

Fairy tales on a virtual stage



Dancers rehearse a scene from the VivMo Shorts: Fairy Tales and Folklore, a virtual presentation from Vivid Motion dance troupe in Westbrook that is available through June 11. (Photo courtesy of Vivid Motion)

From Vivid Motion

WESTBROOK - Vivid Motion is putting its VivMo Shorts: Fairy Tales and Folklore on the virtual stage through June 11.

The dance troupe's choreographers have taken stories and turned them into short dance vignettes; each with its own quirky and innovative style!

From contemporary ballet to bubble-gum pop, with a little modern, jazz, hip-

hop and sneaker ballet thrown in; there's something for everyone.

Some classic Mother Goose, a new spin on Hansel and Gretel, and a journey through The Woods are among the tales being told through dance this spring. Each short dance is its own small story filmed in a variety of locations and streamed to the comfort of your home.

Since Vivid Motion started this whole project back in February, dancers have been working hard to present a dance

show in a safe, socially distant way. The troupe had 2 separate casts to allow more people to dance while still staying at least 6' apart. The entire time, masks adorned their faces.

Each tale was rehearsed for 3 weeks and then filmed on the 4th week at St. Lawrence Arts and Baxter Woods in Portland Maine - this is dance for film; not simply a dance video.

For ticketing information head to *See Fairy tales, page 8*

A whirlwind of activities at Baxter Library

From Baxter Library

GORHAM - The youth Summer Reading and Discovery Program is an eight-week whirlwind of activities, reading, and prizes at Baxter Memorial Library.

This year's theme, with in-person programs to match, will be all about healthy eating and active living (H.E.A.L.) with fun outdoor activities.

Pick up everything you need to get started at one of our Curbside Summer Reading Signup Events on Friday June 11 or June 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. You will be able to find library staff on the front lawn of the library (South Street) in costume and ready to hand you your game sheet to record your reading!

You can also visit the library to pick up your sheet anytime on or after June 11 to sign up.

For every four hours of reading, we reward you with prizes including bookmarks, a free Subway kid's meal, a book of your choice from our prize cart, and a small pizza from Domino's. The goal is to complete sixteen hours of reading by the end of August. Listening to audio books, enjoying graphic novels, reading stories together, and any other activities involving the written word count as "reading time."

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Seasonal jobs with Town of Gorham

GORHAM - The Town of Gorham is offering great seasonal employment opportunities in its Public Works and Recreation Departments.

To review vacancies, folks can visit www.gorham-me.org, click on the 'Employment' tab and apply today, or call Gorham HR at 222-1650 with any questions.

In addition to gaining valuable work experience, employees can earn competitive pay, paid leave in proportion to hours worked for applicable positions, and "stay-on" bonuses.

Holiday Trash Collection

If your trash collection day falls on one of these holidays, your trash will be picked up the next day:

Independence Day, July 4.

Thanksgiving Day, last Thursday in November.

Christmas, December 25.

Meetings and Events

June 7

7 p.m. - Planning Board Meeting. via Zoom.

June 8

6:30 p.m. - Tentative Appointments Committee Meeting via a method TBD.

June 9

8:30-10:30 a.m. - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event - Day 2, via Zoom.

June 9

7 p.m. School Committee Meeting in Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers (*limited to School

Committee members in-person only. Visit the district page and calendar for a Zoom link for public to join)

June 15

8 a.m. - Ordinance Committee Meeting, via method TBD

6:30 p.m. - Town Council Workshop via method TBD

June 16

8 a.m. Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting via method TBD.

8:30-10:30 a.m. - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event - Day 3 via Zoom.

June 17

11:30 a.m. - Ecomaine Annual Board Meeting Online video conference

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Column

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms". It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assign-

ment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver", but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next. So he

took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

For a treat, go to the heart of Louisiana with Shari Hearn's books. <https://books2read.com/ap/nmPreX/Shari-Hearn>.

All gave some, some gave all A Memorial Day tribute

Weekly Republican
Radio Address

By Rep. Dillingham

In facing our nation's greatest threats, heroic men and women have answered the call to service. This weekend, Mainers will take part in remembering the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women who unfortunately did not make it home.

Serving one's country is among the most valiant of pursuits, and we are grateful for those who fell in the name of freedom and independence.

This is Republican Leader Kathleen Dillingham of Oxford. During this week's Republican Radio Address, please join me in paying tribute to our nation's fallen heroes.

In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, we pay our respects to those Americans who "gave the last full measure of devotion to their country." We are indebted to their sacrifice for it was their faith in our nation's founding vision of liberty that we are free.

It was their immeasurable sense of patriotism and love of country, that penetrated the darkness of

tyranny and oppression, which gave way for our nation's beacon of hope to shine in every corner of the world.

We remember our fallen for their heroism on the beaches of Normandy, in the mountains of Afghanistan, throughout the jungles of Vietnam, and in far off lands in between. Their memory live on in our communities and in our grateful hearts.

We see the cost of freedom by the flags in our cemeteries, the rows of marble at Arlington, and the wreaths on headstones across the world. We can never repay our debt of gratitude; however, in an effort to honor our fallen not just today, but every day here after, we can answer our call to service by placing our hands over our hearts, flags on our porches, and treating all as brothers and sisters in this great experiment of self government and liberty.

As proud Americans, we owe it to those who did not see if our flag was still over Fort McHenry, or raised on top of Iwo Jima, to continue the vision of preserving our nation that they dedicated their life to defend. They lost their



Kathleen Dillingham (R-Oxford) is currently the minority leader in the Maine House of Representatives. (Photo courtesy of Maine Republicans)

lives so that our nation, and our ideals, may live.

I hope that we take with us every day that the cost of freedom is never free, and may it serve as our reminder that it is our responsibility to carry on the faith in a free world that they left behind.

This has been Republican Leader Dillingham with the Weekly Republican Radio Address. Thank you for listening.

May we never forget and may God bless America.

Prior to being chosen by her peers to lead the House Republican Caucus in 2018, Kathleen Dillingham (R-Oxford) served two terms on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. She is currently the minority leader in the Maine House of Representatives.

Storywalk: Arbor Week 2021

AUBURN – The City of Auburn partnered with the Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board for May's Storywalk displays, which celebrated Maine's Arbor Week, May 17-21.

The displays in May showcase pictures and education on a variety of tree-related projects, all funded through generous grants from Project Canopy (USDA/Maine Forest Service) and TD Bank.

The Community Forest Board is a subcommittee of the Auburn Conservation Commission.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take a stroll along Auburn's beautiful Riverwalk to enjoy the scenery along the Androscoggin as well as the Storywalk presentation.

Located behind the Hilton Garden Inn near the Great Falls of the Androscoggin River, the River-



Auburn's Storywalk for May celebrates Maine's Arbor Week, May 17-21. (Photo courtesy of City of Auburn)

walk trail crosses the street at the intersection of Court and Main Street in Auburn and continues behind Festival Plaza. The path meanders by the Androscoggin River and provides beautiful views of the Twin Cities, gardens, outdoor art, and benches. The trail splits and can either be

followed to Bonney Park or to the Lewiston side via the railroad trestle, which spills into Lewiston's Railroad Park

If you have an idea for a future Storywalk, please reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburn-maine.gov or 333-6611.

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Sebago Brewing celebrates the summer



Sebago Brewing just released '2nd Dose', a "big, bold double dry hopped New England double IPA." It can be found at Sebago Brewing locations and select stores, and is available on draft - and growlers to go. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)



Sebago Hefeweizen from Sebago Brewing is back, and is a nod to the traditional style and features Maine malts from Buck Farms in Mapleton and classic German Hefeweizen yeast. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)

From Sebago Brewing

GORHAM - Summer is right around the corner, and Sebago Brewing is celebrating the season with cold beer, good food, and good company!

For the past year, the management has done their best to make sure that guests and staff feel comfortable at Sebago Brewing. As state and federal CDC guidelines evolve, Sebago Brewing will continue to update its safety policies.

Following the guidance of the state and federal CDC, Sebago Brewing will not require anyone who is fully vaccinated to wear a mask. It is recommended, however, that those people who are unvaccinated wear a face covering when indoors.

All of the brewpubs and the Tasting Room have both indoor and outdoor options available. There are patios at every single location, and the Tasting Room also has a firepit and huge tent on the lawn.

Tables are spaced comfortably apart, and staff disinfects everything regularly. They also have a professional cleaning crew that thoroughly cleans all locations every night, but they've been doing that for 20 years.

Sebago Brewing upgraded the air filtration systems at all locations with MERV-13 air filters to further reduce risk. There are also economizers on all HVAC units which continually circulate fresh air into the buildings.

Like in most places in Maine, Sebago Brewing

has limited the number of guests and required them to wear a face covering when not at their table. Not surprisingly, they've found that their guests are good neighbors and comply with all the guidelines.

New '2nd DOSE'

2nd Dose is a big, bold double dry hopped New England double IPA. That's right, our latest limited release is an NE DDH DIPA!

We used double the brewhouses, double the brewers, and double the dry hop. And we added extra potent Lemondrop and Ekuanot Cryo concentrated hops to pack a one-two punch. Look for a hazy, topaz appearance, tropical fruit aroma, and a hint of strawberry candy and piña colada flavors.

The 16 oz four-packs of 2nd Dose are available at all Sebago Brewing locations and in select stores. 2nd Dose is also available on draft -- and growlers to go for that backyard BBQ you can finally enjoy.

Hefe returns

Sebago Hefeweizen is back! Our hefeweizen is a nod to the traditional style and features Maine malts from Buck Farms in Mapleton and classic German Hefeweizen yeast.

Fun Hefe Fact: It's pronounced HAY-fuh-vites-in -- a German word that describes its characteristics. "Hefe" means

yeast, which gives the beer its cloudy appearance, and "weizen" refers to wheat. Aromatic and refreshing, it's a low-hop way to ease into summer.

Hefeweizen is available on draft or in cans to go at all Sebago Brewing locations.

Safety updates

There's been a lot of change in COVID guidelines and requirements

in recent weeks. For our brewpubs and Tasting Room, we're following the guidance of the state and federal CDC and will not require anyone to wear a mask, including our staff. It is recommended, however, that anyone who is unvaccinated wear a face covering indoors.

We trust our guests and staff to do what's best for their health and the


health of their community. And we will continue to treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask the same of you.


From Sebago Brewing's website, and press releases. Sebago Brewing is headquartered in Gorham, where it features a tasting room next to the brewery, with brewpubs in Portland, Scarborough and Kennebunk.


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Guest Column

Civil War hero made Memorial Day official

by Tom Emery

Memorial Day cele-

brations began to spring up on local levels just after the Civil War. But a hero of the

war from Illinois was the first to make it official.

Maj. Gen. John A.

Logan, one of the great volunteer officers of the conflict, is credited by many as

the first to declare Memorial Day an official holiday. Logan declared the day as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the foremost Civil War veterans' organization, in 1868.

Though Logan was the first to establish a national remembrance, there is considerable debate on the site of the actual first Memorial Day commemoration.

"There's a lot of controversy on that," said Michael Jones, director of the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Ill., 100 miles southeast of St. Louis. "There was a Memorial Day celebration in Woodlawn Cemetery in nearby Carbondale in which Logan was the keynote speaker, and I believe that played a role."

The Carbondale celebration, on April 29, 1866, is thought by many to be the nation's first community-wide observance. Some 212 area veterans participated in the event.

However, Jones notes a discrepancy on the inspiration for Logan's action even within his own family. In her autobiography *Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife*, Logan's wife Mary cites her own experience at a cemetery in Petersburg, Va. in 1868.

"Mrs. Logan saw the withered flowers and flags that had been placed in honor of the Confederates buried there," remarked Jones. "She described this to her husband and said he should do something similar, which she says was the basis for his national declaration. She never mentions the Carbondale event."

Whatever the reason, Logan was moved to take Memorial Day a step further. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Order No. 11, designating May 30 for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

Logan's order stated that "no form or ceremony is prescribed," but that individuals and communities were left to their own "fitting services and testimonials...cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead."

In the first year of Logan's declaration, an estimated 183 cemeteries hosted observances for Memorial Day, more commonly known as Decoration Day. A crowd of some 5,000, including keynote speaker and future President James A. Garfield, attended the first Memorial Day ceremony at Ar-

lington National Cemetery that May 30. The following year, the remembrance was marked in over 336 communities in thirty-one states.

While the original order clearly applied to Northern soldiers, informal commemorations in the South became some of the earliest Memorial Day observances. Recent scholarly research also reveals a mass celebration, mostly of African-Americans, in Charleston, S.C. on May 1, 1865.

There, a parade of some 10,000, including black Union infantry units, marched to a local horse track that had been converted to a prison for Union soldiers. Black workmen had re-buried at least 257 Union dead from a mass grave, inspiring the large gathering that included hymns, reading of scripture, and placing of flowers.

In 1864, women in Boalsburg, Pa. decorated the graves of their local dead soldiers, some whom had died at Gettysburg. On April 25, 1866, just days before the Carbondale celebration, a group of ladies in Columbus, Miss. placed flowers on the graves of Confederates who died at the battle of Shiloh. Noticing some nearby Union graves that had been neglected due to lingering animosities, they also laid some flowers to honor those soldiers.

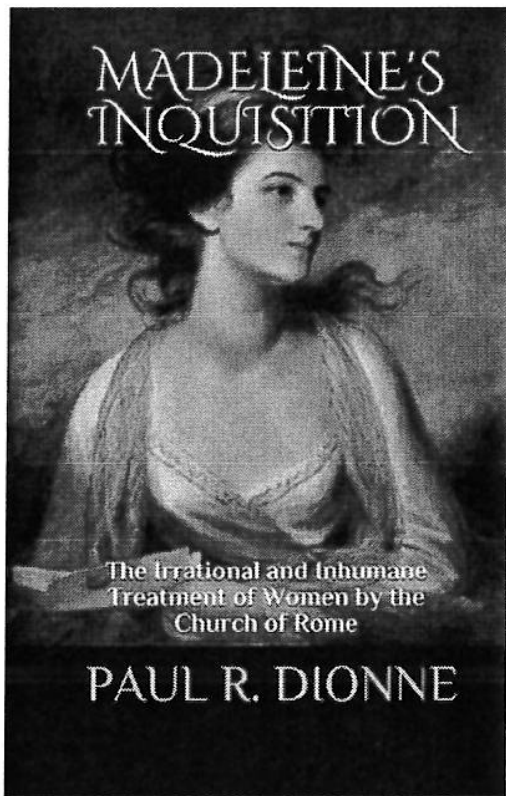
On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, N.Y. began an annual community event to commemorate war dead. A century later, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress declared Waterloo as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

In 1967, Congress officially named May 30 as Memorial Day, though many elderly Americans still refer to the holiday by its traditional name, Decoration Day. Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act switched the holiday to the final Monday in May.

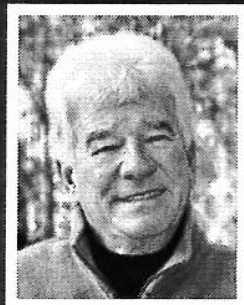
Jones sees parallels in today's Memorial Day celebrations and the deeper meaning of Logan's General Order No. 11.

"I think Logan's primary purpose was his fear, which is shared by many of us," remarked Jones, "that all of the veterans would be forgotten. He wanted to ensure that we will still honor the men who died to keep the republic."

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A New Novel by Paul Dionne



About the book:

Madeleine Moreau, poverty stricken and alone, struggles to provide for herself and her children, her future bleak, foreboding and empty. She draws strength in her darkest hour when the Monsignor of Paris charges her with witchcraft and threatens to tear her family apart.

The novel follows the lives of Madeleine Moreau and her antagonist, the Monsignor of Paris... Marc Moreau, Madeleine's husband, and his journey home from Russia following Napoleon's defeat... Madame Leblanc and her disavowal of aristocracy for the cause of liberty... Michel Bois, a popular French sculptor, who forsakes Madeleine for the salvation of France... and the two young priests, whose lives are changed by the chronicles of witchcraft, the vestiges of the Inquisition and the inhumane treatment of women by the Church – bringing them to moral crossroads where each must choose his or her own destiny.

Influenced by the enlightened philosophers of the times, these characters uncover the bigotry of the Church, suffer religious persecution and experience the horrors of war.

Background:

As an avocation, for over twenty years, the author has researched the role of women in the Early Church and the scandal of their subordination in the rise of Christianity. This resulted in his first work entitled *The Priestess and the Pope*.

Madeleine's Inquisition, a sequel, bolsters the already persuasive case of the leadership role of women and sets forth the injustice, superstition and the inhumanity of the Church towards women.

As a decorated combat veteran, the author felt compelled to deal with the horrors and the aftermath of war in an era plagued by constant wars.

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Atkinson joins MEMIC as PR specialist



Robb Atkinson, who served as WGME Television's News Director some years ago, recently joined MEMIC in Portland as a Senior Public Relations and Communications Specialist. (Photo courtesy of MEMIC)

he managed the sales, products, and services for more than 100 television stations nationwide.

Before CNN, he served as the News Director for WGME Television in Portland, ME, WATE Television in Knoxville, TN., and WWAY TV in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Honored with two Emmy Awards for his investigative reporting, Atkinson has a proven track record of creating original content for digital platforms, radio, and television.

In 2019, he earned a master's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in marketing.

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PORTLAND - MEMIC, a workers' compensation insurance specialty carrier with offices from Maine to Florida and licenses across the nation welcomes Robb Atkinson in his new role as Senior

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Atkinson brings an extensive wealth of expertise in public relations, marketing strategy and content development to the position. As the Senior Director of Sales and Affiliate Relations for CNN,

SONIC donates to local teachers

From SONIC Drive-in

OKLAHOMA CITY - SONIC® Drive-In donated \$1.5 million to teacher requests on national education nonprofit site DonorsChoose on Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4.

On Teacher Appreciation Day, the brand matched 50 percent of each donation made to all teacher requests on DonorsChoose. Several teachers in Maine received donations.

In Lewiston, one teacher received a total donation of \$451.00 - Mr. James at Raymond A Geiger Elementary School for the project Help Me Record Better Videos For My Students.

In Bath, one teacher received a total donation of \$55.00 - Ms. Hardman at Dike-Newell School for the project Books for Enthusiastic Fans of Author Kate Messner

In Brunswick, one teacher received a total donation of \$43.00 - Mrs. Lemont at Kate Furbish Elementary School for the project Unlock Phonics With Secret Stories!

As part of SON-

IC's ongoing Limeades for Learning initiative, the \$1.5 million donation helped fund more than 7,000 teacher requests across the country in need of critical resources.

SONIC made the donations to honor the creative efforts teachers have made to maneuver their ever-shifting learning environments and keep students engaged this past year.

"Teachers took this past year head-on, engineering a variety of innovative methods to keep their students learning in both in-person and virtual classrooms," said Lori Abou Habib, chief marketing officer for SONIC. "We express our gratitude to these teachers, who create inspirational learning environments for students during a challenging time. With SONIC's \$1.5 million donation match, we were able to help teachers access much-needed supplies to successfully complete this school year."

SONIC is committed to helping teachers now in this time of need, and all year long. Through Limeades for Learning, SONIC has donated more

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Junction Bowl league scores

From Junction Bowl

GORHAM – The Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham now has league throughout the year.

Weekly play in the Tuesday Night Shootout League continues, while the Monday and Thursday night leagues recently wrapped up play after 18 weeks of competition.

New league play for Mondays and Thursdays starts at the end of June.

Scores include the player handicap.

Tuesday Night Shootout

Week 6 of play

Bonnie's Team took the first game and stayed ahead in points for 1 game and the weekly team series in competition with Spare Ball's with 2 games, 2267-2240.

Bonnie's Team

Bonnie Datson
194-208-204 – 606
Tiffany Chapman
191-186-165 – 542
Terry Leonhardt
213-183-183 – 579
Vacant
540

Spare Ball's

Todd Walker
152-159-171 – 482
Scott Stevens
184-227-175 – 586
Dean Walker
195-211-216 – 622
Substitute

174-164-212 – 550
Sebastian Pettitt was a solo player for Rigonometry, rolling a 745 to help his team to 2 games and the weekly team series against Gutter Gang with 1 game, 2344-2310.

Rigonometry

Sebastian Pettitt
188-262-295 – 745
Blind
1,589

Gutter Gang

Celeste Cutter
207-190-170 – 567
Asa Wareham
171-178-180 – 529
Asa Farley
233-231-198 – 662
Mark Cutter
176-169-207 - 552

The High Rollers took 2 games and the weekly team series to bump off the Bumper Babes with 1 game, 2210-2117.

The High Rollers

Matt Reno
185-209-180 – 574
Substitute
223-179-152 – 554
Substitute
196-177-173 – 546
Substitute
199-182-155 – 536

Bumper Babes

Terri Whyte
163-176-169 – 508
Sue Marston
182-178-155 – 515
Amy Sullivan
187-184-192 – 563
Brenda Williams
167-190-174 – 531

Split Happens held it together for all 3 games the

weekly team series against Dolls with Balls, 2192-1874.

Split Happens

Frankie Darling
180-148-185 – 513
Bill Smith
210-+178-228 – 616
Nicholas Hunt
193-189-173 – 555
Nate Lachance
158-173-177 – 508

Dolls with Balls

Melissa Dubois
200-186-173 – 559
Amanda Heatley
172-203-163 – 538
Absent
270
Blind
507

Monday Night Strikes

Week 18 of play

Monday Night Strikes Position Round:

1st Place Match: The (League) Office defeated Pin Me Please, 3-1

3rd Place Match: Hammond Eggs defeated Cobra Kai, Tiebreaker

5th Place Match: Two Finger Death Punch defeated Split Happens, 3-1

7th Place Match: The Gutter Rats defeated Right Lane, 3-1

Thursday Night

Dynamite Week 18 of play

Thursday Night Dynamite Position Round:

1st Place Match: Strike First defeated Sexy Ginger, 3-1

3rd Place Match: Minds In The Gutter defeated. XXX Turkeys, 3-1

5th Place Match: Split Happens defeated House Balls, 4-0

7th Place Match: Smelt Camp Swim Team defeated Bowler? I Barely Know Her!, 3-1

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BikeMaine Weekend adds 150 riders

From BCM

MACHIAS - The BikeMaine Weekend, a truncated version of the weeklong BikeMaine event, has opened an additional 150 registrations for the Sept. 11-12 ride.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) announced last week that the initial 100 slots were filled less than 24 hours after registration opened on May 14. Relaxing pandemic restrictions in the state led to the addition of 150 more spots.

"We started a waitlist the day after registration opened, and all those folks have already been offered a spot on the ride," said BCM Ride Director Will Elting. "The additional spots are now open to the public."

Unlike the usual BikeMaine structure, which has riders spending the night in a different city or town nearly every night, the BikeMaine Weekend will be exclusively based out of Machias. Participants can choose between one-day (\$75) and two-day (\$140)

registrations, as well as 10-mile, 35-mile, 65-mile, and 75-mile options, in order to better serve riders of all skill abilities.

In addition to the scenic, curated routes showcasing the very best of the Downeast region, the event also offers access to the BikeMaine Village and local information, socially distanced afternoon activities, and a chance to see the BCM's advocacy and education programming in action. The non-profit says it will showcase an "Imagine People Here" infrastructure installation as well as a bicycle rodeo for kids.

Registration is available at <http://bitly.ws/dDeu>. When all spots are filled, interested riders can email ride@bikemaine.org to be added to the waitlist.

The BCM says all of its 2021 rides and events will comply with Maine CDC guidelines, recommendations from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, as well as US Cycling's assessment tools and event guidelines.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

A Canoe Expedition: Part 1 – Depot Stream



CAPSIZE! A canoeist flips in a rapid on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

During the winter of 1990, my late friend Terry Tzovarras and I planned an ambitious canoe trip in far northern Maine beginning at remote Depot Lake.

From there, our intent was to travel down tiny Depot Stream to Big Black River, then follow Big Black to the St. John River, finishing our adventure with about thirty miles of paddling on the iconic St. John to the Village of Allagash.

Our grandiose scheme failed because the roads were impassable the following May when the other necessary ingredients were present; ice was out and the water levels sufficiently high for navigation. A few years later, we made another attempt with the same result. Terry passed away a decade ago, never realizing his dream.

Without any suggestion from me, last November another long-time friend, Allen Gaskell, began organizing the same trip. When he invited me, I enthusiastically agreed. However, given my history planning the undertaking, I was skeptical and informed him that achieving the elusive combination of ice out, passable roads, and decent water levels was a formidable task.

Dismissing my pessimism, Allen audaciously scheduled a shuttle for May 9. Since it was months in advance of the intended endeavor, I questioned the wisdom of what I believed

was a premature decision. Allen continued to ignore me while assembling a group of ten canoeists and kayakers for the excursion.

In the weeks leading up to our predetermined departure, an exceptionally dry warm spring resulted in early ice out and good road conditions. Water levels became the concern. The pertinent river gauges rose and fell with snow melt, periods of draught, and sporadic rain storms; but overall they steadily declined. Prospective participants expressed apprehension and alternatives were explored but our goal remained unchanged.

When we met at Pelletier's Campground in St. Francis on the night before our departure, owner and shuttle driver Norm L'Italien was doubtful about Depot Stream but thought Big Black was doable. He proposed transporting us on the long journey to Big Black where we could decide to embark from there or continue to a bridge for a partial descent of Depot Stream, possibly persisting to Depot Lake if we desired.

Early the next morning, we loaded boats and gear and began our drive on logging roads deep into the woods of northern Maine. Big Black had adequate water and the abbreviated version of Depot Stream appeared passable but questionable. A consequential issue was whether the heavy rain forecast for the following day would come to fruition and pro-

vide higher water levels. A majority decided to risk starting at the lake. After taking a time-consuming wrong turn at a confusing intersection and building a rock ramp over a washed out sector of road, Norm delivered us to a muddy trail about 100 yards from Depot Lake.

Since it was midafternoon, eight of us decided to camp there while two opted to return to Big Black. We were now eight: four solo canoes, a tandem team, and two expedition kayaks.

Once camp was established, we dragged our boats to the water and most of us explored Depot Lake. The pristine wilderness setting was devoid of any signs of civilization. Accompanied by a canoeist, I paddled my kayak to the northern end of the lake and located the outlet for Depot Stream.

Paddlers rarely wish for heavy rain but given the low water, that was precisely our hope the following morning. After crossing the lake, dark storm clouds increased while we navigated a circuitous

three mile stretch of flat water on Depot Stream to an old bridge where a short Class II rapid began. Everyone had triumphant descents, but after dragging back up, one solo canoeist broached on a boulder while attempting to surf. The unpleasant result was a frigid swim. Fortunately, with assistance from fellow paddlers and a herculean self-rescue effort by the canoeist, the situation was quickly remedied.

About a mile of whitewater followed. The twisting channelized routes required substantial maneuvering but everyone successfully negotiated the scratchy sector. The chances of broaching on hidden rocks were significant and the narrow passages were particularly challenging for the tandem canoe. It began to rain during another stretch of flat water. Shortly after entering a long rapid, we found an adequate location to camp.

Erecting a small tarp city to shelter our tents and gear from the pouring rain, we settled in for the night. One thing was clear, with a multitude of rapids to be

encountered in the following days, substantial rainfall was necessary.

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England," Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty

Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be contacted at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



A tarp city was erected for shelter from the pouring rain on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)



Adam Chase and Christian Patrick navigate a rapid on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)

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A scene from the VivMo Shorts: Fairy Tales and Folklore that is being presented virtually through June 11 by the Vivid Motion dance troupe in Westbrook. (Photo courtesy of Vivid Motion)

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Most of all, have fun!

Parents and children two years old and younger can also participate with our Wee Readers program that incorporates early literacy activities to do with your child. Complete the activities and win a board book!

On Mondays, June 21-Aug. 9, we will offer story time for our families with little ones.

This year's adult summer reading program runs alongside the youth program. Adults should get

rewarded for reading, too!

Simply fill out a raffle ticket for every book that you read to be entered into weekly drawings for fun prizes! All entries will stay in the running for a grand prize at the end of the summer.

We will also host a series of outdoor wellness classes, and put together some fresh staff-picked recommendations for your reading enjoyment.

Sign-ups begin during our curbside event but you may start at any point during the program.

Events will take place

on the library lawn and are free and open to the public.

During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

We have many exciting activities planned! To find the most up to date information on our programs throughout the summer, check out our website at www.baxterlibrary.org or call 222-1190.

Thank you to Gorham Subway and Gorham Domino's for donating awesome prizes in support of our Summer Reading Program.

UMaine model predicts superspreaders

From UMaine

ORONO - Two researchers with the School of Biology and Ecology at the University of Maine have developed a new model for quantifying the potential for the spread of disease across diverse environments and among varied population densities during an epidemic.

UMaine research associate Brandon Lieberthal and assistant professor Allison Gardner developed a mathematical analysis that simultaneously considers two probability-dependent epidemiologic factors to identify superspreader nodes that pose a high risk of propagating disease.

Previous predictive models evaluated connectivity of a location, or node, in a human mobility network and the disease reproduction rate, or R value, of a location independently. This study demonstrates that considered together, high network connectivity or a high infection rate create moderate-risk locations, while ratings of both factors above a certain threshold are required to designate a node as high-risk.

The study, "Connectivity, Reproduction Number, and Mobility Interact to Determine Communities' Epidemiological Superspreader Potential in a Metapopulation Network,"

was published in PLOS Computational Biology. The researchers expect that the new methodology can be applied in the future to compare and predict superspreader events and the efficacy of infection mitigation strategies in the context of disease systems with varied transmission modes, such as mosquito-borne viruses and SARS-CoV-2.

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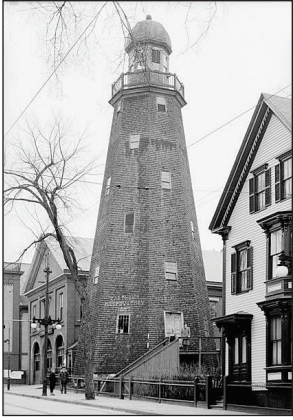
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Observatory reopens Saturday



The Portland Observatory in 1936. Located at 138 Congress Street in the Munjoy Hill section of Portland, the observatory was commissioned in 1807 and continued in use until 1923. It has been renovated several times over the past century. (Photo by Allen L Hubbard – from Library of Congress)

From Greater Portland Landmarks

PORTLAND - The Portland Observatory is reopening to the public this Saturday.

Located at 138 Congress Street in Portland, Captain Lemuel Moody (1768-1846), ordered construction of this octagonal, 86-foot high tower on Munjoy Hill in 1807 to serve as a communication station for Portland's bustling harbor.

It was a commercial

venture designed to give a competitive edge to ship owners who paid Moody a subscription fee of \$5.00 a year to alert them when their ships were arriving.

Using a powerful telescope at the top of the tower, Moody could identify incoming vessels long before they entered the harbor. The observatory remained a working marine signal tower run by the Moody family until 1923 when the invention of the two-way radio made it obsolete.

It is the only known surviving tower of its type in the United States.

Things will look a little different this year, but no less fun!

For the month of June, the Observatory will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday - Monday, with the last entry time at 5 p.m..

Access to the Observatory will be by pre-purchased, timed tickets only. Tickets are \$10 and MUST be purchased in advance.

Up to 8 visitors will be allowed in the Observatory at a time, and will have 45 minutes to check out the exhibits, explore and marvel at the view from the top. Docents will be on hand to answer any questions and offer guided tours on request.



Seen in a 2005 photograph, the Portland Observatory on Munjoy Hill in Portland will reopen to the public in early June after being closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo from Wikimedia)

For the safety of staff, volunteers and visitors, masks will be required regardless of vaccination status.

The gift shop will be open, and visitors should be prepared to pay with a card.

Hand sanitizer will be available on the first floor and in the lantern. Handrails and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned multiple times a day.

Observatory staff will review and update the mask guidelines and timed entry process as the season progresses and recommendations are revised.

LGBTQ+ art on display in June

From OUT Maine

ROCKLAND / ROCKPORT - June is Pride Month and the Center for Maine Contemporary Art and Maine Coast Heritage Trust's Erickson Fields Preserve are displaying art, photography and poetry by LGBTQ+ and allied youth for the whole month!

The show is curated by OUT Maine and the theme follows Rockland Main Street's "Visions of Inclusion." According to Rockland Main Street, "in order to have a resilient community, it is integral that all identities are included, celebrated, and given a platform to shape our future...expressing what it means to be a welcoming community and depicting one's visions for the future."

The Youth Pride Art Show is on display in the ArtLab window of the Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA) at 21 Winter Street in Rockland.

The Pride Walk features LGBTQ+ and allied youth poetry paired with art and photography in a series of display cases along a wooded 1.4 mile loop trail at Erickson Fields Preserve. The trail runs along Maine Coast Heritage Trust's Teen Ag



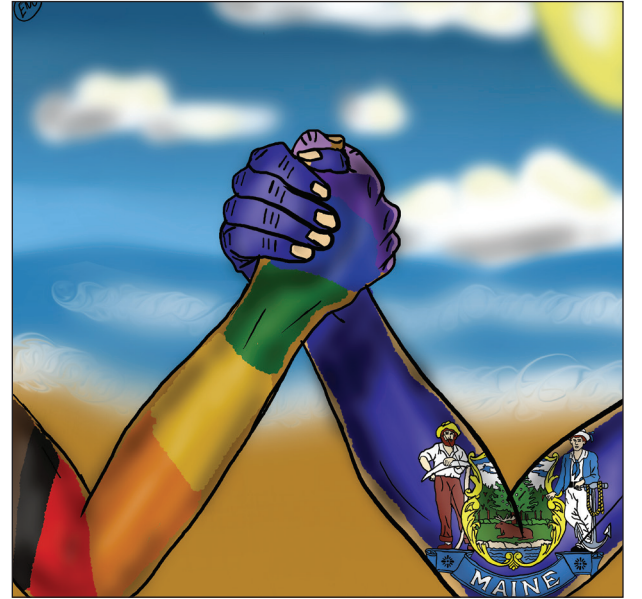
"10lbs" by Jon, a painting of blue flowers, is part of a display of artwork by LGBTQ+ youth that will be displayed in June in Rockland. (Photo courtesy of OUT Maine)

Crew's vegetable garden at 164 West Street in Rockport.


These shows feature art and writing from youth ages 12 to 20 from all over Maine.


OUT Maine has an ambitious goal: to create more welcoming and affirming communities for Maine's diverse queer youth in all of their intersectional identities by changing the very systems that serve them.

For more information, visit www.outmaine.org



"Hand in Hand" by Emma, a picture of rainbow and Maine State flags transposed on arms, will be on display in June in the ArtLab window of the Center for Maine Contemporary Art on Winter Street in Rockland. (Photo courtesy of OUT Maine)






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Maine Literary Awards for 2021

From Maine Writers

PORTLAND - During an awards ceremony last Thursday, hosted on Zoom with an audience of hundreds, the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance (MWPA) announced the winners of the 2021 Maine Literary Awards.

Lewiston High School received an Honorable Mention award in the Secondary School Literary Magazine category for its magazine titled *Collage*.

The Maine Literary Awards is an annual competition sponsored and coordinated by the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance. Nominations were open to all Maine residents, including seasonal residents. The statewide competition is for published books, as well as drama, short works, and student writing. Each year, the awards are judged by anonymous panels that rotate and include more than

40 accomplished writers, editors, booksellers, librarians, and literary professionals.

Nearly 300 writers sent in their work for consideration from all corners of Maine.

Awards

Book Award for Crime Fiction - Bruce Robert Coffin, *Within Plain Sight*.

Book Award for Fiction - Jim Nichols, *Blue Summer*.

Book Award for Nonfiction - Kerri Arsenaault, *Mill Town*.

Book Award for Memoir - Phuc Tran, *Sigh, Gone*.

Book Award for Poetry - Éireann Lorsung, *The Century*.

John N. Cole Award for Maine Nonfiction (co-winners) - Michael K. Komanecky, Jane Bianco, and Angela Waldron, *Maine and American Art: The Farnsworth Art Museum*; and Peter Taylor

(editor) and Kara Douglas, *From the Mountains to the Sea: The Historic Restoration of the Penobscot River*.

Book Award for Young People's Literature - Betty Culley, *Three Things I Know Are True*.

Book Award for Children's - Anica Mrose Rissi, Love, *Sophia on the Moon*.

Book Award for Speculative Fiction - Emma J. Gibbon, *Dark Blood Comes from the Feet*.

Book Award for Excellence in Publishing - Joshua Klein, *Another Work is Possible*, Mortise & Tenon.

Book Award for Anthology - Claire Millikin and Agnes Bushell, *Enough! Poems of Resistance*.

Drama Award - Travis Baker, "Hockey Mom".

Short Works Competition in Fiction - Morgan Talty, "The Blessing Tobacco".

Short Works Competition in Nonfiction (co-win-

ners) - Parker Blaney, "Detox"; and Sarah Twombly, "What We Want is Simple".

Short Works Competition in Poetry - Suzanne Langlois, "What Lasts".

Award for a Secondary School Literary Magazine -

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Collage, Lewiston High School.

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Other Awards

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Youth Competition in Poetry - Clara Bossi, "Cedars Still Growing".



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Guest Column

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms." It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assign-

ment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver," but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next.

So he took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

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Common Ground Fair will be in-person

From MOFGA

UNITY - The Common Ground Country Fair, the signature event of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) in Unity, Maine, is moving forward as an in-person event this year.

April Boucher, Common Ground Country Fair director, said, "After months of discussions, research and planning to determine if we can meet our primary goal of supporting a safe onsite event we are planning to go ahead, but the fair will look different this year. We also need more certainty from our robust volunteer community that they are going to help out or we may need to alter our course."

The annual celebration of rural living will take place Sept. 24, 25 and 26. While in a normal year the event would draw over 60,000 visitors to MOFGA's fairgrounds, this year attendance will be carefully managed according to state guidelines to support social distancing. That is one of the changes that will be implemented to help ensure and support a safe experience that com-

plies with current Maine Center for Disease Control and Maine Department of Economic and Community Development guidelines for outdoor festivals. Some of the other changes will include spacing vendors to allow for social distancing, mask requirements for all participants, additional sanitation of high-touch areas and more. "We're still working on the details of implementation of the various components of the fair and have a dedicated group of staff and volunteers that are working creatively to address concerns and recommendations," added Boucher.

The organizers are making the decision at this time to help organic farmers, exhibitors, volunteers and fairgoers with their own planning and preparations for the event. This decision is especially important for organic farmers throughout the state who need a level of assurance of this major market at this time in the cropping season. A survey released earlier this year to gauge public interest and comfort level in participating in the event garnered nearly 4,000 responses. Overwhelmingly vendors and

participants are interested in returning to an in-person event this year. "This decision was not taken lightly and the health and safety of our community is our top priority. We would not be planning this event if we did not believe we could support a safe experience for all involved," said MOFGA's Executive Director Sarah Alexander.

The Common Ground Country Fair started in 1977 and relies on the work of more than 2,000 volunteers annually. Boucher said, "Our volunteer community is what makes this event possible each year. Now that we've decided we are planning on an in-person event, one of our top priorities is to ensure we have the interested volunteers to help make the fair a success this year. If we don't have expressed interest from volunteers within the next several weeks we may have to rethink our plan. The fair cannot run without a tremendous amount of people power." Individuals interested in volunteering can express their interest using this form, and then will be notified when the volunteer shifts open. They can also

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Soup Challenge raises \$1,150 for Ending Hunger



Lee Johnson, owner of Buck It Bar & Grill, donates \$140 to Benjamin Roberts of Community Credit Union as part of the Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)

From CCU

LEWISTON - The Ending Hunger Committee at Community Credit Union had a successful 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April.

The Credit Union partnered with three local businesses - Webb's Mar-

ket on Pine Street, Lewiston; Marco's Ristorante on Mollison Way, Lewiston; and Buck It Bar & Grill on Route 117, Buckfield. These businesses donated a portion of their signature chili/soup/chowder sales for April to support Maine Credit Union's Campaign for Ending Hunger.

Local business Angello's General Store also donated \$100 toward the cause. The month long effort raised \$1,150.

Webb's Market, was the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge Winner, with the highest number of bowls sold, making it the largest contributor to the fundraiser.

Maine Credit Union's Campaign for Ending Hunger began in 1990, and has raised over \$10.4 million to combat hunger in Maine. All of the funds raised in the Campaign stay in the state.

In 2020, a record \$960,021.10 was raised to support 260 food based organizations across the state.

Community Credit Union has been participating since the inception and raised over \$5,000 to distribute locally last year. The

team at Community Credit Union hopes to raise over \$10,000 this year.

If you would like to contribute online to this year's fundraising efforts visit: <http://bitly.ws/dDfx>

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For more information, log onto www.community-creditunion.com.



Tiffany Mathon and Christine Wilson from Community Credit Union, with Susan Longchamps, owner of Webb's Market, the highest contributor to the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)



Christine Wilson, Community Credit Union, with Steve Gagne of Marco's Ristorante, and Tiffany Mathon, also with Community Credit Union. Marco's was one of three local businesses in the Lewiston area that helped raise \$1,150 for the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)

Maine Invasive Plant Control Grant Program

From Maine DACF

AUGUSTA - The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Maine Forest Service (MFS) is providing up to \$85,000 through 2023 for local governments, municipalities, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and private family woodland owners interested in obtaining Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans (IP-CPP) for their woods.

This new invasive plant management program is administered by the MFS and the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP).

Funded by a Landscape Scale Restoration Program grant from the USDA Forest Service, financial incentives for IPCPPs are available to public and private woodland owners with ten to one thousand wooded acres in Maine.

The program will reimburse up to 50% of the cost based on the number of acres. An average small woodlot may receive up to \$400 maximum incentive; larger lots will have larger maximum incentive amounts. The IPCPP provides woodland owners with maps and treatment recommendations for invasive plants.

The program's goal is to address invasive plants that choke out native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in the eligible woodlands. A corps of natural resource professionals trained through the program's Invasive Plant Academy will be qualified to develop the IPCPPs. A list of trained plan preparers will be available on the MFS Invasive Plant Management Program web page, at <http://bitly.ws/d3cf>

"IPCPPs are an important tool for managing and controlling invasive plants across our state, and a great resource for landowners," said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal.

"We're excited for the opportunity to work with licensed foresters and other natural resource professionals to develop IPCPPs for Maine's woodland owners," added MNAP Invasive Plant Biologist Nancy Olmstead.

Landowners with approved IPCPPs will also be eligible to apply for the next phase of the program to receive free invasive plant treatment conducted by a contractor hired by the Maine Forest Service.

Visit the MFS website to learn more about the new IPCPP, or call MFS Landowner Outreach Forester Andy Shultz at (207) 287-4980.



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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

May 27

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 – Ecomaine Outreach & Recycling Committee meeting, via online video conference.

6 p.m.
AUBURN – Comp. Plan Update Committee, via Zoom.

MONDAY

May 31

Municipal centers, administrative offices, and libraries closed in observance of Memorial Day

11 a.m.
GORHAM – Memorial Day Parade, starting at Village School. To register or

Calendar

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learn more, visit https://www.gorhamrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=14916. Line up begins at 10 a.m. and the parade steps off at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

June 1

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee.

6 p.m.
LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM - <http://www.lewiston-maine.gov/2021cc>

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Regular Town Council Meeting TBD

WEDNESDAY

June 2

1-2 p.m.
GORHAM – 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 1, via Zoom.

THURSDAY

June 3

4 p.m.
AUBURN - Cable TV Advisory Board Meeting.

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN - Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board Meeting.

MONDAY

June 7

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee Meeting - **@ City Hall Administrators Conference Room.**

7 p.m.
GORHAM - Planning Board Meeting TBD

TUESDAY

June 8

6 p.m.
AUBURN – Planning Board meeting.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Tentative Appointments Committee Meeting TBD

WEDNESDAY

June 9

8:30-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 2, via Zoom.

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 TBD.

MONDAY

June 14

5:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting - The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

TUESDAY

June 15

7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

8 a.m.
GORHAM - Ordinance Committee Meeting TBD.

4 p.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Sewer District Trustees meeting.

6 p.m.
LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM

- <http://www.lewiston-maine.gov/2021cc>
6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Town Council Workshop TBD.

WEDNESDAY

June 16

8 a.m.
GORHAM - Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting TBD.

8:30-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 3, via Zoom.

4 p.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees meeting.

THURSDAY

June 17

8 a.m.
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

11:30 a.m.
GORHAM - Ecomaine Annual Board Meeting Online video conference.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Tentative Recurring Capital Improvement Projects/ Economic Development Committee Meeting TBD.

7 p.m.
AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

MONDAY

June 21

5:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Finance Committee Meeting TBD.

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee Meeting - **@ City Hall Administrators Conference Room.**

TUESDAY

June 22

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

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Dove Tail Bats launching new metal bat

SHIRLEY, ME – Dove Tail Bats announced last week an exclusive agreement with ProXR to produce the world's first metal bat using ProXR's handle design. The ProXR ergonomic knob features reduced compression, allowing for a better grip by the batter.

"We at Dove Tail Bats are always on the cutting edge of baseball technology," said Paul Lancisi, CEO of Dove Tail Bats. "We're honored to partner with ProXR. After producing different angle knobs for three years, it was clear that ProXR had broken new ground. Every one of our pro and amateur players made the conversion with astounding results, including Pete Alonso. Designed for maximum efficiency and power, we feel this knob gives any player the best opportunity for success."

Dove Tail Bats are already using the ProXR knob design and technology for the company's wood bats. The handle design results in an increased grip connection for batters, as well as increased leverage, improved performance, and

greater power. The ProXR knobs come in three different designs, all of which will be available for the metal bats.

Dove Tail's metal bats with the ProXR handle are expected to be available in August. People can sign up at DoveTailBat.com to be the first to know when the new metal bat launches.

Based in Shirley, ME, Dove Tail Bat Company was born out of Dovetail Cabinetry and Designed Living. The owner's youngest son was playing baseball in high school and college, and would complain about the quality of the bats. Using Maine wood and Maine know-how, Dove Tail Bat Company came into existence as a result.

After making bats for their son and his teammates in high school and college, Dove Tail started selling bats to men's leagues around the country and eventually to professional baseball players. In 2017, Dove Tail produced about 30,000 bats, and saw three bats entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

More information about the company can be found at dovetailbat.com

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