

Youth sports return to Gorham



Baseball and softball games return to Gorham starting May 8, with games at Little Falls Recreation and Shaw Park. (Photo courtesy of GYBSA)

By Nathan Tsukroff

GORHAM – After a year lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, youth sports is returning to Gorham for the spring with the start of the baseball and softball season.

Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association, also known as Gorham Little League since it is part of the Little League program, conducted sign ups in February and March for the boys’ and girls’ teams after missing the 2020 season.

Last year, “We did a few drills and skills Saturday, and couple of days during the week,” association President Josh Brenner said. This spring, “it’s going to be a regular traditional season, and we’re really excited about that,” he said. “The only thing we’re doing a little bit different this

year is we’re starting two weeks late, so our first games are going to be on May 8.”

The later start is to ensure Gorham Little League is up to date on pandemic requirements from the State of Maine and and Town of Gorham, such as capacity limits. Under recent state guidelines, outdoor events can now be at 75% capacity, with full capacity allowed as of May 24. “Although, what we are going to be instructing for the season is that each child is allowed two spectators,” Brenner said.

The league is looking at limiting the number of players and spectators at a game to about 100 people, since games are played on fields run by the Gorham Parks & Recreation Department. Brenner said the league worked closely with Parks & Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton to set

guidelines for the games.

“We’re embarking on one of the first full seasons since all of this (the pandemic) started,” Brenner said. “So to get kids out of their houses and doing these practices and games, I think baseball and softball is really going to benefit from this, because kids have been wanting to do something like this for more than a year now.”

While the league was unsure how many parents would want their children involved in spring sports, “we got enough players for five minor league baseball teams, four major league baseball teams, and three softball minor league teams and two softball major league teams,” he said. At about 12 players a team, that means about 115 boys will be on the baseball di-

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Grants to help youth during pandemic

From Gorman Foundation

PORTLAND - The John T. Gorman Foundation has awarded 11 grants totaling \$250,000 to help Maine organizations throughout the state increase mental health, wellness, and community support opportunities for older youth during the pandemic.

The funding comes in response to rising concerns about the well-being of young adults, who are suffering from the mental health effects of the prolonged pandemic as they are disconnected from school and other social supports.

“The pandemic has taken an enormous toll on people all over the world, including and especially our young people. We are losing them to isolation, substance use, and suicide at alarming rates,” says Lisa Margulies, Program Associate at the Foundation. “These grants represent only a drop in the bucket compared to the resources needed to fully meet this crisis, but we hope that they will make a difference to the most vulnerable young people in Maine.”

The 11 grants awarded by the Foundation will support organizations serving youth in eight counties of high need, as well as an initiative to support youth at Indian Township and a statewide organization serving LGBTQ youth. The organizations will provide an array of outreach activities and services to vulnerable youth, including connections to caring adults, mental health programming, and basic needs supports.

Receiving grants in Androscoggin County, are Rural Community Access Ministry at \$15,000 and Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services at \$15,000.

In Franklin County is Rangeley Health and Wellness at \$25,000.

In Kennebec County is the Alford Youth and Community Center at \$25,000.

In Knox County is the Knox County Homeless Coalition / The Landing Place at \$25,000.

In Lincoln County, RSU 40 will receive \$20,000.

In Penobscot County, Bangor YMCA is to receive \$25,000.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Local students graduate, on deans' lists

Emmanuel College Fall 2020 Dean's List

BOSTON, MA - In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named more than 900 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students receiving the honor include:

- Megan Steele of Auburn
- Kyle King of Gorham
- Grace Pepin of Lewiston
- Carlos Monsen of Gorham
- Emma Callahan of Gorham
- Connor Donnelly of Gorham
- Sophia Jones of Auburn
- Rebecca Raby of Auburn
- Grace Terry of Gorham

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-

acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities.

Lehigh University Dean's List

BETHLEHEM, PA - Students at Lehigh University attained Dean's List in Fall 2020. This status is granted to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

Nathan Osgood of Lewiston. For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provides

opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community

Colgate Dean's Award

HAMILTON, NY (03/19/2021)-- Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses for a conventional letter grade during the fall 2020 semester earn the Dean's Award with Distinction at Colgate College in New York..

Barbara Roundy of Lewiston, ME, is a graduate of Lewiston High School, and is a Biology major at Colgate.

Colgate is a leading American university for students who want classes with rigor, faculty with passion, and confidence in knowing they will learn how to thrive in work and life. Colgate offers 56 majors and supports 25 Division I athletic teams on a campus of about 3,000 stu-

dents in central New York.

Degrees from WGU SALT LAKE CITY

- The following local residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 218,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Donna Elcewicz of Auburn, Maine received a Bachelor of Science, Nursing.

Drew Dillingham of Auburn, Maine received a MBA, Healthcare Management.

Heather Upchurch of Lewiston, Maine received a Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction.

WGU has recognized 14,146 undergraduate and 15,640 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since July 2, 2020. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was 2 years, 3 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 4 months. The average age for those who graduated is 37 years old. The following local students have earned an Award of Excellence at

Western Governors University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Kira Sorumeito of Auburn, Maine has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University Teachers College.

Allison Kelly of Lewiston, Maine has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Business. Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 131,000 students nationwide and has more than 218,000 graduates in all 50 states.

SUNY Morrisville Dean's List

MORRISVILLE, NY - SUNY Morrisville recently announced those students who were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

Kayla Delano of Wiscasset, ME, majoring in Animal Science - Equine Science & Management

Finneas Goodwin of Auburn, ME, majoring in Wood Products Technology

Keltan Tanguay of

Gorham, ME, majoring in Dairy Management - BT

SUNY Morrisville's curricula are enriched with applied learning and pave the way for opportunity at both the Morrisville and Norwich campuses. An action-oriented, interactive learning lab, the college is a national leader in technology and has been lauded for its exemplary, innovative and effective community service programs.

The college was ranked among the Best Regional Colleges in the North by U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2021 issue and was also recognized in the Top Public Schools, Regional Colleges North in the 2021 Best Colleges rankings.

Simmons U. Dean's List

BOSTON - Jordyn Rubin, Lewiston resident, was named to the 2020 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

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Grignon joins Fontaine Family team



Rachel Grignon recently joined the Fontaine Family real estate team in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Fontaine Family)

this job, she has developed a passion for serving people in her community and provided the opportunity to open new locations throughout New England for the company.

Grignon lives in Sidney with her husband, who is her childhood best friend, and a dog named Bentley who was born on their wedding day! They recently their first house together in April and will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary in June.

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Maine partners with T-Mobile to increase internet access

From Maine DOE

AUGUSTA - The Maine Department of Education has partnered with T-Mobile to expand efforts to provide internet access and devices to Maine students through their Project 10Million initiative.

If they choose to participate, the program provides mobile Wi-Fi hotspot devices directly to school districts for student use.

“We are thrilled to partner with T-Mobile to continue providing opportunities that allow Maine students to stay connected to their teachers, peers, and school communities,” said Maine Commissioner of Education Pender Makin. “The partnership helps to expand our own Connect Kids Now! initiative which supports Maine schools by providing internet connectivity through the pandemic.”

The Connect Kids Now! initiative began in the spring of 2020 at the onset of the pandemic when it became abundantly clear that technology resources were critical in closing the equity of access

gap for continued learning for Maine students. In line with these efforts, T-Mobile’s Project 10Million initiative provides the opportunity for districts in Maine to participate by signing up and choosing from three tiers of service which they can pass on to students at no cost: up to 100GB per year per device for free, or low-cost options for 100GB per month or unlimited data. Part of the commitment of the partnership will be to provide additional devices from T-Mobile over the next five years. T-Mobile will distribute these devices directly to districts and all student households with at least one student participating in the National School Lunch Program are eligible for the program. The Maine DOE will look to include districts based on economic factors such as Title I schools, National School Lunch Program eligibility rates, and distressed county designations. Districts can complete an online interest form to participate in the program.

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Two 14-year olds create online tutoring platform

From Tutorly-Ed

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP, NJ — Launched in July 2020 by students from Randolph, NJ, Tutorly Ed is a free online tutoring platform for students.

This program is intended to nurture students' curiosity, guide them towards their passions, and inspire success.

Kae and Ky Park, co-CEOs of Tutorly Ed, said they work with high school volunteers who are highly accomplished in both core and enrichment subjects as well as volunteering within their community. We have an inclusive culture and strive to create an environment where students can practice life skills such as collaboration, communication and critical thinking.

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our platform to self-select their tutor based on their profiles, email the tutor for more information, and schedule a tutoring session right on our website. Our core subjects include math, science, history, ELA/literature, social studies/history and foreign language. For enrichment subjects, we offer computer science, robotics, beauty & style, culinary arts/cooking, finance and international business, healthcare, law & public safety, music and instruments, and visual & performing arts.

Due to Covid-19, they realized that the need for online learning has skyrocketed, but not everyone can afford it. Considering this, we decided to make Tutorly Ed free of charge. Since Tutorly Ed was created by 14-year-old high school students, we can better understand the students' needs and relate better with our clients. Our

program is the perfect way to fuel these technological accelerations, rising need for extra support educationally, and ease the harsh transition to a whole new lifestyle.

"We created Tutorly Ed because the Covid-19 pandemic opened our eyes to the great amount of unemployment and struggles newly introduced. It has altered lifestyles, put families in isolation both financially and physically, and essentially has changed everything that used to be familiar to us. However, we decided to embrace this and turn this challenge into a new opportunity. Tutorly Ed is free, and 100% virtual, so it is affordable, accessible year-round regardless of location, and provides service to those in need from the comfort of their homes, helping society beat this pandemic one step at a time," says Ky, the co-CEO of Tutorly Ed.

Being in quarantine for over a year now, has had a harsh impact upon both students and parents. Schools are beginning to try and return to normal, developing a gap between those that are learning in classrooms in-person vs. those learning in virtual settings. It has become extremely difficult for many students to maintain focus and motivation to retain the information presented to them in class. However, our team of highly accomplished high school tutors can help ease this gap and support all students, whether they are learning virtually or in-person, to reach academic success. As for parents, Covid-19 has newly introduced financial issues within millions of families, further affecting the support they are able to receive, particularly with education and tutoring. This is precisely why our program is free.

We are able to give back to the community and help those who are struggling during these times, both students and parents.

From our launch six months ago to now, we have accumulated an international team of 40+ highly qualified high school tutors. We have received recognition and awards from various organizations and online communities, and even partnered with them to augment the impact upon students and those in need. Along with this, we have received an overwhelming amount of support from numerous loyal customers from all around the world, held hundreds of lessons with students of all ages, and have built a community of acceptance, diversity, and opportunity.

"This platform started out as a vision, a mere idea that we had as young students struggling in

the midst of a pandemic. Come 6 months later, we have been able to meet so many new people and help them through our service. Whether it's a 30-minute lesson, a simple email from a client, or a message from a student looking to give back, it is the most gratifying feeling knowing what you are doing is helping someone and making a difference in their life, even in the smallest way. It is truly surreal," says Kae, co-CEO of Tutorly Ed.

Tutorly Ed is a free, online tutoring platform for students, created by students that offers help in both core academic and enrichment subjects. Through one-on-one or group student sessions, we empower and inspire success, guiding students toward their passions and dreams every step of the way.

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Guest Column

Don't Succumb to Fear

By Bryan Golden

Fear has an evolutionary foundation. The emotion of fear was intended to keep you safe. Fear triggered the fight or flight reflex. When you felt threatened, you would either run from the danger, or fight it head on.

Fear remains as powerful an emotion today as it was eons ago. Fear is helpful when it prevents you from taking needless risks. However, fear can lead to acting contrary to your self-interests. Fear often leads to procrastination, or following the wrong path.

Debilitating fears include fear of failure, fear of loneliness, fear of rejection, fear of ridicule, fear of criticism,

fear of job loss, and fear of poverty. Ironically, succumbing to fear leads to the very failure you were afraid of.

For example, fear of public speaking can be debilitating. People who succumb to stage fright never speak in front of people. It's interesting to note that there are a number of notable actors and musicians who had to overcome stage fright in order to pursue their passion. Had they succumbed to their fear, they would never have succeeded.

Fear is created in your mind by conjuring up, and obsessing about worst case scenarios. You create your own mental monster which impedes progress towards your goals. Since you have cre-

ated this fear, you can also vanquish it. Replace your worst-case scenarios with best case outcomes.

Fear can be based on external factors. Such as when you are fearful of the actions other people may take if you don't comply with their requests or demands. In this situation, you feel compelled to capitulate in order to avoid potential negative consequences. The danger here is doing things you don't want to do, or shouldn't be doing. Peer pressure is a classic example of this type of fear.

Succumbing to fear, whether internal, or external, invariably leads to regrets. When you act out of fear, you attract more fear. A classic example is the schoolyard bully who

seeks out victims who are afraid of him, while avoiding those people who will stand up to his aggression.

You avoid things you are afraid of. Think about how great you would feel being free from the shackles of fear. Imagine how much you could accomplish if you weren't afraid. With a determined mind, you leave fear behind you.

Whatever fears you have can be conquered. Start by identifying your fears; exactly what you are afraid of and why. Once you know what you are dealing with, you can formulate an effective strategy for overcoming your fears.

Fear feeds procrastination. Start doing what you have been afraid to

do. Go wherever you are afraid to go. Any success requires taking risks. Tell yourself you will not act out of fear. You get over stage fright by speaking in front of groups. You get over the fear of saying NO by saying NO where appropriate.

Fear is based on what you think might happen. Instead of fretting over what happens if something doesn't work, get excited over all the good which will result when something does work. Create for yourself objectives which you must attain.

Don't permit failure to lead to fear. Just because something didn't work as planned doesn't mean it can't work, or won't work. Determine

what went wrong, and why. Then go at it again after making adjustments. It took Thomas Edison 10,000 tries before creating a commercially viable electric light bulb. Edison was never deterred by a failed attempt. He kept at it until success was reached.

Act as if you're not afraid. Your actions create emotions consistent with those emotions. Act with confidence and you will feel confident. Act successful and you will feel successful. Act unafraid and you will feel unafraid.

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Out and About

Easter Sunday in 2020



The first Easter Bunny Liz and I saw hopping down the street in front of her house in Portland on Easter Sunday, Apr. 12, 2020. (Elizabeth Morin photo)

By Rachel Morin

Where was I last Easter?

It was the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and Easter Sunday was Apr. 12, 2020. I was visiting my daughter, Elizabeth, in Portland, and it was Easter Sunday morning. We were just settling down with our cups of coffee to watch Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley on CBS, our regular Sunday routine.

When Liz, out of the corner of her eye, caught sight of a big Easter Bunny hopping down the street in front of her house. “Quick!” she hollered, “to the front porch! There’s a giant rabbit hopping down

the street!”

Well, we rushed to open the door, and yes, there he was, an Easter Bunny! He stopped suddenly and looked at us. Then, we all laughed and we asked if we could take his picture. He posed for us and then he went hopping down the street.

Liz and I returned to our coffee and Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley and had a good time talking about our Easter Surprise.

In the afternoon, we went for a drive, and came upon an even bigger Easter Rabbit, this one with the usual big rabbit ears and a fluffier white costume. It was our day for seeing big Easter Bunnies.

Later we took a walk and came upon a delightful surprise. Liz took the picture and called it a “Glimpse of Spring.” The brightly colored purple

crocus gave us thoughts of our spring planting that we were eager to get started on.

That will be another column!



The prettiest and most delightful surprise was the early-blooming crocus we came upon on our afternoon walk. Liz called it a “Glimpse of Spring” and it got us talking about our plans for spring gardening. (Elizabeth Morin photo)



Here is the second Easter Bunny we saw with bigger ears and a fluffier white costume as we drove through a Portland neighborhood. (Elizabeth Morin photo)

Guest Column

A cutesy-wootsy look at pet names and baby talk

By Grammar Guy

Remember that episode of “Seinfeld” where Jerry and Sheila (Jerry’s girlfriend for one episode) call each other “schmoopie”? This schmaltzy, saccharine show of cutesy nicknaming made the rest of the gang sick. Most people remember this episode for the “Soup Nazi” yelling “No soup for you!” I, however, can’t get the baby-talk nicknames out of my mind.

Did you know there’s a term for these pet names? It’s called “hypocorism.” We get the term from the Greek word “hypokorizesthai,” which means “to call by pet names.” In general, the term applies to whenever adults talk like babies, create diminutive nicknames for other words or names, or use another fond term to replace someone’s name. When researching this topic, I found that hypocorisms are all over the place in Australia. Some believe this is because the Aussies are generally welcoming and friendly people, and these sort of fond nicknames flow naturally out of that interpersonal warmth.

Have you ever noticed people adding “-y” to the end of a word to make it sound cuter? That’s a hypocorism. My daughter (who is three) calls her blanket a “blanky.” The “blanky” is fuzzy and “comfy.” Of course, the rest of our family follows suit with this kind of talk because it’s just so darn cute. A “kitten” becomes a “kitty.” “Bird” turns into “birdy.” In the 1920s, the term “chamber pot” gave us the word “potty.” In our family, we’ve gone so far

down the hypocorism rabbit hole that koalas have become “koalies.”

I’m sure you’ve known someone named “John” who goes by “Johnny.” “Deborahs” end up as “Debbys,” “Tims” become “Timmys” and “Jims” are called “Jimmys.” At least, that’s what you call them through elementary school. At some point in middle school, they come back from summer break with a lower voice and they say “I go by Jim now.” These diminutive name versions are a form of hypocorisms.

Think about when you’re talking to someone dear to you. Instead of saying “Agnes” (if Agnes is the focus of your endearment), you say “honey.” Most of the time these types of pet names are reserved for significant others, but sometimes we call our kids “sweetie.” In the “Seinfeld” example, “schmoopie” is about as absurd as it gets, but I’m sure you have a dating or married couple who calls each other “babe.” While “babe” is a far cry from “sugar pie” or “honeybunch,” it counts as a form of hypocorism, or as I like to call it, a precious wittle hypocory.

Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of “Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life”. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

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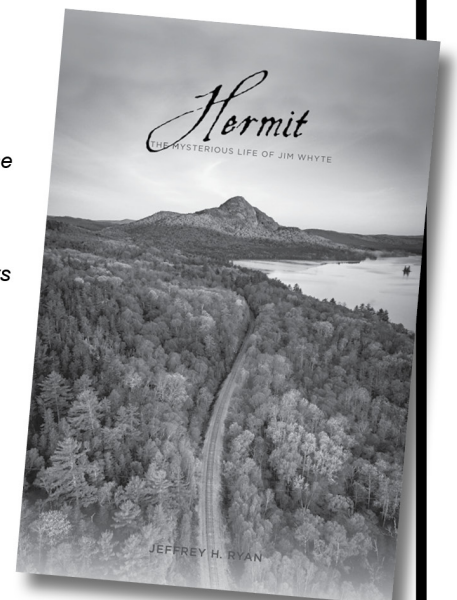
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Arts & Entertainment

Live concerts in Bath in May and June



The Mallett Brothers Band (Photo courtesy of CCAC)

From CCAC

BATH - The Chocolate Church Arts Center has announced a lineup of in-person, outdoor con-

certs held in May and June at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath.

The first concert, on Saturday, May 8, will feature The Mallett Brothers

Band, who perform their own brand of independent rock and roll, americana, and country. With a dedicated fanbase across the U.S. and a style that ranges from alt-country to jam and roots-rock, theirs is a musical melting pot that's influenced equally by the singer-songwriter tradition and by harder rock, classic country and psychedelic sounds.

On May 22, actor and musician Scott Moreau will perform his show *Under the Influence*, in which he will pay tribute to artists and songs that have shaped his career. Moreau made

his professional stage debut at Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick in 1999. Since then, he has traveled the country and world with the first national Broadway Tour of Million Dollar Quartet. Moreau has also performed as Johnny Cash since 2010, reprising his role as the "Man in Black" at the Ogunquit Playhouse in 2015 and 2016, The Tony Award-winning Paper Mill Playhouse, Maine State Music Theatre, and at sold-out outdoors shows presented by CCAC in 2020.

Next in the series, on May 29, will be Studio

Two: A Tribute to the Beatles. The group, made up of graduates from Berklee College of Music, pays tribute to the early Beatles catalog, choosing songs from the Beatles' frenetic touring years. By recreating the Fab Four's music, appearance, instruments, and onstage banter, Studio Two performs classic Beatles hits in a fun and immersive experience.

June 19 will be a concert from singer-songwriter David Mallett. In a career spanning four decades, Mallett has recorded 17 albums, and has written the classic American folk

song "Garden Song (Inch by Inch, Row by Row)." Mallett has performed in clubs, concert halls and festivals across the US, Canada and Europe, and has appeared on numerous broadcasts, including NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion*. Known for his carefully written, poetic offerings, his body of work has provided material for an eclectic list of artists that includes Alison Krauss, Pete Seeger, Hal Ketchum, Emmylou Harris, John Denver, and the Muppets.

Finally, on June 26, *See Concerts, page 9*

Maine Arts Commission awards \$127,000 in aid

From MAC

AUGUSTA - The Maine Arts Commission recently announced that \$127,000 in economic aid is to be distributed directly to artists and cultural organizations in Maine.

By creating two new grant - the Resilience Artist grant, and the Organization Relief Grant - the Arts Commission is able to award \$36,000 to individual artists, and \$91,436 to support arts organizations who are experiencing economic hardship from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to provide fully funded awards to organizations and individuals in need," said Commission Executive Director David Greenham.

Since January, the Maine Arts Commission has restructured part of its grant program and undergone personnel changes that resulted in some cost saving procedures. Agency staff, under the leadership of Greenham, made it a priority to direct additional funds back into the arts sector.

"We used the remainder of the CARES money for organization grants, and we matched

that with money freed up through efficiencies to create a relief program for artists," said Kerstin Gilg, the Commission's Grants Director. "We accelerated the grant review process so awardees could be notified by early March. It is important the money gets to those who need it quickly."

"However," Greenham added, "this funding is not enough to meet the need among organizations and individual artists in Maine. Cultural venues were among the very first to close when the pandemic hit and will likely be among the last to open. It is incumbent upon us to continue to work to provide what funds we can, and to work with state agencies to ensure guidelines for the safety of artists and audiences are clear as venues look to reopen."

With the recent passage of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, state arts agencies are also anticipating important provisions for the arts. These include \$135 million for the National Endowment for the Arts (and explicit support for the federal-state partnership) and \$1.35 billion more for the Shuttered *See Awards, page 16*

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UMaine CE classes and webinars this spring



The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will host a webinar on harvesting and cooking fiddleheads on April 14. (Photo courtesy of UMaine CE)

From UMaine

ORONO – The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is offering a variety of classes and webinars this spring.

Tractor safety classes

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer farm tractor safety classes online weekly 6–7 p.m. April 14 through May

5. In-person tractor-driving practice will be May 1 and May 8, with a rain date May 15, at two locations — Gorham Public Works, 80 Huston Road, Gorham; and Kennebec Valley Community College, 15 Stanley Road, Hinckley. Applications to participate in the classes are due April 4.

Classes are designed for adults and youth at least 14 years old, and are re-

quired for 14- and 15-year-olds who plan to operate farm equipment for hire on farms other than their own family’s farm. Topics include how to safely handle tractors and farm equipment, avoid hazards and minimize chances of accidents. Certification will be issued after successful completion of the course, including written and driving tests.

The \$20 per person fee includes materials; limited financial assistance is available. Access to a device capable of streaming audio and video is required. Due to limited space, priority will be given to 14- and 15-year-olds. Apply and learn more on the program webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Jason Lilley, 207.781.6099; jason.lilley@maine.edu.

Climate & Ag Webinar Series

The Maine Agriculture & Climate Network

(MECAN) at the University of Maine will kick off its virtual Spring 2021 Climate & Ag Webinar Series in April.

Each webinar, which will be held noon–1 p.m. via Zoom, will consist of three short presentations followed by a panel discussion. Speakers will include farmers, outreach professionals and agricultural and climate scientists.

The three-webinar series launches with “The Changing Landscape of Soil Health,” on April 6, followed by “Pasture Management in a Changing Climate” on April 15 and “Climate Change & On-Farm Water Management” on April 29.

To learn more and register, visit the MECAN’s webinars webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sue Erich, erich@maine.edu.

MECAN is a network of scientists, outreach professionals, and stakeholders

coordinated by the University of Maine. Their mission is to increase communication and identify challenges, opportunities and potential solutions regarding climate and Maine agriculture.

Webinar on fiddleheads

Orono, Maine — University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Extension will offer a webinar for home gardeners about fiddleheads from 6–7:15 p.m. April 14.

“Fiddleheads: A Spring Tradition” topics include how to properly identify, sustainably harvest and safely cook ostrich fern fiddleheads. UMaine Extension agriculture professional Dave Fuller will lead the presentation.

Registration is required; a sliding scale fee is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive a link to the recording. This is the first in a six-part spring gardening webinar series offered

every other Wednesday through June for Maine and New Hampshire gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207.781.6099; extension.gardening@maine.edu.

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine’s land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights becomes law

From Maine Senate

AUGUSTA – A bill from Maine Senate President Troy Jackson of Allagash and Maine House Speaker Ryan Fecteau of Biddeford to establish a COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights recently became law without the governor’s signature.

LD 1, “An Act to Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights” requires state-regulated health insurance companies to cover

COVID-19 screening, testing and immunization at no cost to the patient. It also prevents health care providers from charging patients any sort of fee related to these types of services.

“As more Mainers become eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine each day, lawmakers must ensure nothing prevents any Mainer who wants to get vaccinated from getting their shot. The COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights ensures that all

Mainers with state-regulated health insurance will be able to access COVID-19 testing, screening and vaccination at no cost to the patient,” said President Jackson. “In Maine, we are finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With this law in effect, we can get through this crisis and begin rebuilding.”

“The immense relief felt by Maine people who have received their first vaccination, now almost 30% of

Mainers, is life-changing. As of today, there is a new provision in Maine law that says COVID-19 vaccinations and testing must be available at no cost to Maine people. I’m proud that the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights makes sure nothing prevents Mainers from getting the health care they need to protect themselves, their families and loved ones from this

serious virus,” said Speaker Fecteau. “This bill makes sure cost is not a barrier to any Mainer in our fight against COVID-19.”

Although uninsured Mainers should be able to access testing and vaccination at no cost, the amended proposal includes language to ensure that if an uninsured Mainer is at a testing site that doesn’t have a con-

tract with the Department of Health and Human Services they are made aware of the cost ahead of time, are made aware of alternative sites where they can get tested for free, and are provided with the MaineCare form to get reimbursed for testing if they choose to get tested at a site without a DHHS contract.

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Junction Bowl league scores

From Junction Bowl

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

Scores include the player handicap.

Week 11

Monday Night Strikes

Kaitlyn Lemieux with 611 and Erica Jackson with 626 helped Split Happens to all 3 games and the weekly team series against The Gutter Rats, 2372-2320.

Split Happens

Kaitlyn Lemieux 196-1925-223 – 611
Erica Jackson 203-210-213 – 626
Heather Bryant 166-187-226 – 579
Elisabeth Maxfield 172-222-162 – 556

The Gutter Rats

Gary LaPierre 150-196-200 – 546
Amy Pompeo

199-225-203 – 627 2366.

Ben Smith 197-179-212 – 588
Shawna LaPierre 189-180-190 – 559

Romeo Jalbert had a big night with 659 to help Cobra Kai to 2 games and the weekly team series over Right Lane with 1 game, 2358-2353.

Cobra Kai

Romeo Jalbert 216-171-272 – 659
Tim Perry 173-207-216 – 596
Kenneth Reno 208-170-182 – 560
Eric Bretton 203-164-176 – 543

Right Lane

Brian Gonneville 219-202-158 - 579
Substitute 152-209-206 – 567
Colin McLean 190-221-191 – 602
Bill Haskell 217-234-196 - 647

Pin Me Please led the night with wins for the first 2 games, while Hammond Eggs took 1 game and the weekly team series, 2419-

Pin Me Please

Ashley Calvert 230-203-174 – 607
Rick Cormier 223-181 – 202 – 606
Heather Lavallee 198-205-205 – 608
Brendan Gow 189-191-165 – 545

Hammond Eggs

Ryan Stuart 222-178-242 – 642
Bobby Brown 218-210-209 – 637
Alex Benner 198-218-174 – 590
Substitute 186-170-194 – 550

Two Finger Death

Punch rolled for 2 games the weekly team series over The (League) office with 1 game, 2301-2246.

Two Finger Death Punch

Jon Talbot 188-205-216 – 609
Charlie Pasquerillo 190-198-164 – 552
Scott Smart 204-191-178 – 573
Substitute 192-172-203 – 567

The (League) Office

Sebastian Pettitt 170-220-213 – 603
Aidan Underwood 183-178-190 – 551
Nick Calvert 178-178-256 – 612
Vacant 180-180-180 – 540

Thursday Night Dynamite

Minds In The Gutter didn't fool around in Thursday action, topping Bowler? I Barely Know Her! for all 3 games and the weekly team series, 2396-2304.

Minds In the Gutter

Scott Verrill 180-199-192 – 571
Jay Sutton 213-273-207 – 693
Doug Mercier 207-148-190 – 545
Matt Ferrante 199-215-173 – 587

Bowler? I Barely Know Her!

Dylann Swisley 185-190-204 – 579
Deanna Boisvert 206-217-209 – 632

Blind 170-170-170 – 510

Substitute 212-209-162 – 583
Sexy Ginger snagged 2 games and the weekly team series from Strike First with 1 game, 2382-2319.

Sexy Ginger

Shawn McCurdy 218-178-198 – 594
Substitute 174-193-188 – 555
PT 228-241-229 – 698
Clayton Farrin 180-180-175 – 535

Strike First

Sherry Coyne 179-217-208 – 604
Roni Bretton 222-202-187 – 611
Kenneth Reno 177-197-169 – 543
Romeo Jalbert 203-187-171 – 561

Split Happens took all 3 games and the weekly team series as it splashed past Smelt Camp Swim Team, 2213-2088.

Split Happens

Denis Williams

162-192-202 – 556

Chris Lee 160-154-164 – 478
Matt Lelansky 218-193-226 – 637
Duayne Frank 201-184-157 – 542

Smelt Camp Swim Team

Kevin Kassa 184-168-201 – 553
Tonya Kassa 174-166-190 – 530
Brian Waild 155-166-190 – 530
Jenn Leanhart 176-191-156 – 523

The XXX Turkeys rolled for 2 games and the weekly team series against the no-show House Balls with 1 game, 2285-2106.

XXX Turkeys

Terry Moore 224-158-196 – 578
Jake Ouellette 176-178-200 – 554
Ken Foss 164-185-254 – 603
Peter Luciano 206-165-179 – 550

House Balls

Blind 702-702-702 – 2106

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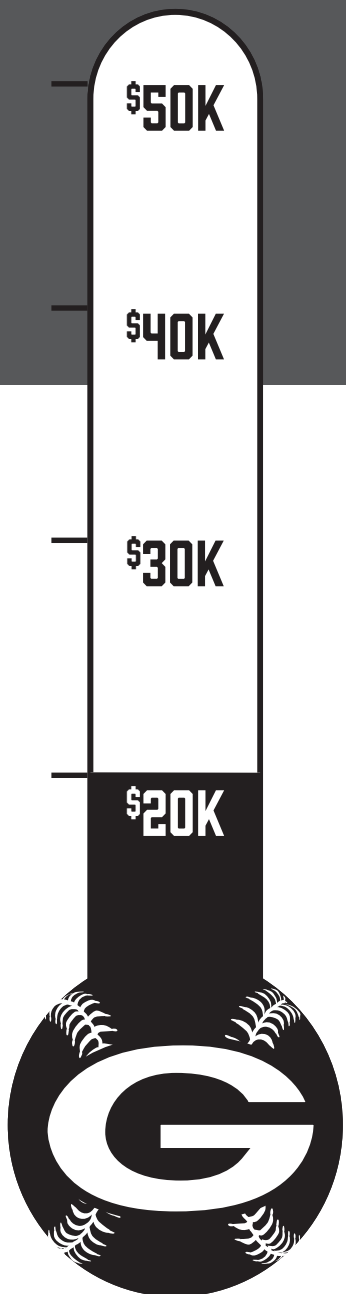
The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

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Sports

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amonds, and about 70 girls will take the fields for softball.

“We are going to be one of the largest Little League organizations in southern Maine this year, so I’m really impressed,” with how many parents got involved, Brenner said.

Along with the recently expanded allowances for spectators at sports, the state’s Center for Disease Control gave the go-ahead for inter-league play. That means Gorham will be playing against local towns such as Portland, Westbrook and Bonny Eagle.

Teams are planning for a 12-game season, with two or three games a week.

The post-season is still up in the air, since regional and national playoff games may not be possible. If there is not a regular post season, then local games

will be added, Brenner said.

Baseball is played at fields at the Little Falls Recreation Area, Shaw Park, and Village School.

Softball competes on fields at Village School and at Robie Park, which is next door to the Gorham High School.

Due to the pandemic Gorham Little League will not have an official opening ceremony, so games will start at Little Falls and Shaw Park without much fanfare the second weekend of May. A traditional closing ceremony is being planned “so we can present trophies,” Brenner said.



A baseball player winds up for a pitch in a Gorham Little League game from 2019. After skipping the 2020 season, boys and girls will start baseball and softball games again in Gorham on May 8. (Photo courtesy of GYBSA)



A player waits for the pitch before heading to second base in a Gorham Little League game from 2019. After cancelling all games last year, the league is starting a traditional season of baseball and softball on May 8. (Photo courtesy of GYBSA)

Concerts

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the series will wrap up with a performance from Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations, who perform a powerful mix of Motown and Memphis soul favorites. True to the genre, the band is complete with outstanding female singers and a full horn section. Their show will highlight the music of classic soul artists like Sam and Dave, the Supremes, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, and Aretha Franklin.

Tickets for individual concerts, or a discounted package to the entire series, are available at www.chocolatechurcharts.org, or by calling the CCAC box office at 207-442-8455. All social distancing and other measures will be adhered to at these shows. Please email info@chocolatechurch.com or call the box office for more information.

Pat Colwell and The Soul Sensations. (Photo courtesy of CCAC)



Scott Moreau’s ‘Under The Influence’. (Photo courtesy of CCAC)



Studio Two, the Beatles Tribute. (Photo courtesy of CCAC)



David Mallett. (Photo courtesy of CCAC)



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Dean's List

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President's List at LIM College

New York, NY - Haley Gideon of Lewiston, Maine was named to the President's List at LIM College for the Fall 2020 semester. To be placed on the President's List students must earn a grade point average between 3.8 and 4.0.

Founded in 1939, LIM College educates students for success in the global business of fashion and its many related industries. As a pioneer in experiential education, or "learning by doing," LIM College fosters a unique connection between re-

al-world experience and academic study in business principles, offering master's, bachelor's and associate degree programs.

LIM College is located in Manhattan - the nation's fashion and business capital - giving students vast opportunities for real-world experience and professional development.

Farmer graduates from UA Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Kristina Farmer, of Sanford, ME, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock during the fall 2020 semester.

Farmer graduated with a Master of Public Administration in Public Administration.

About 735 degrees were awarded for the fall 2020 semester at UA Little Rock.

With about 10,000 students and 100 programs, UA Little Rock offers learning, research, service, social and career opportunities that can only be found at a metropolitan university located in Arkansas' capital city.

St. Lawrence U.

Dean's List

CANTON, NY - The following students have

been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for their academic achievements during the Fall 2020 semester.

Emma Galipeau-Eldridge is a member of the Class of 2021 and is majoring in psychology. Galipeau-Eldridge is from Otisfield and attended Poland Regional High School.

Derek Metivier is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majoring in economics. Metivier is from Lewiston and attended Lewiston High School.

Founded in 1856, St. Lawrence University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of about 2,500 students located in Canton, New York

U. of Hartford

President's Honors List

WEST HARTFORD, CT - The University of Hartford congratulates the students who have been named to the President's Honors List for Fall 2020.

The President's Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

Bethany Welch of Auburn Spread across seven

dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades.

Dean's List at Adelphi U.

GARDEN CITY, NY - Faith Dillon of Gorham, ME, has been named to Adelphi University's fall 2020 Dean's List.

Dillon was among a select group of outstanding students recognized by Adelphi's deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Science, Business, Nursing and Public Health, Social Work and Psychology for superior academic performance. The list comprises full-time students-registered for 12 or more credits-who have completed at least nine graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. This recognition becomes part of the student's academic record and is entered into the individual's transcript.

Adelphi University, New York, is a highly awarded, nationally ranked, powerfully connected doctoral research university dedicated to transforming students' lives through small classes with world-class faculty,

hands-on learning and innovative ways to support academic and career success.

URI Dean's List

KINGSTON, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. The following students were named to Dean's List:

Lily Barden of Gorham

Clay Bassingthwaite of Gorham

Jazmine Fournier of Lewiston

Callie Russell of Gorham

Natalie Russell of Scarborough (04074)

Lydia Valentine of Gorham

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

As a public Land Grant University in a highly competitive region in the United States, URI carefully monitors and manages its tuition and fee rates to remain one of the most affordable universities in the Northeast for both in-state and out-of-state students. An estimated 90% of undergraduate students receive annual financial aid and institutional support

Degree from Cumberlands

WILLIAMSBURG, KY (03/01/2021)-- University of the Cumberlands wishes to congratulate Danielle Harris of Lewiston, ME, on earning their Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership in fall 2020. Well done, Danielle!

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April is Financial Literacy Month

From FAME

AUGUSTA — Financial Literacy Month is about to be in full swing at the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). Throughout the month of April, FAME's College Access and Financial Education Team will be offering a variety of virtual workshops intended to promote the importance of lifelong financial wellness.

To kick off the month, FAME's Financial Education Officer, Mary Dyer, will be presenting a virtual session titled Raising Financially Savvy Kids. This session is offered as part of FAME's Financial Check-Ins series, which was created to support employee financial wellness across the state. Later in the month, FAME will partner with Next Gen Personal Finance to offer a session on Using Financial Education Games to Help Students on a Path to Financial Wellness. Throughout the month, FAME will also be offering sessions on paying for higher education, understanding and comparing financial aid offers, and much, much more. To learn more and register for these events, individuals can visit FAME's event page.

In addition to the virtual workshops, FAME will also launch a series of social media messages to promote financial wellness, including a Don't Be Fooled campaign on April

1st that was created to educate consumers about student loan scams. FAME will also share financial wellness tips in its 5 on the 5th Series.

"FAME's financial education efforts are a key element of our mission. We provide outreach to families, students, and those seeking workforce accreditation of all ages throughout the state, from Aroostook to York Counties, in order to help prepare the people of Maine for financially successful futures," stated FAME Acting Chief Executive Officer Carlos R. Mello. "We also have designed a financial education series targeted toward Maine employers to support the state's workforce needs."

In addition to the social media efforts, FAME will continue to promote Claim Your Future®, an interactive tool designed to encourage students to explore the return on investment of various career options and financial decisions. FAME has partnered with several states to provide customized versions of Claim Your Future, and the digital version has been played by students in over ninety countries and in every U.S. state. Throughout April, FAME will promote Invest in ME Reads, a family financial education program that was launched in the fall of 2020.

FAME is also proud to continue its support of

the Maine Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, whose mission is focused on providing training and resources to personal finance and economics educators across the state. Throughout the spring, the Coalition is hosting a series of virtual professional development opportunities, including an event titled Taxes and Trivia, which will be offered in partnership with the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants.

"As State Treasurer and a FAME Board member, I want to encourage Maine families and students to partake in these financial education events hosted by FAME and other organizations. It is so important for our youth and adults to develop lifelong financial wellness habits, especially when it comes to saving and paying for higher education and anticipating future occupations and household budgets," stated Maine State Treasurer Henry E.M. Beck.

FAME is a quasi-independent state agency that provides innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business and educational opportunities. FAME helps to lead the creation of good paying jobs for Maine citizens by working at the nexus between economic and workforce development. To learn more about FAME, please visit www.famemaine.com

T-Mobile

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"Partnering with the Maine DOE helps us identify districts and students that will benefit most from Project 10Million and get them the devices and connectivity required to fully participate in school," said Mike Katz, executive vice president of T-Mobile for Business. "We are grateful to be a part of the solution that Commissioner Makin and her team have put in place to make sure ALL students can access the resources they need to succeed."

Districts that are interested in participating in T-Mobile's Project 10Million can fill out the interest form on the project's website.

Grants

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In Waldo County, the Maine Youth Alliance / The Game Loft will get \$25,000.

In Washington County, the Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness / Indian Township Tribal Government was awarded \$25,000.

OUT Maine, covering youth statewide, is to receive \$25,000.

Before the pandemic, roughly 1 in 5 adolescents

worldwide was coping with mental health challenges – and suicide was the third leading cause of death for teens aged 15 to 19.

COVID-19 has compounded these issues by reducing youth contact with school and other community supports, driving youth unemployment, disrupting social and community networks, and increasing drug and alcohol use. Anxiety and depression are up, as well as suicidal thoughts. According to the U.S. CDC, 1 in 4 young adults considered suicide this summer – significantly higher than the rate of 1 in 10 adults. In Maine, the number of youth with suicidal thoughts has almost doubled since the start of the pandemic, according to CDC data.

Grants to help address this crisis are the latest effort by the John T. Gorman Foundation to respond to the ever-evolving challenges of the pandemic. Over the last year, the Foundation has given \$1.5 million in COVID-19 grants to Maine organizations to provide food and shelter, domestic violence services, and child and family safety supports, as well to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communi-

ties of color in Maine.

John T. Gorman, known as Tom, was a grandson of L.L. Bean and established the Foundation in 1995 to help disadvantaged Mainers. Over the last decade, the independent, statewide foundation has moved to focus strategically on four key areas: improving educational achievement for children; promoting successful transitions to adulthood for vulnerable older youth; helping struggling parents to support their families and enabling low-income seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible.

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Shaker Village book discussion on April 12

Lois Lowry
Author: Like the Willow Tree, The Giver, Number the Stars

Brother Arnold
Shaker and leading Shaker Historian

Live Discussion and Q&A
HISTORICAL FICTION & STORYTELLING TRADITIONS AT SABBATHDAY LAKE SHAKER VILLAGE

Monday, April 12th 6pm Zoom
Register at maineshakers.com

Lois' book "Like the Willow Tree," an historical fiction set at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, on April 12.

The live event will take place via Zoom at 6 p.m. that Monday, and is open for pre-registration at maineshakers.com. The talk is free and open to all age groups and will be live-streamed on Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village's Facebook page. Optional donations are gladly accepted.

In the book, when their parents fall victim to the influenza epidemic of 1918, 11-year-old Lydia Pierce and her older brother, Daniel, are taken by their uncle to live in the Shaker Community at Sabbathday Lake in New

Gloucester, Maine.

Through Lydia's diary entries, we come to experience Shaker life and to appreciate her grieving, acceptance, and eventual appreciation for the community that was to become her family.

Brother Arnold will speak about children's life at Shaker Village and how being raised by the Shakers was a common practice at the time. Lydia's experience was based on both written and oral histories passed from one generation to the next. Brother Arnold will share many of those stories and also share the perspectives of the Shakers that raised these children.

A tale of heartbreak and hope on both sides of the experience, Lowry's

poignant story of living through the Spanish influenza pandemic sadly seems more resonant than ever before. In the face of COVID-19, readers are sure to draw comfort from Lydia's journey to find and discover the sense of community that she longed for.

Lois and Brother Arnold will also discuss how Shaker Village functioned through the harrowing Spanish Influenza compared with the modern-day struggles of living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst dozens of unplanned lambs being born on the Shaker farm, staff at home on lock-down, and the primary businesses closed, the Shakers are still finding ways to function as an expanded community.

Two-time Newbery medalist author Lois Lowry researched this era of Shaker history through primary resources in the Shaker Museum & Library archives as well as interviews with Brother Arnold to capture the oral histories. Hers is a fascinating and historically accurate contribution to Shaker storytelling and to the "Dear America" series from Scholastic Books, fictional diaries in the voices of young girls living history. Beloved for her many contributions to children's literature such as "The Giver," "Number the Stars," and "The Willoughbys" which was recently

produced for Netflix, Lois' says her "books have varied in content and style. Yet it seems that all of them deal, essentially, with the same general theme: the importance of human connections."

Brother Arnold has been a member of the Shaker Community since 1978. His knowledge has shaped his vocation in immeasurable ways, and it has also resulted in his incredibly valuable role at Shaker Village, inspiring all around him to appreciate, honor, and respect Shaker life, and its philosophies, values, mission, and vision. From individuals living around the world to those who work with him every day, people look to him to set the standards and be the guidepost that marks a way forward. In this way, Brother Arnold represents and embodies the living cultural practices and philosophies of a Church that began more than 200 years ago. He has dedicated his life in service to his calling to the Gospel and the Christlife, and he sets the standards for Shaker Village, not by expectation or insistence, but rather by example.

"Like the Willow Tree" is available for purchase through Shaker Village at maineshakers.com/shop and includes a 2020 introduction reflecting on the current COVID-19 pandemic by Lois Lowry.

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NEWS CENTER Maine helps with blood drive

From NCM

PORTLAND/BANGOR - Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. That is why NEWS CENTER Maine was proud to join forces once again with the American Red Cross for a statewide blood drive at the end of March.

The first blood donation was at 9 a.m. with the final donation at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 24.

In all, 232 units were collected. A single donation can possibly help save up to 3 lives, so Wednesday's donors could potentially help save 696 lives. That's about a 50% increase over last year's number.

In the four years NEWS CENTER Maine has partnered with The American Red Cross 769 units of blood have been collected—perhaps saving up to 2,307 lives.

Ed Suslovic has donated blood since he was

in high school in the 1970s. After discovering he has a rare form of leukemia, he himself now needs blood transfusions. "Most people have never donated blood before. As I look at my future, I am very thankful that some people are, but boy we need more," said Suslovic. "There's no blood factory. The only way to get it is from other, live human beings that care enough to take an hour out of their day and roll up their sleeve."

There were six donation sites including The Elks Lodge in Portland, The Elks Lodge in Brunswick, Flanagan Community Center in Rockland, Waterville YMCA in Waterville, and Anah Shrine in Bangor.

Blood is critical, especially during this pandemic, and Mainers came out to donate, demonstrating once again that Mainers help Mainers.

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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
Apr. 8
9:30 a.m.**

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Toddler Discovery Time. Join Ms. Dani for a Virtual Discovery Time on Facebook as she reads a picture book to our youngest listeners. (18 months-3 yrs)

4-5 p.m.

GORHAM – Eco-maine Outreach & Recycling Committee meeting via an online video conference.

6 p.m.

LEWISTON – City Council Budget Workshop. CAN BE VIEWED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM: Due to necessary COVID19 precautions, the April 8 City Council meeting will be broadcast via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc>. Also, public comment will be possible at publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov The meeting will be archived on the City's YouTube channel [# Calendar](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/You-</p>
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Tube by the next day.

**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
9:30 a.m.**

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Unicorn Yoga. Attention Unicorn Lovers! Pearl the Unicorn (pssst it's actually Ms. Sam the Children's Librarian at Windham Public Library) will be visiting Youth Services Librarian Ms. Heidi at Baxter Memorial Library. Ms. Heidi will read the book Unicorn Yoga while she and Pearl demonstrate the moves for you! You can find the program on Facebook on or after Apr. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

*Visit the library to pick up a make-your-own unicorn headband kit so that you too can do Unicorn Yoga with Ms. Sam (aka Pearl) and Ms. Heidi!

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Planning Board meeting.

6 p.m.

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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
10 a.m.**

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. STEAM - Suspension Bridge. Join Ms. Deb on Facebook for a virtual STEAM activity. Activities are geared toward K-5 learners and require minimal supplies that you'll likely have right on-hand at home. In today's activity, we'll learn a bit about basic engineering and use some of our own creativity to build a suspension bridge.

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.

**THURSDAY
Apr. 15
8 a.m.**

AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

9:30 a.m.

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Toddler

Discovery Time. Join Ms. Dani for a Virtual Discovery Time on Facebook as she reads a picture book to our youngest listeners. (18 months-3 yrs)

6 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Board of Appeals meeting via Zoom.

6:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Tentative Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee meeting via Zoom.

7 p.m.

AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

**MONDAY
Apr. 19
9 a.m.**

GORHAM – *Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Patriot's Day.*

LEWISTON – *Offices closed.*

AUBURN – *Offices closed.*

**TUESDAY
Apr. 20
7:30 a.m.**

AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

10 a.m.

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Chewonki Virtual Tour. Description coming soon . . .

4 p.m.

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AUBURN – Conservation Commission meeting.

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6:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop via Zoom.

**WEDNESDAY
Apr. 21
8 a.m.**

GORHAM – Gorham Economic Development Corporation meeting via Zoom.

10 a.m.

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Spring Scavenger Hunt. Join Mr. Jeff on Facebook for a Spring Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy watching Mr. Jeff traversing the trails

of Shaw Park looking for spring themed items, including blooming flowers, new leaves on trees, singing birds, and more! Want to try to find all the items on his list for yourself? Contact the library (on or after Apr. 21) to download a digital file to print off at home or save to your device. This is a great school vacation week activity for your family!

4 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees meeting.

**THURSDAY
Apr. 22
10 a.m.**

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Solar Oven. Ms. Deb is excited to celebrate Earth Day with you, and she's even more excited to make solar ovens! You'll learn a bit about the science behind solar energy and then put your knowledge to the test as you use some basic household items (including a recycled pizza box) to cook actual food. Will you bake a potato, warm up a leftover slice of pizza, or try solar s'mores? The possibilities are endless! Join us on Facebook for some fun!

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Comp. Plan Update Committee meeting.

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Greenham shared his optimism that we have started to look towards a brighter future: "The arts are critical to Maine's success, and the artistic

community is anxiously optimistic that we may soon safely welcome the public to our performing arts venues, museums, galleries, artist studios, workshops, fairs and festivals."

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 cultur-

al 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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