my wife has not agreed to this idea. However, it did get me thinking about the words "swear," "curse" and "cuss." What is the difference between these words? Are they simply interchangeable? It's time for the 4-1-1 on four-letter words.

Let's start by examining the word "swear." The verb "swear" comes from the Old English word "swerian," which means "to take an

oath." As Christianity swept the Western world, "swearing" became known as when you used a deity's name to give your words more emphasis or power. Nowadays, a "swear" word is synonymous with a "bad" word. In fact, American treasure Nicolas Cage hosts a show on Netflix called "History of Swear Words." I swear I'm not making this up.

As you may have already guessed, the terms "swear" and "curse" have become virtually synonymous. George Washington noted, "The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it." Legend has it that he uttered this after an early draft of the Declaration of Independence included a typo that replaced the word "course" with "curse" in the introductory phrase "When in the Course of human events ..."

The word "curse" comes from the Old English word "curs," which means "a prayer that evil or harm

befall one." To "put a curse" on someone was to invoke the supernatural to cause harm to them. As with the origin of "swear," the Christian church played a major role in deciding and defining the taboo terms.

"Cuss," as far as I can tell, is a variant of the word "curse." The two words mean the same thing. As a native Oklahoman, I grew up being told that it was wrong to "cuss," while my wife, who was raised in the western suburbs of Chicago was warned against "cursing."

Recent research actually suggests that using "curse" or "swear" words can be good for you in a variety of circumstances. So, while I may or may not discuss cursing with my son, cursing eventually finds its way into most people's discourse — for better or worse.

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## Congolese family is welcomed to L-A area

From Portland Diocese

AUBURN - When the plea for assistance came in, Deacon Denis Mailhot, parish social ministry and outreach coordinator at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn, knew exactly where to turn.

"The parish staff alerted me of a Congolese family of five that was arriving in Maine and needed warm winter clothing and boots as well as other household goods," said Deacon Denis. "I immediately reached out to Bill Wood at Catholic Charities Maine."

And the reason? Catholic Charities Maine's Refugee and Immigration Services (RIS), which is committed to helping those seeking a new life in America to feel welcome and become self-reliant members

in the community.

"The program welcomes refugees upon their arrival; meets basic needs like housing, food, and clothing; arranges for language lessons; offers community, cultural, and employment orientation; assists with employment development and placement; helps with family reunification; and offers medical and mental health referrals," said Wood, an outreach worker at Catholic Charities Maine. "In the last decade, RIS has resettled thousands of refugees in Maine."

The staff at RIS understands the plight of those they serve as many of the staff members at RIS are refugees and immigrants themselves.

In a matter of days, thanks to that commitment, clothes, boots, and

other winter wear, as well as household appliances, were quickly assembled for the Congolese family that arrived in Maine last week. Fr. Paul Dumais and the St. Rose Thrift Store in Jay were glad to assist in the project with additional donations.

As a result, these parents and children wore warm clothes...and smiles...as they took their first steps into America.

"It's such a blessing to welcome and help families arriving in Maine," said Deacon Denis. "An opportunity to put into action a deacon's charism of service and charity, and for all of God's children to answer their call to serve our brothers and sisters."

For more information about RIS, including other ways to help, visit <http://bitly.ws/cgU3>.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Maine Home Show April 10 and 11 in Auburn

### From City of Auburn

AUBURN, ME – The 2021 Maine Home Show will be hosted at the Norway Savings Bank Arena on Saturday, Apr. 10, and Sunday, Apr. 11, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to explore a variety of home solutions, and gain ideas and insights from local experts. The show is expected to feature the latest trends

in home design and improvement while offering inspiration for almost any kind of home renovation.

The two-day show will follow all state and local COVID-19 mandates, and the show plan has been altered to promote proper social distancing. Additionally, online ticketing will be the preferred method of purchase to reduce person-to-person contact. Attendance is limited to the

state capacity of 50%, and use of face coverings will be required for all attendees, exhibitors, and staff.

“I am excited to hold the Maine Home Show in my hometown of Auburn, Maine!” said Travis Dow, show organizer. “The City of Auburn staff has been easy to work with and an invaluable partner in strategizing ways to maximize health and safety measure at the event. It is my hope

the Maine Home Show can serve as a successful model for others planning future tradeshow-style events.”

“We are excited to host the Maine Home Show at the Norway Savings Bank Arena,” Marc Gosselin, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Sports Tourism for the City of Auburn, said. “Travis has been organizing trade shows since 2011 and has a reputation

in the industry for running well-organized, high quality events. Health and safety will be a major priority and facility staff will be on hand, performing enhanced sanitation measures and supporting the Maine Home Show in administering proper health and safety protocols.”

The Maine Home Show will connect guests with companies and vendors from throughout

Maine. There will be several products and services represented. Guests are sure to find something to suit their needs and the show will be a great opportunity to experience savings and quality in home products and services.

For more information on the Maine Home Show please visit <https://maine-homeshow.com>.

Find tickets online at <http://bitly.ws/cgPz>.

## Chewonki student wins national award

### From Chewonki

WISCASSET - Maeve Tholen, an eighth-grade student attending Chewonki Elementary and Middle School has been selected to receive a Scholastic National Gold Medal for her short story, “A Painted Seashell”.

Tholen’s story was chosen from among more than 230,000 entries received by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers as part of the annual Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

“I logged onto my Scholastic Account right when the awards were released and I found out that I had received a gold medal,” Tholen said. “My mom

(who is also my teacher) had logged on as well and was already with my sister and step-father as I came down from my room, and we all stood there and hugged in total shock. I couldn’t believe my story was chosen for a gold medal.”

Fewer than 1% of entries to the national competition receive top honors, with gold-medal winners selected by a jury of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts, including Langston Hughes, Robert Frost, Judy Blume, Billy Collins, Paul Giamatti, Francine Prose, Edwidge Danticat, David Sedaris, Lesley Stahl, Nikki Giovanni, Roz Chast, Wangechi Mutu, Andres Serrano, Kiki

Smith, Jill Kraus, Shinique Smith, Rashid Johnson, and Waris Ahluwalia. Jurors look for works that exemplify the Awards’ core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision.

“I’m thrilled that we have an 8th grade student who received a Scholastic national gold medal,” said Kat Cassidy, the head of elementary and middle school at Chewonki. “This is fantastic feedback for Maeve as a young writer, and it’s a huge honor for me, as a literacy teacher.”

In addition to Tholen’s award for writing, Cassidy has also received an Educator Award, given in recognition of “educators

whose dedication, commitment, and guidance are represented by student work selected at the national honors level.”

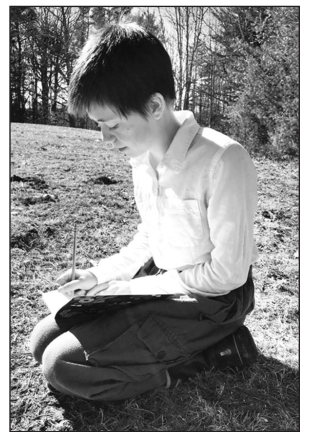
“The literacy curriculum we’ve designed here at Chewonki is one that allows students to practice and continually hone their skills, and I push my students hard to keep exploring the best ways to express their thoughts and share information through writing,” says Cassidy. “Maeve is an exceptional writer and I’m glad she’s receiving recognition for her hard work.”

Tholen says she’s looking forward to continuing to write and focus on different styles of writing.

“Currently we’re fo-

cus on poetry at school and I’m really enjoying putting my energy into poems. I’m already thinking about entering the contest again next year and maybe entering a few writing submissions next time” Tholen said.

Founded in 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts. The program has an impressive legacy of being the first to acknowledge creative talent and is today’s largest source of scholarships for creative teens. <https://www.artand-writing.org/>



Maeve Tholen, an eighth-grade student at Chewonki Elementary and Middle School in Wiscasset, was recently chosen from among 230,000 entrants to receive a Scholastic National Gold Medal for her short story, “A Painted Seashell”. (Photo courtesy of Chewonki)

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# New Collaborative records pandemic year

From MCAC

AUBURN - Over the past year, archivists and librarians all over Maine have been collecting primary source materials related to their communities' experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together, these cultural heritage professionals formed the Maine Contemporary Archives Collaborative, a network that connects digital archives projects from across the state.

To mark a year of COVID-19, members of the collaborative are sharing an online exhibit called

"It's Been a Year: Selections from Community Covid-Era Collections". This exhibit is part of the new Maine Contemporary Archives website: <https://ourmainearchives.omeka.net/>.

The exhibit features artwork, photographs, writing, and recordings representing communities from Aroostook to York Counties. The Maine Contemporary Archives Collaborative hopes this selection of items will inspire people to create and submit their own reflections and materials to the project in their area. Participating organizations

will preserve and provide access to contributed materials so these can serve as primary source records for researchers, students, and community members into the future.

Including diverse voices, experiences, and perspectives will help to create a more thorough representation of life in Maine during this historic time.

In addition to the exhibit, visitors to the Maine Contemporary Archives website can find information about participating institutions, browse sample items from the collections, and learn more about con-

tributing as a community member or getting involved as an organization.

Libraries of all types and sizes--as well as historical societies, museums, schools, and community organizations--are invited to join the collaborative effort. The website also offers educational resources, including lesson plans and a Life During COVID Scavenger Hunt, to engage students in learning about primary sources and documenting their own experiences.

Now that it has been a year since the pandemic shutdowns began, the Maine Contemporary Ar-

chives Collaborative wants to know: How are you looking ahead? What reflections, photos, videos, poetry, art, or other materials do you have that you'd like to contribute to our collections?

Learn more about submitting to a local project at <https://ourmainearchives.omeka.net/share>.

The mission of Maine Contemporary Archives is to foster collaboration to collect, preserve, and provide access to materials related to Maine community members' experiences of current events. This project is a DigitalMaine initiative supported by the

Maine State Library and made possible with Federal Cares Act-LSTA funds received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information, contact MCAC at: <https://ourmainearchives.omeka.net/contact>.

Omeka provides open-source web publishing platforms for sharing digital collections and creating media-rich online exhibits. Omeka is a Digital Scholar project, originally launched at the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media with funding from multiple organizations.

## Hike For Hospice for Patients and Families



Each year, Androscoggin cares for thousands of Mainers at the end of their lives – in patients' homes and at the Androscoggin Hospice House in Auburn. Proceeds from the event will ensure hospice care for all.

Register at <http://bitly.ws/cbj>. The cost is \$25 per person and free for ages 12 years and under.

The first 200 regis-

trants will receive an event t-shirt, swag bag filled with surprises and a special children's activity. Participants can create their own personal fundraising page and will have a chance to win Yeti products, Sea Bags, or a two-night stay at Wolfe's Neck Farm "Wicked Easy" Camping Experience by LL Bean.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is

the largest, non-profit independent home health and hospice organization in the state. They focus on health – not illness – by making each individual's quality of life the best it can be. They have been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine since 2006.

To learn more about Androscoggin, please visit [www.androscoggin.org](http://www.androscoggin.org)

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A virtual Hike for Hospice Androscoggin fundraiser will take place May 10-21, to raise funds for hospice care provided by Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Androscoggin)

From Androscoggin

LEWISTON-Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is launching their first virtual Hike for Hospice Androscoggin.

Online registration is now open for this virtual fundraising event that takes place May 10-21.

Participants can engage at their own pace and choose their own outdoor activity from walking or running to hiking or biking.

In addition, registered participants can take part in a special family bereavement walk with their children at the Auburn/Lewiston YMCA Outdoor Learning and Education Center at 167 Stetson Road in Auburn during the event.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Buxton charitable foundation accepting applications

From NNOF

BUXTON - The Naragansett Number One Foundation, a private charitable foundation located in Buxton, is accepting applications through April 1.

Organizations must be government entities, or quality as 501(c)(3) status not-for-profits groups under Internal Revenue Service rules.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide assistance to schools, fire departments, police departments, parks, recreational facilities, religious organi-

zations, libraries, organizations supporting homeless and abused persons, food pantries, and shelters for animals.

It was established by Pat and Erwin Wales in September 2001 after they won the national Powerball lottery drawing. The Wales family donated \$5 million in creating the foundation, and invites other individuals, organizations or companies to donate to the charity.

The foundation provides funds for start-up expenses, new or special projects, other projects, or

general operating support.

The application form can be downloaded at <http://bitly.ws/bVdj>, or in person at the Buxton, Hollis, Limington, or Standish Town Halls during normal business hours.

Completed applications should be delivered to NNOF, PO Box 779, Bar Mills, Maine 04004, by April 1.

More information about the Foundation, including an application and eligibility requirements, can be found on the Foundation's website at [www.NNOF.org](http://www.NNOF.org).

## Movie magic in Gorham

By Nathan Tsukroff

GORHAM – Movie magic is returning to Gorham next week at Spire 29 On the Square.

Located in a renovated church near the center of Gorham at 29 School Street, the planned weekly events are being hosted by Ghost Karen's Kitchens and Fort Hill Community Church.

The building is now an elegant catering facility with a stage area at one end of the main room and a bar at the other end.

Karen Nason of Ghost Karen's Kitchens said she

and the church collaborated for the events after the local Cinemagic movie theaters abruptly closed at the end of February.

Cinemagic had announced what it called an "intermission" at the beginning of February, and several weeks later decided to close its entire chain of cinemas, including theaters in Saco, Westbrook, and South Portland, as well as five other locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Fort Hill Community Church has Sunday services and Thursday-night bible studies in the building each week, providing a projector and screen to supplement the sound system at the venue.

With the large room, "We'll be able to seat people safely, away from each other," Nason said. "And we also kind of want to do this as an homage to the fact that Cinemagic is closing. You know, families have nowhere to go anymore."

Nason said she and the church wanted to create a space in Gorham where families with children could spend the evening.

The concept is similar to Smitty's Cinema, a chain of movie theaters in Windham, Sanford, Topsham and Tilton that has table-seating for guests and serves meals before the movie.

For the Spire 29 movie nights, guests can order at Ghost Kitchens, which is located in a building attached to the church. "Ghost Kitchens can walk right in here and bring your food to your table," Nason said. Guests can purchase wines and beers at the bar.

The movie nights will be Fridays and Saturdays, starting March 19 and 20 and again on March 26 and 27. "We're going to try this out for two weeks. If it works well, Karen's Ghost Kitchens is going to be here every weekend for families and friends in town," Nason said.

The movie nights are free, so the only costs for families will be for food

and drink, Nason said. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for seating, with the movies expected to start at 6:30 p.m., Nason said. "We want to get all the orders in for the foods, (and) dim the lights," before the movie begins. The servers will be available throughout the evening.

Fort Hill CC Pastor Aaron Manning said the church will provide the popcorn for the movie nights, and "it's going to be family-friendly."

Nason and Manning are working on the selection of movies. The only definite showing right now is the 2018 edition of the live-action animated comedy film Peter Rabbit on March 27, to celebrate the Easter season, Manning said.

Seating is limited to a total of 50 guests the first weekend, under current pandemic guidelines put in place by the State of Maine. However, the governor's office announced last week that the capacity for indoor gatherings will change on March 26 to allow for capacity of up to 50 percent of the allowable for a venue. That will change to 75 percent on May 24.

Ghost Karen's Kitchens provides meals for take-out, curbside pick-up, or delivery, to bring "the restaurant experience to your home," Nason said.

Ghost Kitchens "restored this beautiful event space that's sitting here doing absolutely nothing," she said. "We want to use it, so people come in and see this space that could be used for an intimate wedding of 20 to 25 people." She has already booked two weddings for later this spring.

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# U.S. CDC updates strategies for K-12 schools

From Maine DOE

AUGUSTA – The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC) last week issued updated operational strategies for K-12 schools based on a review of scientific evidence regarding physical distancing in classrooms to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

These updates further align Federal guidelines with longstanding guidance implemented by the State of Maine for Maine schools in July 2020, according to the Maine Department of Education.

“Maine school staff and leaders have done an outstanding job of implementing the health and safety requirements that

have kept our schools and students safe, requirements that have now been mirrored by the U.S. CDC,” said Pender Makin, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education. “Our schools have been open and educating students safely all year long, unlike many of the schools across the country. Our education workforce deserves our deep appreciation and support for all they have done, during this last year and I am in awe of their efforts.”

“The U.S. CDC’s announcement today affirms safety protocols that have been part of Maine’s framework since last year,” said Dr. Nirav D. Shah, Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and

Prevention. “These protocols continue to reflect best practices in limiting potential spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. As new research emerges, we will continue to work with our federal partners and Maine’s education community to provide tools that local school districts can use to make informed decisions about how to keep students and staff safe.”

In July 2020, with limited Federal guidance, Maine developed and implemented a Framework for Return to In-Person Instruction. This framework – developed in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine CDC – includes recommendations for schools

and six requirements, such as physical distancing, mask wearing and other measures, to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission within schools. Under these requirements, adults must maintain six feet of distance from others to the extent possible while maintaining 3 feet of distance is acceptable between and among students when combined with the other safety requirements, including the wearing of masks. These strategies have proven effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19; to date, the new case rates for Maine schools continues to be significantly lower than that of the general population.

In February 2021, the

U.S. CDC released Federal recommendations to assist schools across the country in returning safely to in-person instruction. At that time, the U.S. CDC recommended that students maintain six feet of distance among all students, a more stringent requirement than Maine.

Last week, the U.S. CDC adjusted this previous recommendation to, in effect, adopt Maine’s longstanding approach. Specifically, US CDC adjusted their previous recommendation of 6 feet between students to 3 feet between students in classrooms with universal mask wearing. The U.S. CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance:

Between adults in the

school building and between adults and students.

In common areas such as school lobbies and auditoriums.

When masks can’t be worn, such as when eating or drinking.

During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercise. These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.

In community settings outside of the classroom.

Maine will continue to use its existing approach and will re-examine its requirements if the U.S. CDC makes any further adjustments.

# VA facilities vaccinate Maine, NH veterans



VA health care worker administering Pfizer vaccine to Veteran at the tri-state COVID vaccination clinic this past weekend in Portsmouth, NH. (Photo courtesy of VA New England)

From VA NE HCS

PORTSMOUTH, N.H.--The Portsmouth

Senior Activity Center swelled with Veterans of all eras and branches of service a week ago as a tri-

state team from VA New England Healthcare System (HCS) conducted a COVID vaccination clinic for Veteran patients living in Maine and New Hampshire.

The event, coordinated with support from Portsmouth community partners, was designed to balance the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine across VA New England HCS. VA Maine and VA Manchester Healthcare Systems were each allotted appointments for 250 Veterans, while VA Bedford HCS, Mass., supplied the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine and the clinic staff.

“We knew there were shortages of the Moderna

vaccine at other locations, so we came up with the idea to help our Veterans at our sister New England facilities by sharing our supply of Pfizer,” Mary Anderson, VA Bedford’s Associate Director for Patient Care said.

Anderson’s original idea was to conduct the vaccination clinic in an area that would be easily accessible to both Maine and New Hampshire Veterans and still comply with state guidelines for COVID precautions.

“Portsmouth seemed like the perfect area,” Anderson said. “VA Manchester reached out to Portsmouth city officials

and within a few hours, they offered us the Senior Activity Center and onsite ambulance support.”

VA Manchester’s Director, Kevin Forrest, said, “Community partnerships such as the one with City of Portsmouth are invaluable in the fight against COVID. Everybody has the same goal in mind, and that is to get the vaccine into arms.”

According to Forrest, community partnerships allow VA to deliver services in the community where it is most convenient to Veterans.

“Having an integrated healthcare system approach has further

empowered VA to make COVID-19 vaccines more available to Veterans,” he said. “It’s very rewarding to be part of this effort that has everyone giving their all-in support to help those who served.”

VA Bedford has had a continuous supply of the Pfizer vaccine, being one of two VA facilities in New England with the proper cold storage specifications the vaccine requires. VA Bedford Director Joan Clifford stated that by sharing VA Bedford’s vaccine stores and clinical operation and staff, they could maximize resources within VA, the nation’s largest in-

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# 'Young At Art' Children's Art Exhibition



Addie Pelletier, "Radial Symmetry Design", Grade 5, Chelsea School, Sandra Dunn, Art Teacher. (Image courtesy of The Harlow)

### From The Harlow

**HALLOWELL** - The Harlow Gallery of Hallowell is celebrating young artists and visual arts educators with its 18th annual "Young At Art" Exhibi-

tion.

On view through April 10, the exhibition displays over a hundred works of art from ten area schools and independent art educators.

A virtual reception via Facebook was planned for last Friday.

As part of the Youth Art Month celebrations, the Harlow is also offering three educational workshops especially designed for children by three distinguished artists.

Art Connects Us All, the national theme for this annual celebration of young artists work, is particularly significant in this time, said Marie Sugden, Gallery Director. "There couldn't be more of an

important time to bring people together through art than now. The Harlow values art education and wants to support our area children and their art teachers."

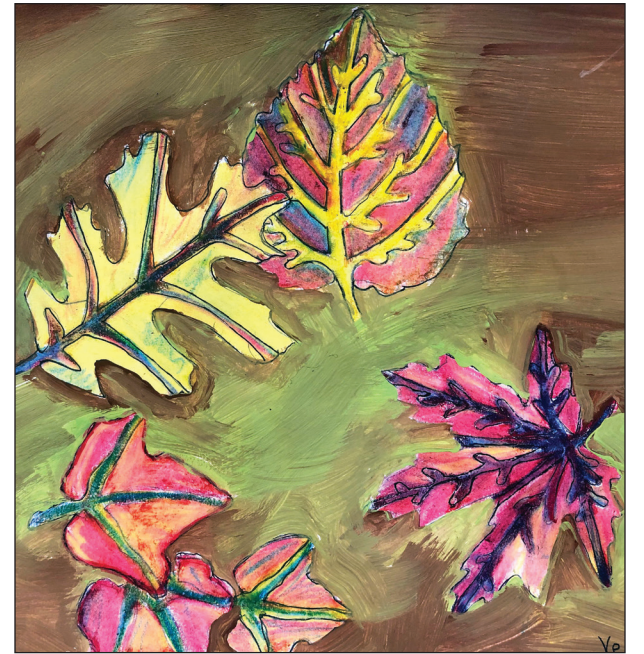
Liam Wilmot, 13, of Hallowell, who attends instruction from independent art educator Helene Farrar said, "It's really cool to share my paintings in a gallery. I know seeing art brings people a lot of joy. I hope I can do that."

Area children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade under the instruction of listed art educators from these schools include: Jeffery Orth of Richmond Middle School, Sandra Dunn of Chelsea School, Rose-

mary Ellis of Hall-Dale Elementary School, Nicole Blake of Readfield Elementary School, Wayne Elementary School, and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools, Amanda Trainor of Palermo Middle School and Whitefield Elementary School, Hope Lord of Maranacook Community Middle School, Jae-Eun Pilsbury of Dresden Elementary School, Kayleigh Pulsifer of Marcia Buker Elementary School and independent art educators Helene Farrar and Tim Christensen.

Tim Christensen, a master craft artist and independent art educator said, "Art is our oldest and most universally understood language. When people learn to speak visually, they can reach anyone."

Area children are invited to attend via Zoom for the Harlow's extended educational programming, including, Be A Weather Watcher and Explore Texture on Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. with Artist Helene Farrar; 3D/Pop-Up Paper Crafts Saturday, April 3, 10:30-



Vera Krajewski, "Leaves", Hall-Dale Elementary, Grade 4, Rosemary Ellis, Art Teacher. (Image courtesy of The Harlow)

11:30 a.m., with Artist Lucky Platt, and Porcelain Sgraffito for Everyone on Saturday, April 10, 10-11:30 a.m. with Artist Tim Christensen.

Registrations accepted online at <http://bitly.ws/cbDp>.

All information for these events will be on the Harlow website at [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org)

The Harlow is a membership based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in downtown historic Hallowell since 1963.

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# Collins visits Scarborough vaccination clinic



WEX Director of Corporate Planning Jodi-ann Johnson, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, WEX CEO Melissa Smith and MaineHealth CEO Bill Caron recently visited the high-volume MaineHealth COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Scarborough Downs. (Photo courtesy of Sen. Collins)

to distribute these life-saving shots to Mainers quickly and efficiently,” said Senator Collins. “With each vaccination, we come closer to ending this terrible pandemic. We can all do our part by getting our shots and getting the word out.”

“We at MaineHealth appreciate the strong support Senator Collins and the rest of Maine’s federal delegation has shown hospitals throughout the pandemic,” said MaineHealth CEO Bill Caron. “We are glad the Senator was able to meet some of the dedicated clinicians and volunteers who make it possible for MaineHealth to vaccinate tens of thousands of Maine residents safely and efficiently each week.”

“The COVID vaccine effort is the biggest public health call to action in my lifetime,” said Melissa Smith, CEO of Portland-based WEX. “Hannaford, IDEXX, L.L. Bean, MaineHealth, Unum, WEX, and many other employers have joined to-



U.S. Senator Susan Collins speaks to volunteers checking in patients at the MaineHealth COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Scarborough Downs. (Photo courtesy of Sen. Collins)

gether to help fast-track COVID vaccine distribution across Maine. This partnership is a continuation of our desire to support our community with Mainers helping Mainers. While each company’s approach differs, we stand together in helping our community, our customers, our employees and our state.”

The grandstand at Scarborough Downs was transformed into a clinic in just 15 days by a 100-member team from 41 Maine-based companies led by Crossroads Holdings.

Town leaders in Scarborough quickly secured the needed permits for the grandstand’s temporary

use in January.

Led by Scarborough-based Maine Properties and Risbara Brothers Construction, the 30,000-square foot building has been transformed into a clinical space that includes improved access to high-speed broadband and refrigeration rooms to house COVID-19 vaccines.

The Scarborough Downs COVID-19 vaccination clinic operates Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., with additional hours to be added as more vaccines become available. Vaccinations are by appointment only.

Go to <http://vaccine.mainehealth.org> for more

information on how to register.

In January, Senator Collins and members of the Maine Delegation announced that nearly \$90 million had been awarded to support the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and expand access to COVID-19 testing throughout Maine. This funding was awarded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which provided more than \$50.8 billion in federal funding for vaccine development, production, and procurement; vaccine distribution; and COVID-19 testing and contact tracing.

## From U.S. Sen. Collins

SCARBOROUGH - U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) recently visited MaineHealth’s high-volume vaccination clinic at Scarborough Downs for a tour of the facility led by MaineHealth CEO Bill Caron.

The tour was joined by WEX CEO Melissa Smith, whose company

helped provide volunteers for the clinic.

“MaineHealth’s impressive vaccination clinic at Scarborough Downs is an example of what we can achieve when we come together as a community. With the remarkable efforts made by health care professionals, volunteers, the Maine National Guard, and local business leaders, MaineHealth has been able

## Haddock Supper March 27

### From LW Church

BUXTON -Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, is hosting its next Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday,

Mar. 27, starting at 5 p.m.

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# Senior College Has Openings for Spring Classes

## From L-A Senior College

LEWISTON – Spring classes at Lewiston-Auburn Senior College begin in April and will be presented virtually on Zoom.

Courses of different lengths are available, and one-day classes will remain FREE to LASC members. The longer courses are \$10 each. Registration continues until Mar. 31.

LASC is part of the University of Southern Maine.

To register for classes, go to [usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege](http://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege) and click on “register”.

### Classes

#### Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

In this one day workshop, we will discuss the results of your self report. The objectives of this class are to help individuals learn about themselves and their preferences. It will increase self-awareness and help build better relationships.

Instructor: Nancy Duplisea

#### How to Be an Anti-

#### racist

Ibram Kendi’s book of this title, which proposes a sweeping solution for racism in the U.S., has seized the national imagination. We will evaluate Kendi’s thesis and the solutions he proposes.

Instructor: Steve Piker

#### Systemic Racism in the Criminal Justice System

The last year has opened all our eyes to the systemic racism in our country. This course will discuss how racism intentionally permeates every step of the criminal justice system. Who is stopped? Why do people of color receive harsher sentences? What can we do to change?

Instructor: Lenny Sharon

#### There is Something Fishy About this Course

This on-line studio art course explores everything fishy. We will try out a variety of techniques, and look at “fishy” art from artists through time and around the world. We will also spend time sharing our work, tips, and struggles with the class.

Instructor: Judy Hierstein

#### Genealogy for Absolute Beginners

A simple introduction to the basic ideas, tools, and methods used in family history and genealogy.

Instructor: Lin Wright

#### Mr. President, What Will You Do for Woman Suffrage - and Equality?

This is a 3-class course that examines suffrage history in Maine and nationally, as well as the Equal Rights Amendment. Lectures are accompanied by slideshows with historical photos. Suggested Text: *Voting Down the Rose*: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine’s

Fight for Woman Suffrage. Instructor: Anne Gass

#### Western Philosophy of Religion

This course covers the history of Philosophy of Religion from the ancient Egyptians and Greeks to Medieval philosophers through 18th and 19th Centuries philosophers and finally the Modern philosophers. The participants will

have ample opportunities to share their opinions and applications to their own lives. Instructor: Anita Denis

#### Genealogy Laboratory

Genealogy Lab provides students the opportunity to work on their own research collaboratively. Students should be willing to share their family history project, discuss their research question, and their planned approach, tools and resources they have or intend to use. This is an opportunity to get help and learn from each other. All levels welcome.

Instructor: Lin Wright

#### North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Program: Past, Present and Future

In this class, Mark will discuss the development of the North Korean nuclear weapons program, diplomatic efforts over 30 years to eliminate it and the challenge it still poses to the entering Biden Administration. Instructor: Mark Minton

#### Genealogical Problems

This class explores of some of the commonly encountered problems and a discusses approaches to take toward finding solutions. This is an intermediate level course, but open to all levels of experience. Instructor: Lin Wright

#### Understanding the Basics of Heart Disease: Still our Number One Killer!

We will review the history and basics of cardiovascular medicine and physiology. The course will include a review of atherosclerotic heart disease, heart failure, cardiac rhythm disorders, and valvular heart disease. Instructor: Bill Phillips MD, FACC.

#### The Plague of 1348

Hundreds of years before the current pandemic, there was one that changed history and wiped out a good share of Europeans. Is it still in existence today?

Instructor: Alan Elze

#### The Play’s the Thing

Over four sessions, we will explore the process by which a director explores a script that leads him/her to a creative vision, and then

further develops that vision in collaboration with set/costume/light/sound designers to create the “physical world” of the play. We will dive into the crucially important and difficult process of finding, auditioning and casting actors, and get “behind the scenes” to see the nuts and bolts.

Instructor: Christopher Schari

#### Women in Science

Each week we will explore the lives of accomplished women of science. Scientists include Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson, Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier, Edith Marion Patch, and Rosalind Franklin.

Instructor: Peggy Vollock

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Instructor: Penny Jessop

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**Bowling**

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160-180-182 – 522  
Split Happens grabbed 2 games and the weekly team series from The (League) Office with 1 game, 2445-2331.

**Split Happens**

Heather Bryant 184-211-192 – 587  
Kaitlyn Lemieux 213-181-188 – 582  
Erica Jackson 240-185-230 – 655  
Elisabeth Maxfield 178-239-204 – 621

**The (League) Office**

Sebastian Pettitt 194-177-216 – 587  
Aidan Underwood 198-183-241 – 622  
Nick Calvert 209-191-182 – 582  
Vacant 180-180-180 – 540

**Two Finger**

Death Punch jumped out to a big start with an 882 first game, grabbing 2 games and the weekly team series against Cobra Kai with 1 game, 2387-2242.

**Two Finger Death Punch**

Jon Talbot 194-164-181 – 539  
Charlie Pasquerillo 230-165-167 – 562  
Substitute 232-199-190 – 621  
Substitute 226-214-205 – 645

**Cobra Kai**

Romeo Jalbert 171-150-212 – 533  
Eric Bretton 213-222-203 – 638  
Kenneth Reno 174-162-180 – 516  
Tim Perry 184-173-198 – 555

**Pin Me Please**

squeaked by for 2 games and the weekly team series in a match against Right Lane with 1 game, 2296-2268.

**Pin Me Please**

Ashley Calvert 232-204-177 – 613  
Rick Cormier 179-191-185 – 555  
Heather Lavallee 162-184-210 – 556  
Brendan Gow 194-170-208 – 572

**Right Lane**

Brian Gonneville 186-217-184 – 587  
Adam Homan 180-196-167 – 543  
Colin McLean 178-183-169 – 527  
Bill Haskell 193-218-200 – 611

**Thursday Night Dynamite**

XXX Turkeys struck first for wins in the first and last game, taking 2 games, while Strike First held on for 1 game and the weekly team series, 2298-2281.

**XXX Turkeys**

Ken Foss 182-175-211 – 568  
Terry Moore 209-195-211 – 615  
Jake Ouellette 165-159-187 – 511  
Peter Luciano 185-184-218 – 587

**Strike First**

Romeo Jalbert 170-210-173 – 553  
Kenneth Reno 212-161-194 – 567  
Sherry Coyne 168-215-189 – 572  
Roni Bretton 169-223-214 – 606

Bowler? I Barely Know Her! held on for 2 games against Smelt Camp Swim Team with 1 game and the weekly team series, 2112-2124.

**Bowler? I Barely Know Her!**

Dylann Swisley 172-180-197 – 549  
Deanna Boisvert 234-196-194 – 624  
Substitute 174-193-185 – 552  
Substitute 82-185-201 – 468

**Smelt Camp Swim Team**

Kevin Kassa 183-181-180 – 544  
Brian Wald 191-170-178 – 539  
Substitute 190-183-173 – 546  
Jenn Leanhart 168-170-157 – 495

Strong games by Bruce Russell and Christian DeLuca led House Balls to all 3 games and the weekly team series over Minds In The gutter, 2416-

2112.

**House Balls**

Bruce Russell 210-203-226 – 639  
Christian DeLuca 228-212-195 – 635  
Reena Russell 172-224-196 – 592  
Anna DeLuca 181-203-166 – 550

**Minds In The Gutter**

Jay Sutton 167-174-211 – 552  
Substitute 158-178-213 – 549  
Substitute 161-160-152 – 473  
Substitute 180-164-194 – 538

Sexy Ginger came out on top with 3 games and the weekly team series against Split Happens, 2323-2245.

**Sexy Ginger**

Shawn McCurdy 167-221-175 – 563  
Jacob Bourgeois 189-207-204 – 600  
PT 207-200-222 – 629  
Clayton Farrin 176-168-187 – 531

**Split Happens**

Denise Williams 190-227-162 – 579  
Chris Lee 168-149-245 – 562  
Vacant 184-184-184 – 552  
Vacant 184-184-184 – 552

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# Community colleges expand in-person learning for fall

**From MCCA**

AUGUSTA, ME — Maine’s community colleges will offer expanded in-person learning this fall as part of an overall effort to return campus life to as close to normal as possible while still meeting COVID-19 safety measures.

“We are eager for the students, faculty and staff to return to our colleges as much as possible,” said Maine Community College System President David Daigler. “Hopeful signs such as Maine’s clear vaccination rollout plan gives us confidence in planning expanded in-person instruction.”

The fall plans will evolve as more health and vaccine-related guidance emerges. If pandemic-related restrictions ease, the intention is to offer a more traditional student experience this fall, with expanded classes, residential hall capacity, food service and other on-campus activities.

During the last year, only about 30 percent of classes were offered in-person, residence halls at five campuses were limited to one person per bedroom, and campus facilities were mostly closed.

The presidents of Maine’s community colleges are releasing campus-specific information about fall plans. All seven colleges will continue to use daily COVID-19 screening apps to monitor the on-campus population and enforce health protocols.

“Expanding in-person learning is in the best interests of our students, our community, and in line with our pledge to prioritize the health and safety of our faculty, staff and students,” Daigler said. “Many students say they prefer taking classes on campus, and businesses are desperate for the graduates of our programs.”

More than 75 percent of the programs at Maine’s community colleges are

the only ones of their kind in the state, and MCCA serves more than 29,000 people each year through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

“Maine’s community colleges are essential to preparing people with the skills they need for the jobs they want, and for Maine to build a strong, sustainable recovery,” Daigler said. “Throughout history, education has been the cornerstone for transforming our economy after every major disruption.”

Additional information, including links to the colleges’ COVID pages, can be found on the MCCA COVID-19 information page at <https://www.mcca.me.edu/covid-19/>

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# Art For Good series from CCAC in April

## A4G ART FOR GOOD

### From CCAC

BATH - The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC) will present a four-part online series in April that will focus on how the arts can be used to make the world a better place.

The series, called Art For Good (A4G), will be made up of video content highlighting artists and organizations in Maine that seek to use arts of all sorts

to improve the lives of others.

All episodes in the series will air on the CCAC Facebook and YouTube pages at 7pm on Thursdays in April.

The series will be free to watch, and viewers will be encouraged to donate to support CCAC and the featured artists and organizations.

### ArtVan

This episode will run 7-8 p.m. on Apr. 8. It is

free to watch, and donations are accepted. In this first episode, the Chocolate Church Arts Center will spend time with ArtVan, a mobile art therapy nonprofit organization serving under-resourced youth in the communities where they live.

### Dolls For Change

On Apr. 15, from 7-8 p.m., the series will continue with Kimberly Becker, founder of Dolls for Change, which creates and sells dolls made from recycled clothing. Sales of the dolls go toward supporting young women in Uganda so that they may stay in school.

### Ross Alan Bachelder

In this episode, from 7-8 p.m. on Apr. 22, the Chocolate Church Arts

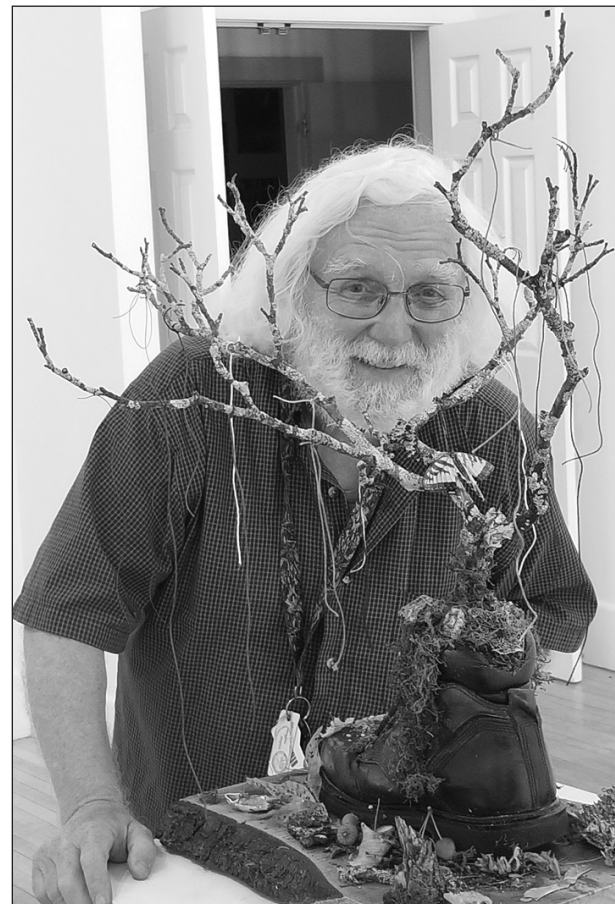
Center will spend time with Ross Alan Bachelder, an artist and musician who advocates for individualism within the arts community, and for the value of self-trained artists.

The episode is free to watch, and donations are accepted/

### Music and Magic

From 7-8 p.m. on Apr. 29, the Chocolate Church Arts Center will spend time with Rob and Amanda Duquette of Music and Magic, an organization that serves young people by the donation of musical instruments to children, as well as musical performances and education.

For more information, visit [chocolatechurcharts.org](http://chocolatechurcharts.org), or call the box office Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at (207) 442-8455.



Ross Alan Bachelder will be featured in an episode of Art For Good from the Chocolate Church Arts Center on Apr. 22. He is an artist and musician who advocates for individualism within the arts community. (Photo courtesy of CCAC)

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### Veterans

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tegrated healthcare system.

“We’ve realized greater efficiencies by empowering VA New England Healthcare System staff to operationalize regionally without concern for state borders,” Clifford said. “It’s a testament to the strength of VA.”

Clifford said her staff regularly shares how rewarding it is to work in the vaccination clinics.

“I can attest to the same having had the opportunity to roll my sleeves up and work at these clinics,” she said. “It has been such an incredible honor to be able to protect all who have protected us in this unprecedented way.”

Leadership of all three facilities stated that collaboration and sharing of best practices made implementation of a large-scale and quickly orchestrated event like this one seamless, even across state lines.

“Our [VA New England HCS] integrated healthcare system is stronger than any one facility and what happened here today is proof of that,” VA Maine Associate Director for Business Operations Russell Armstead said. “This is huge; this is what partnership looks like.”

Veterans who came to the event admitted they were unsure of what to expect, especially those who came from Maine, like Army Veteran Janet Paquin, a crane operator. However, they stated their fears were unfounded. Paquin reported on the way out, “I

am thrilled to have been able to be here today to receive my vaccine, and I, like millions of people, are ready get life back to normal.”

Other Veterans who were vaccinated felt compelled to reach out following the event.

Andrew Corrow, retired Army Medical Service Corps officer and New Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars Department (state) surgeon sent an email.

“I have to pass this along to you all,” Corrow wrote. “I got my first vaccine shot today at the VA vaccine clinic in Portsmouth. Holy cow. It was like a military operation. Crazy efficient. I was in and out in 30 minutes even with the 15-minute wait.”

Anderson, a nurse herself, said the vaccination clinic is a wonderful place to work because the Veterans are hopeful and happy to receive the vaccine.

“A lot of people go into nursing to make a difference,” she said. “For me, this makes a difference. These Veterans are interested in being able to see their children and grandchildren again. We might not get back to normal, but we can give them hope about opening up a new world.”

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



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**1ST AND 3RD  
TUESDAYS  
11:30 a.m.**  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

**THURSDAY  
Mar. 18**  
**8 a.m.**  
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.  
**Noon-1 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Great Falls Forum, a free, monthly series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and the arts streaming virtually via Zoom and streamed to the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page. This month's forum features Rose Barboza and Jerry Edwards.  
**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Board of Appeals meeting via Zoom.  
**7 p.m.**  
Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

**MONDAY  
Mar. 29**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Finance Committee meeting via

Zoom.  
**6 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

**WEDNESDAY  
Mar. 31**  
**Noon**  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Read Your Mind: Exploring Mental Health in Teen Books - a monthly, virtual series focusing on teen mental health & wellness with YA authors and community health experts. In March we will host authors Ceylan Scott & Julia Drake to discuss self-harm behaviors, the influence of guilt and loss, and honest portrayals of hospitalization experiences. Contact hchance@lewistonmaine.gov or call 207-513-3135 to register.

**THURSDAY  
Apr. 1**  
**4 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Cable TV Advisory Board meeting.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board meeting.

**MONDAY  
Apr. 5**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – City Council Workshop and Meeting.  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting in City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.  
**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Planning Board meeting via Zoom.

**TUESDAY  
Apr. 6**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**AUBURN** – Age-Friendly Community Committee.

**6 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – City Council Budget Workshop and Meeting. CAN BE VIEWED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM: Due to necessary COVID19 precautions, the April 6 City Council meeting will be broadcast via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc> Also, public comment will be possible at [publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov). The meeting will be archived on the City's YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/YouTube> by the next day.

**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting via Zoom.

**THURSDAY  
Apr. 8**  
**4-5 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Eco-maine Outreach & Recycling Committee meeting via an online video conference.

**6 p.m.**  
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**MONDAY  
Apr. 12**  
**5:30 p.m.**

LEWISTON – Planning Board Meeting via Zoom video conference. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

**TUESDAY  
Apr. 13**  
**6 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Planning Board meeting.

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**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Tentative Appointments Committee meeting – to be determined if this is a Zoom session.

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Tentative Town Council budget workshop – to be determined if this is a Zoom session.

**WEDNESDAY  
Apr. 14**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting.

**6:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – School Committee meeting via Zoom.

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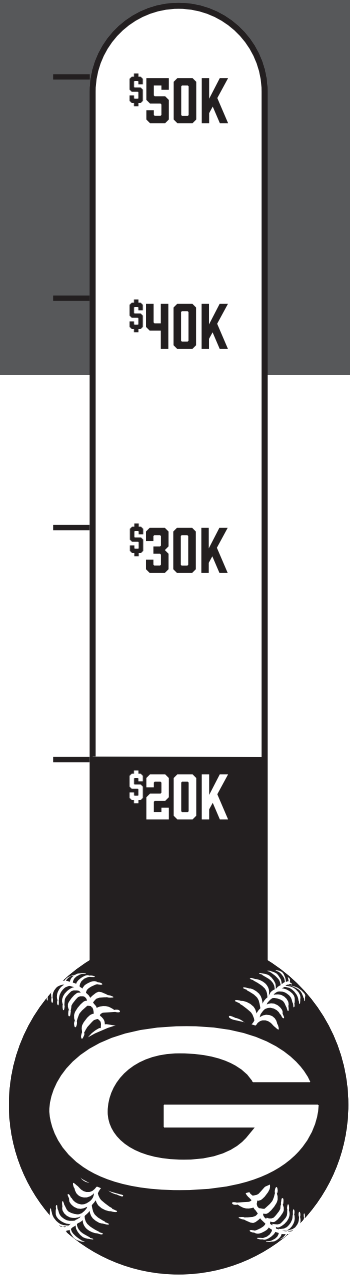
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