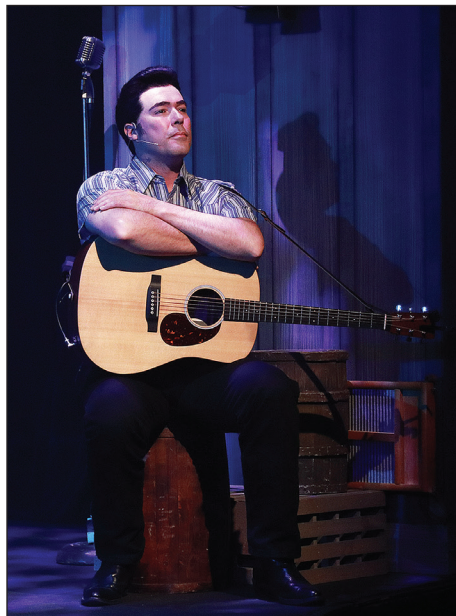


‘Everly Brothers’, ‘Ring of Fire’ this Summer



Scott Moreau in “Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical Show”, a unique musical from the songbook of Johnny Cash, which will be presented August 6-29 at Portland Stage in Portland. (Photo by Alberto Romeu)

From MSMT

Brunswick, Maine – Maine State Music Theatre’s collaboration with Portland Stage continues with two co-productions this season.

“The Everly Brothers” will be presented July 23-25 at the Pickard Theater

on the Bowdoin College campus and “Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical Show” will be presented August 6–29 at Portland Stage in Portland.

“The Everly Brothers” features Ben Hope and Eric Anthony (both who are also performing in Ring of Fire) performing the music of the immensely popular American rock-n-roll duo. The Everly Brothers style of harmonizing and steel-string acoustic guitar influenced a generation of country rockers and made famous dozens of hits including “Bye Bye Love,” “Wake Up Little Susie,” “All I Have to Do Is Dream,” and “Cathy’s Clown.”

From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes “Ring of Fire”, a unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and the healing power of home and family. Maine native Scott Moreau (Walkin’ the Line and Million Dollar Quartet at MSMT) performs more than two dozen classic hits — including “I Walk The Line,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and the title tune.

The multi-talented cast paints a musical portrait of The Man in Black that promises to be a foot-stompin’, crowd-pleasin’ salute to a unique musical legend!

Tickets are on sale for both productions for subscribers now and to for the general public on June 8.

Tickets range from \$50 - \$60 for “The



Scott Moreau and Spiff Wiegand in “Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical Show”. The show is a tribute to the music of Johnny Cash, and will be presented the month of August at Portland Stage in Portland. (Photo by Alberto Romeu)

Everly Brothers” and can be purchased at www.msmt.org or 207-725-8769.

Tickets range from \$44 - \$70 for Ring of Fire and can be purchased at www.portlandstage.org or 207-774-0465.

Guest Essay Awakening A Sleeping Giant

By James Merrill

It was an early Sunday morning back in 1941; the Pearl was peaceful, quiet as she greeted the rising sun.

The harbor waters were calm, there was stillness in the air, and crews aboard their ships had not a worry or a care.

The Arizona was a beauty, proudly anchored below the morning skies, the Utah and Missouri anchored near her awaiting their crews to rise.

No one had a clue that peaceful morning the terror soon to come, the roar of airplane engines sounded like the beating of a thousand drums.

The day that would live in infamy would soon be here, when that roar off in the distance was now so very near.

A sleeping giant would be awoken as one Japanese Admiral would soon say, and it brought our great country united on that terrible and dreadful day.

From farms and mountain valleys, from sea to shining sea, young men came by the thousands to raise their right hands and take an oath so one day we’d all be free.

They fought on islands scattered along South Pacific shores, like Saipan, the Marshal Islands, Guadalcanal, Corregidor.

Dedicated nurses cared for the wounded as battles would rage on; God bless those nurses who gave so much, each and every one.

Young men landed on beach heads along the shores of Normandy, they fought in open fields of France and in thick forests of Germany.

God Bless them all and we thank them all, it because them America is free.

James Merrill is a military veteran, and shared this poem for Memorial Day.

Gorham Middle School wins a fitness center

From ME DOE

AUGUSTA - Governor Janet Mills and fitness icon Jake (Body by Jake) Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors’ Fitness Councils (NFGFC), announced at the end of May that three Maine schools have won a state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON’T QUIT! Fitness Center.

The multi-million dollar DON’T QUIT! Campaign has selected Gorham Middle School in Gorham, Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School in Deer Isle, and SeDoMoCha School in Dover-Foxcroft for new fitness centers in recognition of their commitment to the health of their students, according to the Maine Department of Education.

“The last year has proven just how important investing in the health of our students is to keeping our state strong,” Mills said. “I congratulate these deserving schools on being selected to receive a

state of the art fitness center and I thank them for their commitment to the health and well-being of Maine children. These centers would not be possible without the generosity of the National Foundation for Governors’ Fitness Councils and Mr. Steinfeld and I thank them for their investment in the children of Maine.”

“We had an overwhelming response from elementary and middle schools throughout the great state of Maine. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of Governor Mills, who helped make this campaign a huge success by putting the health and well-being of children first,” said Steinfeld. “Three schools really embodied our mission of building a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. I’m thrilled to announce that Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School, Gorham Middle School and SeDoMoCha School are all being awarded a brand new \$100,000 DON’T

QUIT! Fitness Center. Congratulations to all, we look forward to visiting these three schools during our ribbon cutting ceremonies this fall!”

Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships with companies like The Coca-Cola Company, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, Wheels Up, and Nike, and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding.

Fitness in Motion provides all the fitness equipment, which is manufactured in the United States. The foundation’s goal is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world.

These state-of-the-art DON’T QUIT! Fitness Centers will be unveiled during ribbon cutting ceremonies this fall. This year, the NFGFC program will have completed 40 states and will make its way into all 50 states in the coming years.

For more information about the National Foundation, visit www.natgovfit.org.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Essay

Support a racial impact study Before banning menthol cigarettes

By Lt. Goldstein

As executive director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP), I speak on behalf of over 5,000 current and retired members of law enforcement across the country. Our organization supports focusing law enforcement resources on the most serious priorities, promoting alternatives to arrest and incarceration, addressing the root causes of crime, and healing police-community relations. These efforts, among many others, fosters progress.

And passing an unjust, unscientific, and potentially divisive bill like Maine bill LD-1550 - *An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products* hinders that progress.

More Black smokers choose menthol cigarettes than white smokers.

Banning menthols leads to more illicit trade and criminal activity. This causes an increase in police presence and police interactions within communities of color.

Massachusetts passed a statewide ban on flavored tobacco products in 2020, and cigarette purchases declined in-state while increasing substantially in bordering states. There's no evidence that banning flavored tobacco is reducing smoking in Massachusetts. However, plenty of evidence shows that people still found a way to get flavored tobacco products regardless of the law, shutting millions in tax revenue out-of-state and creating another public health responsibility for law enforcement.

This year, Maine became part of a small yet mighty group of fewer than

ten states to adopt Racial Impact Statement legislation - a bold and innovative step forward. Now is the time to implement this study. Understanding the bill's potential racial impact on Black and Indigenous populations is critical before the prohibition is law.

According to studies, the state has large disparities in homeownership rates, police stops, incarceration, and pay between Mainers of different races. A ban on a product that is the preferred choice of Black smokers widens this gap with a state-sanctioned discriminatory policy, a state-sanctioned ban that targets people of color.

Even if law enforcement focuses on businesses that violate tobacco laws — and not individual sellers — we know that police still end up interacting with in-

dividuals over tobacco violations. High-profile stories from Black communities illuminate this problem. Last year, an unarmed 14-year-old Black teen in California was assaulted by an officer over a cigarillo. In 2014, Eric Garner, another unarmed Black man and father of six, was choked to death on the streets of New York while being arrested for selling loosies.

These interactions destroy police-community trust and threaten reforms. People are more than mistrusting. They are more fearful of us than they are of being victimized again. The logical conclusion here is that we have to think more deliberately about what policies we adopt, what police are asked to enforce, and which neighborhoods police are placed in.

More police often

equates to more arrests, and even The Sentencing Project says, "it is important to address a policy's unwarranted effects before it is adopted, as it is more difficult to reverse sentencing policies once they have been implemented."

As a state with a small yet mighty multicultural population, it is imperative that Maine lead in this area. On the heels of the anniversary of George Floyd's death, I'm reminded of our nations' fight to end racial injustice, the solidarity between many police and communities of color to stop the killings of unarmed Blacks by police and to change the legacy of white supremacy, the patriarchy, and institutionalized barriers. Racial impact statements are one small yet mighty tool of this rebuild.

Anyone who cares

about public safety, public health, and the growing divide between police and communities, especially communities of color, should be alarmed by LD-1550. I would like to think that many in this group also see the logic in Maine moving forward with the State's Racial Impact Study of a potential menthol ban.

As said by Maine's Racial Impact Statement bill sponsor, "We can create new injustice, or we can prevent it." Let's hope we choose the former.

Lt. Diane Goldstein (Ret.) leads the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit of police, prosecutors, judges, corrections officials, and other law enforcement officials advocating for criminal justice and drug policy reforms that will make our communities safer and more just.

'Aesop's Guide to Friendship' at Monmouth

From Theater at Monmouth

MONMOUTH – The Theater at Monmouth will present the show *Aesop's Guide to Friendship*, from June through August, both inside and outside Cumston Hall on Main Street.

The theater invites parents to bring their young adventurers to CAMP AESOP this summer where they'll use their imaginations to explore important lessons of perseverance and kindness in TAM's Family Show production of *Aesop's Guide to Friendship*, by Dawn McAndrews, based on the beloved fables.

Join the theater starting Saturday, June 19 at 1 p.m., and enjoy shows through Thursday, Aug. 13, with matinee performances on both weekdays and weekends.

Aesop's Guide to Friendship explores age-old stereotypes to help young and old alike focus on ways to be better friends, neighbors, and citizens. TAM's adaptation, full of song and play, explores behaviors that are helpful or harmful to friendships and communities.

Director Ian Kramer said, "Over the course of time, these stories have been shared by many cultures in different languages

all over the world. They are universal stories. And that is a beauty of storytelling: you can tell or perform the same stories countless different ways, but their main values are always present. I think Aesop was a man ahead of his time. He knew that personifying animals was one of the best ways to reach his fellow human, to remind us we are all not so different. And perhaps that's why we still tell these fables: to teach and learn what it means to be human."

Playwright and Producing Artistic Director Dawn McAndrews said the impetus for writing *Aesop's Guide to Friendship*

was, "Every year, we survey teachers to see what books or classic literature they would like TAM to bring to life for their students. A few years ago, they almost unanimously told us they used the fables of Aesop to explore making good choices. The fables lend themselves to broad interpretations, so I brought my experience as a camp counselor at a YMCA Camp and my 10 years as a Girl Scout and these modern takes on the fables are the result."

Aesop's Guide to Friendship features Sarah Goldman on Team Trickster; Michael Rosas on Team

Predator; Reece Santos on Team Peacemaker; and Tori Thompson on Team Prey. Set Design by Stacey Koloski, Costume Design by Elizabeth Rocha, Lighting Design by Steph Bottum, Prop Design by Emma Kietly, and Sound Design by Rew Tippin.

Performance Calendar: OPENING 6/19 at 1 p.m.; additional performance dates 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/24, 8/3, 8/7, 8/10, 8/13 at 1 p.m.

For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Theater at Monmouth,

founded in 1970, was named the Shakespearean Theater of Maine by the State Legislature in 1975. The theatre's mission is to present innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions that enrich the lives of people throughout Maine.

Since its founding, TAM has produced expertly crafted, engaging productions in its four-month Summer Repertory Season entertaining audiences from 36 states and through Education Tours annually reaching more than 15,000 students statewide.

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State receives \$1.5M for Emergency Sheltering

From ME DHHS

PORTLAND – The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recently received a \$1,585,092 grant from FEMA for the cost of sheltering the City of Portland’s high-risk population in non-congregate locations during the state’s emergency response to coronavirus last year.

Non-congregate emergency sheltering—such as in motels and hotels—is a housing solution widely used during the pandemic to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among high-risk populations. It keeps individuals, or families, separated from other individuals, or other families. This promotes physical distancing and allows those who

test positive to quarantine. The five sites funded under this grant were in the City of South Portland: Budget Inn, Comfort Inn Airport, Days Inn by Wyndham Airport/Maine Mall, Howard Johnson by Wyndham South Portland, and Quality Inn & Suites. One site was in Portland: Motel 6.

This grant to the Maine DHHS is funded

through FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) Program, which reimburses eligible applicants for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a major disaster. Eligible applicants include states, commonwealths, localities, certain types of private non-profit organizations, federally recognized Tribes and territories.

FEMA is providing a 100% federal cost share of eligible expenses for this PA project, which covers from July 1 to Oct. 31, 2020.

“Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA and the State of Maine have provided much-needed resources for everyone—especially to the most vulnerable,” said Acting Region 1 Ad-

ministrator and Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ford, who oversees FEMA’s operations in New England. “Our agency is thankful the state took these essential actions to save lives.”

As of June 2, FEMA’s PA Program obligated more than \$42.1 million in 283 projects related to the coronavirus pandemic in Maine.

Tennis is booming in New England

From USTANE

WESTBOROUGH, MA - It’s a good time to be on the tennis courts as nearly 1 million New Englanders played tennis in 2020 - a 27% increase over 2019.

Tennis was also found to be the fastest growing organized sport in 2020. This is according to recent data from the Physical Activity Council’s (PAC) Participation report produced by

Sports Marketing Surveys in collaboration with the Tennis Industry Association.

“Tennis is naturally a safe, distanced, and no-contact sport which proved to be priorities during the pandemic. As we move into our new normal, we couldn’t be more thrilled to welcome new people into the sport and encourage everyone to pick up a racquet,” said U.S. Tennis Association of New England (USTANE)

Executive Director and COO, Matt Olson.

The U.S. Tennis Association of New England launched the ‘I am a tennis player’ marketing campaign on June 1, which exists to celebrate all of the new people who have come into the sport as well as honoring those who have always loved tennis.

“As we emerge from a very tough year-plus, we want to spread some positivity. Tennis is a fun sport

to play and is a great way to work out without feeling like you’re working out. There are opportunities for everyone whether you want to compete seriously or play on public courts for free,” said Alex Wesley, Director of Marketing for USTANE.

Forty-four percent of people in the study reported playing on public courts in New England in 2020. USTA New England has a Tennis in the Parks program

presented by Wilson Sporting Goods to introduce new people to the sport across the six New England states.

For additional USTA New England programming and to learn about the ‘I am a tennis player’ campaign, visit the campaign homepage, playtennisnewengland.com.

Some 944,436 people reported participating in tennis in New England in 2020.

USTA New England,

one of 17 regional sections across the country that comprise the United States Tennis Association (USTA), is a not-for-profit organization committed to promoting and developing the growth of tennis and increasing participation in the sport in New England by offering quality recreational and competitive programs for people of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit www.usta.com/newengland.

Collins Calls on President to Protect Afghan Women

By US Sen. Collins

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) wrote to President Joe Biden urging him to take

immediate action to ensure women’s rights and safety are protected in the wake of the pending U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Noting that protecting Afghan women and girls post-withdrawal will

require a whole-of-government approach, the Senators urged the President to immediately appoint an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues who can serve as the senior administration official responsible

for coordinating it.

“We write to convey our deep concern for the fate of women’s rights in Afghanistan following the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces in the coming months,” the Senators wrote. “Given all

that is at stake for Afghan women and girls, we ask you to take immediate steps to ensure women’s rights and safety after the U.S. departure, including the appointment of an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues

to serve as the senior administration official responsible for coordinating all U.S. government efforts for the protection of women’s rights in Afghanistan.”

“This is an urgent
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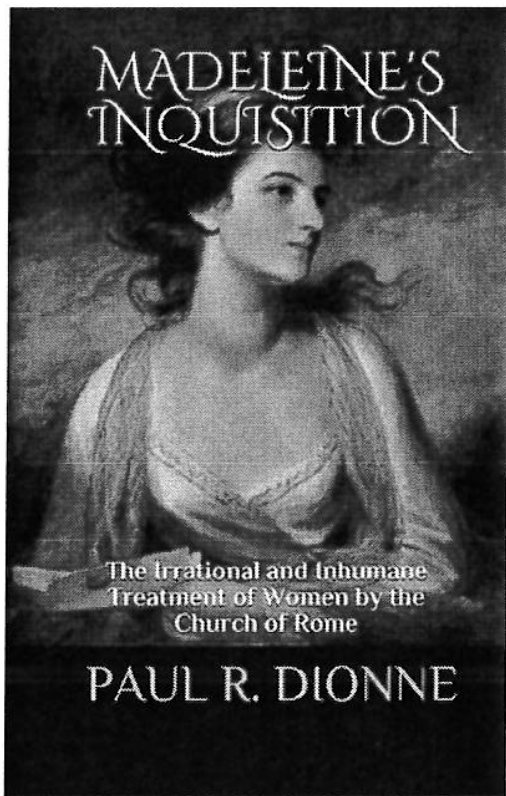
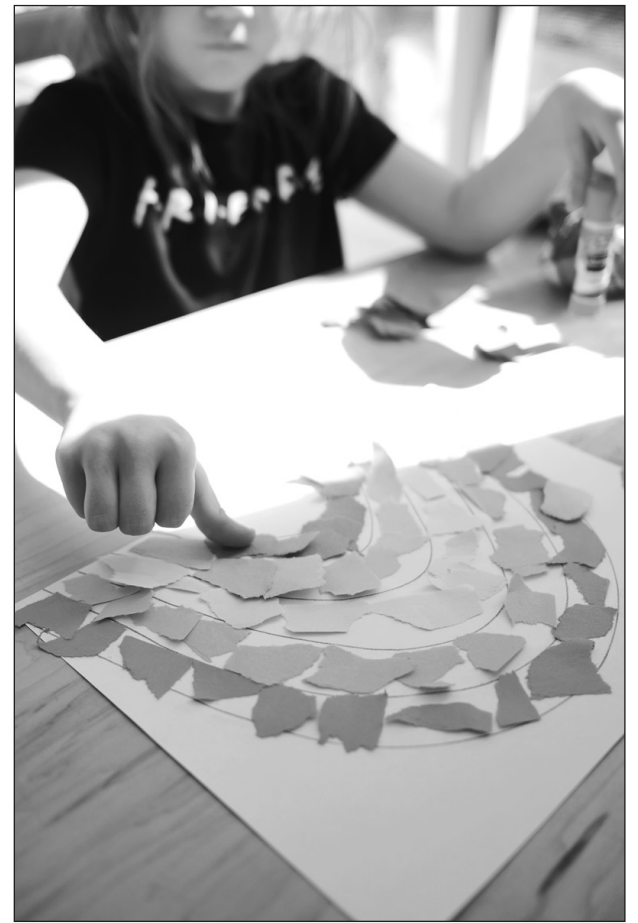
UMaine summer learning series kicks off June 14

From UMaine
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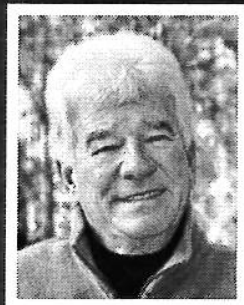
its hands-on virtual summer learning series June 14-Aug. 20 with over 50 workshops open to all youth ages 5-18.

“UMaine Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series,” which will be offered in two parts, includes learning tracks in arts and

crafts, food and nutrition, STEM, marine science and aquaculture, animal science and agriculture, and



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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teen leadership. The series opens with a magic show featuring Maine 4-H alumnus and family-friendly entertainer Conrad Cologne.

In addition, this year's 4-H@UMaine experience for teens will now be offered as one of the learning tracks. These online workshops will highlight University of Maine programs and opportunities and will be provided by UMaine faculty, staff and students.

The series is free, but registration is required. Registration opened the beginning of June for part one and will open on July 6 for part two.

Offline projects that can be completed at home also will be available.

Register and find

more information on the Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Jessy Brainerd, 207.581.3877; jessica.brainerd@maine.edu.

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Electric vehicle fast-charging network expands

From Efficiency Maine Trust

AUGUSTA - Efficiency Maine recently awarded seven grants to place new high-speed electric vehicle (EV) chargers at strategic locations serving communities in central and eastern Maine.

The charging stations will be located between Lewiston-Auburn and Bangor on Interstate 95, and from Belfast to Ellsworth along coastal Route 1.

With these additions, Maine's universally accessible, high-speed EV charger network will connect Bangor, mid-coast Maine, and Acadia to drivers traveling to and from southern New England and Maine's western border.

Installation of high-speed EV chargers at these locations will fully commit the balance of the \$3.15 million in Volkswagen (VW) settlement funds that Maine dedicated to EV infrastructure. In 2018, the Maine Department of Transportation selected Efficiency Maine to administer the EV infrastructure initiative with the settlement funds resulting from a successful lawsuit against VW for violation of environmental protection laws. Further expansion of the high-speed network, in-

cluding to Northern Maine and further Downeast, is planned over the next several years.

Under the terms of the awards, two high-speed chargers, each at least 50 kW in capacity and universally accessible (offering both CHAdeMO and CCS plugs), will be installed over the next year at each of the following businesses:

- Irving Oil, Washington St., Auburn
- Petronino Corp. (On the Way), Lisbon St., Lewiston

Hannaford Supermarket, High St., Ellsworth (project owned by Revision Energy)

- Hannaford Supermarket, Lincolnville Ave., Belfast (project owned by Revision Energy)

- Irving Oil, Odlin Rd., Bangor

- Irving Oil, Moosehead Trail, Newport

- Irving Oil, Center St., Fairfield

"Over the last three years, Efficiency Maine has used Volkswagen settlement funds to install electric vehicle chargers in communities across Maine, expanding cleaner transportation options for Maine people, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and fighting climate change," said Governor Janet Mills. "As electric

vehicles become more common, Maine must continue to expand its charging network, which is why I am proposing \$8 million through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan for EV charging infrastructure. By making it easier to charge an EV anywhere in Maine, we will strengthen our economy and reduce harmful carbon emissions. I applaud Efficiency Maine for reaching this milestone and for its many contributions toward energy efficiency and climate action in Maine."

"It's significant that we were able to attract these high quality, well-trafficked locations within 30 miles of other fast chargers, and that some of the major gas stations are diversifying their business strategies by adding EV charging," said Michael Stoddard, executive director of the Efficiency Maine Trust. "When we get gas stations and grocery stores playing host to EV chargers, we know that the sites are strategically located, the owners know how to cater to drivers, and the transition to electric is getting serious."

"At the Maine Department of Transportation, our partnership with the Efficiency Maine Trust is helping find real solutions to the challenges that

arise as drivers look to transition to electric vehicles," said Bruce Van Note, commissioner of MaineDOT. "We are pleased that the installation of these new high-speed charging stations will begin to fill in the gaps in central and eastern Maine, and we look forward to future connections in more of our state's rural reaches."

Petronino Corporation, the owner of the On the Way convenience store on Lisbon Street in Lewiston, was also awarded a grant. "As the world evolves, it's important to offer our customers clean transportation options in our efforts to continue to satisfy the needs of the diverse clientele of our On the Way convenience store," said Salim Naous, president of Petronino Corporation.

Two of the new charger systems will be owned and operated by ReVision Energy. "ReVision Energy is delighted to continue our partnership with Hannaford Supermarkets to bring publicly accessible EV charging to more of Maine," said Fortunat Mueller, co-founder and

president of ReVision Energy. "There are more and more EV's on the road all the time and both year round residents and visitors to the mid-coast region will benefit from having additional charging options to choose from conveniently located in places they already visit."

In 2018, Efficiency Maine awarded a grant to ChargePoint to install high-speed charging for the first phase of the initiative. A high-speed charger typically can add 200 to 250 miles of range per hour. ChargePoint installed and now operates high-speed EV chargers (also called "Level 3" chargers or "DC fast chargers") on the Maine Turnpike at the Kennebunk plazas (northbound and southbound) and the West Gardiner plaza, as well as in Jackman, Skowhegan, Farmington and North Windham.

In addition to installing these publicly accessible fast chargers, Efficiency Maine also is supporting the expansion of lower-cost, public Level 2 chargers in other strategic locations across the state. Level 2 chargers are most

commonly installed in homes, as well as at workplaces and public spaces. These units can provide between 14 and 35 miles of range per hour and are often used when a car can be left plugged in for longer periods of time. All Level 2 chargers have a universal "J" plug and connect to all electric vehicle models.

Adding publicly available Level 2 chargers improves local access and destination charging across the state. These charger plugs serve commuters, local drivers, business people driving to and from meetings and appointments, and overnight guests. To date, Efficiency Maine has helped fund more than 140 new level 2 plugs in Maine's public EV charging network, which has now grown to a total of 120 DC high-speed charging plugs and 375 Level 2 "community" plugs.

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Arts & Entertainment

2nd Friday BRUNSWICK season opener this week

From BDA

BRUNSWICK - The 2nd Friday BRUNSWICK Season Opener is on Friday.

2nd Friday BRUNSWICK is sponsored by The Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) and features an inclusive series of events, which will encompass an ArtWalk with a variety of artists selling and displaying art on the street and inside and outside local businesses.

Musical performances will take place throughout the evening.

The event occurs on the second Friday of each month, from June through September, within Brunswick's downtown district.

The Performance Schedule, Map & Listings

can be found in The Cryer newspaper each month and on the Brunswick Downtown Association website at <http://bitly.ws/dRRH> and 2nd Friday Brunswick Facebook page at <http://bitly.ws/dRRL>.

Artists will display works in a variety of media. Artist receptions and demonstrations will be offered at various venues to include galleries, restaurants, shops, and on the sidewalks.

Artist Venues:

- Bayview Gallery
- Hatch on Maine
- The Mix
- Points of View Gallery
- Little Dog Coffee Shop
- Senter Place - outside
- Wilbur's Chocolates - outside

Lemont Block Collective

Root Rind & Petal Grampa's Garden - outside

Camden National Bank - in front

June 11 Schedule:

4 -7:00 pm: Water-song Music, The Mix, 53 Maine Street

4:30 -6:00 pm: Dan Possumato, In front of Bank of America, 110 Maine Street

4:30 - 7:00 pm: David Bullard - In front of Vinyl Haven 147 Maine Street

Performance times are approximate.

Pop-Up Artists include:

- Catherine Worthington - Original painted, pieced & stitched textile art
- Christine Detroy -

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Jeanelle Demers - Custom hand-painted pet portraits

Debbie Hamilton - Writing material; water colors, sheet music, burnt wood

Cori Riggott O'Leary - Custom art, wood cut prints, and handmade cards

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Pamela Shockey - Impressionistic oil & watercolor landscape paintings

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For more information on this season's 2nd Friday Brunswick or to sign up as a business sponsor or venue of the 2nd Friday Brunswick, please visit the BDA website at brunswickdowntown.org or email admin@brunswickdowntown.org, or call 729-4439.

The presenting sponsor is Tontine Mall, the June sponsor is Bangor Savings Bank, and media sponsor is The Cryer.

Vintage throwback packaging for Oakhurst Dairy



Oakhurst Dairy in Portland will use a vintage label for its products in June to celebrate 100 years in business. (Photo courtesy of Oakhurst)

From Oakhurst

PORTLAND - On Thursday, guess who's throwing it back? Oakhurst Dairy!

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, Oakhurst is having some fun with its white milk packaging—the Maine dairy company has created a vintage label using a beloved version of its acorn dating from the 50s to give New Englanders a little taste of nostalgia.

The limited-edition packaging will be available on all Oakhurst half gallon and pint white milk products starting in early June, so grab it at local grocery and convenience stores while you can!

"We're excited to roll out this limited-edition packaging as a nod to yesteryear and engage our loyal consumers in our anniversary celebration," said John Bennett, President and CEO of Oakhurst

Dairy. "Over the last 100 years, we've changed up our packaging and labels a few times but one thing that has always remained the same since 1921 is our delicious, nutritious milk sourced from Maine dairy farms. We hope consumers have as much fun reminiscing as we've had and enjoying having this little piece of Oakhurst nostalgia in their fridge at home."

To find where Oakhurst products are

sold, visit www.oakhurst-dairy.com/where-to-buy.

Oakhurst Dairy was founded in 1921 and started delivering milk in glass bottles to homes on two routes in Portland with horse drawn wagons.

A hundred years later, Oakhurst processes nearly half a million gallons of milk a week that is sourced from local Maine dairy farmers to make its line of dairy products. In

See *Oakhurst*, page 11

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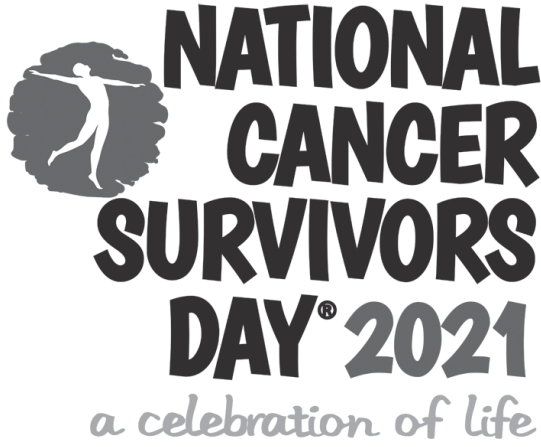
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National Cancer Survivors Day June 6



From CRC

NORWAY - Sunday, June 6, marks the 34th annual National Cancer Survivors Day - a day when thousands of people in hundreds of communities across the globe hold celebrations to honor cancer survivors.

The day also raises awareness of the chal-

lenges of cancer survivorship.

“Life after cancer is more than just surviving,” said Diane Madden, Executive Director of the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located in Norway. “It’s about living well. And that’s something to celebrate!”

According to Matt Dexter, Executive Direc-

tor, Christine B. Foundation, located in Bangor: “Whether you’re a cancer survivor, a family member, friend, or medical professional – National Cancer Survivor Day provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer – including America’s more than 16.9 million cancer survivors – to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them along the way. It is also a day to remember those cancer survivors we have lost.”

Anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life – is a cancer survivor, according to the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. Major advances in cancer prevention, early detection, and

treatment have resulted in longer survival.

However, a cancer diagnosis can leave a host of problems in its wake. Physical, financial, and emotional hardships often persist for years after diagnosis and treatment. Survivors must contend with rapidly rising drug costs, inadequate insurance coverage, difficulty finding or keeping employment, and a lack of understanding from family and friends.

“Despite the numerous obstacles they face, cancer survivors live full, active lives and are an inspiration to all of us,” said Delores Landry, Executive Director of Sarah’s House, in Holden. “NCSA is an opportunity for our community to stand with them and help find ways to lessen the burden of a cancer diagnosis.”

In February 2018, a network of nine Maine cancer support organizations, providing free services, came together to form the Association of Maine Cancer Support Centers (AMCSC), “whose goal is to expand the availability of support services and programs to all Mainers impacted by cancer, and share best practice”, said Wendy Tardif, Executive Director of the Dempsey Center, located in Lewiston & South Portland. “The AMCSC was born out of work related to Maine’s Impact Cancer Network, which is funded and supported by Maine Cancer Foundation (MCF). MCF also provides backbone support for the new Association of Maine Cancer Support Centers.”

AMCSC members are collaborating to offer a

variety of recorded virtual workshops in recognition of NCSA, which will be available on the AMCSC website throughout the weekend of June 4th to June 6th. “We are excited about the Association and the opportunity to work together on this special event,” said Michael Reisman, Executive Director of the Beth C. Wright Cancer Center, located in Ellsworth. “The AMCSC will offer survivor interviews, healthy cooking demonstrations, wellness activities, and other great information that we hope will encourage people to stay active, eat healthy, and explore activities that can help reduce stress.”

Visit www.ncsd-maine.com throughout the weekend of June 4-6 to join in Maine’s celebration of National Cancer Survivor Day.

Silver & Gold Mass celebrates marriage

From Portland Diocese

LEWISTON---Their lives, love, and strength of faith are inspiring and on Saturday, June 19, Maine couples celebrating milestone anniversaries will be honored as part of the Silver & Gold Mass.

The Mass, will begin at 4 p.m. at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston, and Catholics celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries, particularly one year, 25 years, or 50 or more years are encouraged to attend. Couples can register to participate virtually in the Mass at <http://bitly.ws/dXVW>

Bishop Deeley will offer a special blessing to all married couples in attendance and those participating via livestream as part of the celebration.

“We want to mark those milestone anniversaries which speak to us of the enduring power and strength of married love,” said Bishop Deeley. “Pope Francis reminds us that marriage is the sacrament that attracts attention. People can see something happening in the life of the couple who are married. Though it is a source of grace for the couple, therefore, it is also a gift to the Church. And this is particularly the case when we see marriage lived faithfully for decades. It says that love is possible. It is a reflection of the very image and likeness of God.”

The Mass will also be livestreamed at www.princeofpeace.me.

All are welcome to attend to celebrate the goodness of Christian marriage.

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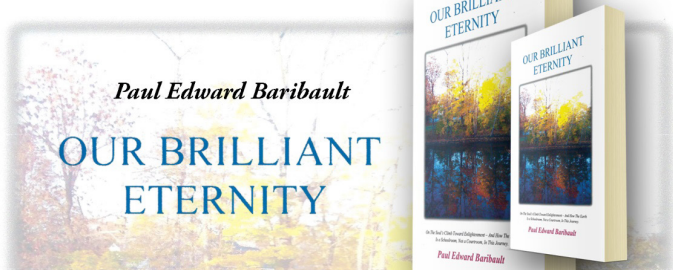
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Summer season kicks off at Aquarium



The New England Aquarium in Boston is expanding hours and food services as it kicks off the summer tourist season. (Photo courtesy of NEAQ)

From NEAQ

BOSTON, MA – The New England Aquarium is kicking off the summer tourism season on Central Wharf with expanded hours, food offerings on the plaza, and a new film showing at the Simons Theatre.

The Aquarium's summer hours, which began May 31, are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Central Snack Bar is open on Central Wharf Pla-

za with menu items including salads, sandwiches, and hot dogs. The kiosk will be open weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and beginning July 1 will operate seven days a week. Those enjoying a bite to eat will have access to a special seating area beneath a tent adjacent to the Snack Bar.

Visitors can also see a new film at the recently renovated Simons Theatre. The popular Ocean Odyssey follows a pod of humpback whales as they embark on an underwater journey, migrating 2,000 miles from the Great Barrier Reef to their feeding

grounds off Antarctica. The films Great White Shark and Turtle Odyssey are also showing.

Since reopening to the public in February, the Aquarium has been offering a safe, educational, and fun visitor experience for people of all ages. In accordance with CDC recommendations, masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated visitors and staff. There will also be a steady ramp up of attendance in the coming weeks to accommodate more visitors through the doors.

Timed ticketing is still in effect, with visitors

encouraged to choose the day and entry time of their visit by reserving tickets online. Once inside, there is no time limit on enjoying all the Aquarium has to offer.

For the time being, the touch tanks and Science of Sharks exhibit will remain closed, with plans to reopen this summer.

For ticket information, visit neaq.org or call 617-973-5206.

The New England Aquarium is a global leader in marine science and conservation, working to safeguard ocean animals and habitats. With more than 1.3 million visitors a year, the Aquarium is one of the premier visitor attractions in Boston and a major public education resource for the region. The Aquarium's research and rescue efforts build on the institution's 50-year legacy of protecting the blue planet and advocating for vital and vibrant oceans.

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

Rebuilding Small Businesses: Volunteers Wanted



Small business has suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic, and SCORE is seeking volunteers to help small business owners build back. (Photo courtesy of SCORE)

From SCORE

HERNDON, VA - Are you a successful corporate executive with deep business knowledge? Or a social media maven who guided a corporate brand to big time success?

Maybe, you're a public speaker and trainer that can inspire small business owners to climb to new heights of success. Or a savvy entrepreneur who has launched successful startups.

If so, then consider volunteering with SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors and help small businesses recover from the economic devastation wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Your skills are valuable, needed and appreciated by small business clients and entrepreneurs," according to SCORE CEO Bridget Weston. "Volunteer to join our community

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Guest Essay Thoughts on ‘Customer Service’

By **Cynthia Chadwick-Granger**

Customer service is, “The assistance and advice provided by a company to those people who buy or use its products or services.”

And providing good Customer Service typically means providing timely, attentive, upbeat service to a customer, and making sure their needs are met in a manner that reflects positively on the company or business.

What does Customer Service mean to me? I see good Customer Service as making me feel special, with full attention to what I need from the company, and their products and services. Going above and

beyond to make me happy. Knowing my name and giving me what I am looking for or finding a way to get it. Creating a relationship so I will repeat my business.

Good Customer Service means I leave with that feeling I want to go back!

We can only hope we can get back to the way things used to be.

So much has changed under the COVID-19 pandemic, and people have disconnected from one another.

I have witnessed it! Where has the human kindness, and the Big Smile, and saying “Good Morning” gone?

There are a few businesses that felt it is very

important to keep that Good Customer Service going even through Covid. Masks or not, I enjoyed shopping at those businesses.

As businesses and companies - all of us across the board - let’s focus on that most important part of our business, the “Customer” and get back to the root of a successful business!

Have a nice day, and know that a smile can be very contagious.

Cynthia Chadwick-Granger is the marketing manager for Bay Area Title in Portland. She is also a wedding officiant at Vows for You by Cynthia. She can be reached at vowsforyou@maine.rr.com or 207-408-2329.

Guest Column

Home Country

By **Slim Randles**

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world’s problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he’d been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He’d been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made

him walk funny.

“I remember when my dad was my age,” he said. “I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, “To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative.”

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren’t really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that’s all. And having to walk

funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

“The other day,” Doc said, “I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn’t have done it.”

Brought to you by “Ol’ Max Evans, The First Thousand Years”, by Slim Randles. www.unmpress.com.

Consumer reading habits have changed

From **TwoSidesNA**

CHICAGO – Print media has seen significant disruption during the coronavirus pandemic, with lockdowns changing the way we access and consume news and information.

Even as familiarity with, and use of, online media has increased, print on paper remains a widely used and highly valued resource. This according to a new survey, “Paper’s Place in a Post-Pandemic World,” commissioned by non-profit organization Two Sides North America and conducted by global research firm Toluna.

“Print and digital communications are often compared as an either/or proposition to suggest one is better than the other,” says Two Sides North America President Kathi Rowzie, “but our research shows that both play an important part in today’s information-driven economy. Rather than adopt a one-size-fits all digital communications strategy, savvy news organizations and other businesses will continue to offer consumers a choice and in doing so, help to assure that those who are unwilling or unable to access digital information are not disadvantaged.”

Send all items for
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to the Editor.

Deadline is Friday by five.

Curbside bean hole bean supper

From **UCC**

GORHAM – The United Church of Christ of North Gorham will provide a curbside bean hole bean supper on Saturday, June 19.

Located at 4 Standish Neck Road in Gorham, the church will provide pre-order pickups from 4:30-5 p.m.

General drive-thru pickup will take place from 5-6 p.m.

To pre-order, or if you have a question, call Wendy Landry at 207-894-5020 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, or Thursday, June 17.

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(R)evolutionary Redux Season at Monmouth

MONMOUTH - Theater at Monmouth's (R)evolutionary Redux Season starts in June.

Due to COVID-19, the theater missed the celebrations of Maine's Bicentennial, the Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, and lived through one of the most divisive elections in the nation's history.

The 2021 Summer Repertory Season includes Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* directed by James Noel Hoban; Mat Smart's *The Agitators* directed by Debra Ann Byrd; the World Premier of Callie Kimball's *Sofonisba* directed by Dawn McAndrews; *Age of Bees* by Tira Palmquist directed by Eddie DeHais. Lynn Nottage's *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* directed by Chris Anthony, and the musical *Daddy Long Legs*, Music and Lyrics by Paul Gordon, Book by John Caird, based on the novel by Jean Webster and directed by Adam P. Blais. The Family Show is Aesop's Guide to Friendship by Dawn McAndrews and directed by Ian Kramer.

SUMMER REPERTORY SEASON
Performances take

place in multiple venues this year. Historic Cumston Hall, a 250-seat Victorian opera house designed by Harry Cochrane, will be the main performance space. For audience members looking to be outside for performances there will be a tent at Cumston Hall, and a short drive from Cumston Hall Wednesdays at WillowsAwake in Leeds. Since its founding TAM has rehearsed and performed in rotating repertory, inviting audiences to see the actors in different roles in different shows in one weekend.

Daddy Long Legs | June 25 - August 20

Music and Lyrics by Paul Gordon, Book by John Caird. Based on the novel by Jean Webster | directed by Adam Blais

This heartwarming story about a witty and tenacious young woman and her mysterious benefactor is filled with soaring melodies and deep longing. Based on the classic novel, which inspired the 1955 movie starring Fred Astaire, *Daddy Long Legs* is a "rags-to-riches" tale of newfound love in the spirit of Jane Austen, The Brontë Sisters, and *Downton Abbey*.

Adam P. Blais returns to TAM having previously directed *Murder for Two*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *My Father's Dragon*. Additional credits include work with The Public Theatre, Shakespeare & Company, The University of Maine, Waterville Opera House, and many others. Adam holds a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Maine, and a M.A. in Leadership Studies from the University of Southern Maine, and serves as the Education & Development Director for The Public Theatre in Lewiston.

The Agitators | July 3 - August 20

by Mat Smart | directed by Debra Ann Byrd

Brimming with urgency and relevance, *The Agitators* examines the friendship and rivalry between Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony. It's 1849 and two young activists steel themselves for the battles to come. Over the next 45 years, they journey from allies to adversaries and back. Theirs is a story of defiance, of rebellion, of revolution. They agitated the nation. They agitated each other. They changed the course of history.

Debra Ann Byrd is the founder of Harlem Shakespeare Festival and Take Wing and Soar Productions where she currently serves as Chief Executive and Producing Artistic Director. As an actor, producer, arts manager, and business leader she has received more than 20 awards and citations. Debra Ann received a BFA Degree in Acting from Marymount Manhattan College and graduated from the NYSF Shakespeare Lab at The Public Theater, the Arts Leadership Institute, at Teacher's College/Columbia University, and completed producer training with The Broadway League at the Commercial Theatre Institute.

Crumbs from the Table of Joy | July 8 - August 21

by Lynn Nottage | directed by Chris Anthony

Brooklyn, 1950. After the death of their mother, Ernestine and Ermina Crump move to New York with their father, Godfrey, who seeks guidance from charismatic preacher, Father Divine. In the swirling, glamorous commotion of this new city, with calls for equal rights and communist rebellion hanging in the air, the girls begin a journey toward independence and a challenging future. This sharp and boisterous play from two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Lynn Nottage about family, faith, and revolution has been described as a mash-up of Lorraine Hansberry and Tennessee Williams, a memory play about a black family, a glass menagerie in the sun.

Chris is a director, teacher, actor, and producer working at the intersection of art and community empowerment. Chris holds an MFA in Acting from the California Institute of the Arts; she has worked

in educational, professional, and community spaces. She has worked to find common ground between art and community, using human relations dialogue to enrich artistic practice and artmaking in service of community development. Professional directing credits include the original *Off the Rails for Native Voices at the Autry*, *Lunch Lady Courage* at Cornerstone Theater, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Othello* at the St. Louis Black Rep, and *Romeo & Juliet* at the Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles. She is currently Assistant Professor of Performance at DePaul University.

Measure for Measure | July 15 - August 22

by William Shakespeare | directed by James Noel Hoban

With a unique brew of laughter and darkness, Shakespeare's tale of impassable moral dilemmas, religious hypocrisy, and he said/she said examines the complex relationships between those in power and those they govern. The quality of mercy is strained to the point of breaking in this dark comedy about the corruption of justice and authority...and the true nature of love and mercy.

James has been a company member at TAM as a director and actor for 11 Seasons. Favorite roles include: *Twelfth Night*, *The Illusion*, *A Woman of No Importance*, *Tartuffe*, *What the Butler Saw*, *The Learned Ladies*, and *Love's Labour's Lost*. He was most recently seen in Good Theater's *A Doll's House, Part 2*. He is the founder of Portland Shakespeare Company and directed the critically acclaimed production of *Richard II* at St. Luke's Cathedral. Other regional credits: Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Portland Stage

Company, The Public Theater, Fenix Theater, Lorem Ipsum, 60 Grit, Penobscot Theater, Mad Horse Theatre, and Dramatic Repertory Company.

The Age of Bees | July 22 - August 19 | MAINE PREMIERE

Tira Palmquist | directed by Eddie DeHais

Palmquist's coming-of-age drama, imagines a world where environmental disaster, and a rapidly spreading plague, has reduced civilization and decimated hope. Mel finds safe haven on an isolated farm, tending to the last blooming apple orchards as primary pollinator. Enter Jonathan, an independent field researcher collecting samples of plants to start anew. Mel sees possibility and purpose in Jonathan, and in Mel, Jonathan discovers a secret that could save the world.

Eddie is a director, choreographer, writer, and devised-theater-maker, who creates spaces of rigorous collaboration, radical empathy, and reckless joy to investigate the best and worst of human nature in both new work and traditional scripts. They are a 2021 Brown/Trinity Rep MFA Directing Candidate. Eddie has been crafting epic and sensorial new plays since 2009 and has worked with artists such as Robert O'Hara, Anne Bogart, Annie-B Parson, JoAnne Akalaitis, Will Davis, and Taibi Magar. eddiehais.com.

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of more than 10,000 volunteers in 1,500 communities. You'll find a wealth of support and build back small business where you live."

Only about a third of small business owners reported turning a profit in 2020. Black and Hispanic-owned small businesses were particularly hard hit. Only 8.8% of Black business owners and 6.7% of Hispanic business owners reported profitability and growth last year, according to research conducted by SCORE.[1]

SCORE welcomes all volunteers and offers a variety of ways to get involved based on the time you have to give and your interests and expertise. You don't have to be retired to volunteer with SCORE (which was formerly known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives), notes Weston. Today, half of SCORE's volunteers are actively employed or running their own businesses.

Volunteer roles include: Subject matter expert - Volunteer 2-10 hours per month and consult with mentors and business owners to answer questions in your area of expertise. Share your know-how and professional knowledge in e-commerce, accounting, human resources, social media or anything else and be an invaluable resource for small business owners.

Local workshop presenter – Share your mastery of a business topic or strategy and deliver local business training for small business owners. The time required can be as little as 2-10 hours for each presentation.

Business mentor – SCORE mentors provide hands-on assistance to local small business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs, helping develop business plans and a roadmap for growth. Mentors have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, as well as broad expertise as a business owner or upper-level manager. This role requires training and then 15-20 hours per month of volunteer time.

The benefits of volunteering with SCORE include networking with local and national business experts and building new community relationships through the local SCORE chapter, notes Weston. Volunteers also expand their own skillsets through training, and receive local and national recognition. Helping others is extremely rewarding, and many SCORE volunteers value supporting the small business community where they live and knowing they are making a genuine difference.

Volunteering through SCORE creates a positive, tangible impact. In 2020, SCORE volun-

teers donated nearly four million hours of service and helped start 45,027 new businesses. They also supported the creation of 119,562 jobs and mentored 143,651 small business clients, many of whom reported higher revenues and business growth.

"My hard work is worth it when I read the emails saying how grateful people are for SCORE's help," said Toma Talpa, a volunteer with SCORE Chicago. "I chose SCORE because of its mission and because of the people who volunteer. They are all passionate about helping entrepreneurs and business owners achieve their goals. It always amazes me that all of the resources and national workshops that SCORE provides are free to anyone."

To get involved, apply today at score.org/volunteer.

Your SCORE chapter will reach out to learn more about you and to share information about onboarding and training.

Oakhurst

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turn, those products are delivered to more than 1,800 grocery stores, convenient stores, and schools throughout Maine, New Hampshire, and Northern Massachusetts each year.

Once there, a little piece of Maine in a carton makes its way to breakfast, lunch, and dinner tables across the region.

Oakhurst has multiple initiatives planned throughout 2021 to celebrate a century in business, including partnering with several iconic Maine companies to pour on the kindness and co-host events and programs throughout the year; Creating social media activations celebrating individuals in the local community, the company's history, its farmers, and employees; Hosting an Oakie kids challenge encouraging children to do 100 Acts of Kindness, Goodness, and Maineness throughout the year; and conducting internal employee celebrations.

And revealing more exciting activities throughout the year

Learn more about how Oakhurst is celebrating all throughout 2021 by visiting www.oakhurst-dairy.com/100years.

Oakhurst is Northern New England's leading dairy brand and has stood behind every glass of milk and product for 100 years. While the FDA states there is no significant difference between milk from cows treated with artificial growth hormone, Oakhurst made history in 2003 when it asked its milk producers to take America's First Farmer's pledge not to use artificial growth hormone.

Maine home sales jump

From Maine Realtors

AUGUSTA - Highly motivated buyers of existing single-family homes continue to pursue Maine real estate options.

Statistics released the end of May by Maine Listings show a 35.68 percent sales leap in April 2021 compared to April 2020.

The statewide median sales price (MSP) reached \$276,000—an increase of 17.05 percent comparing April 2021 to April 2020. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"Maine's residential real estate market continues to be fast-paced," said Aaron Bolster, Broker/Owner of Allied Realty in Skowhegan and 2021 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS®, "The April 2021 statistics released today reflect a comparison to one year ago, when the state of Maine was in COVID-shutdown status. Last month's sales volume was strong—13 percent above the pre-pandemic April 2019 figures.

"As homes come onto the market, buyers are waiting and ready," Bolster said. "Statewide, the Days on Market for April 2021 was eight days, compared to 25 days one year ago, and 46 days in 2019."

The National Association of Realtors reported strong year-over-year sales of single-family existing homes in April. According to NAR, sales were up 28.9 percent nationwide, and the national MSP rose 20.3 percent to reach \$347,400. Comparing April 2021 to April 2020. Regionally, the Northeast experienced a significant sales boost—a 30.4 percent volume increase—while the regional MSP increased 22.0 percent to \$381,100 over that same time period.

"We expect that improving COVID metrics and back-to-the-office vs. telework decisions may help stabilize the market urgency and upward pricing pressures that we're experiencing. A REALTOR® is your best resource to navigate these market conditions, whether you're selling or buying."

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Plan ahead for your wedding dress

From Boston BBB

BOSTON - Shopping for the perfect dress is a crucial part of a wedding or prom. But like many purchases with a big price tag – and high stakes – there's a lot that can go wrong.

Buying a wedding dress or prom dress can come with unexpected expenses, delayed orders, surprise policies, and unwanted stress in advance of a big event.

Follow this advice to ensure that dress shopping goes smoothly:

Start shopping early: Experts recommend buying a wedding dress between six and nine months ahead of the big day. You don't need as much time for prom or another special

occasion, but experts recommend starting a couple months ahead. Delivery and alterations can take time, and spring is busy season for seamstresses. The more time you have, the more you can comparison shop and the less rushed and stressed you'll feel.

Be clear about your budget: Be upfront about your budget, so your sales person shows you dresses in your price range. You don't want to fall in love with a dress only to find that it is way over your budget.

Factor in alterations: Dress alterations can be costly, so double-check policies in advance. Some dress shops offer alterations for a flat

fee or cap expenses at a certain amount.

Don't pay 100% upfront when buying a wedding dress: Most salons ask for a deposit of about 50% of the dress price for expensive gowns. You should not be pressured into paying the entire cost of a wedding dress upfront. Depending on where you find a prom dress, this will generally be less of an issue.

Check the cancellation policy: Always check a store's cancellation policy for your specific order. Each contract is different, and custom orders may have a strict cancellation policy.

Be clear about your schedule: Brides have complained to BBB that

their dresses arrived too late for alterations. Be sure to be very clear about schedules and leave extra time to resolve any issues.

Take your dress home: After your alterations are finished, promptly pick up your dress. You can't control what happens at the store where you found a prom dress or wedding dress - it might even go out of business - so the safest place for your dress is at your home (or the place you will be dressing on the big day).

Want to rent? Do your homework: Renting a dress is an increasingly popular options for proms and other special events. Be sure to start early because popular styles and sizes will sell out. Also, check BBB.

org before committing to a specific company.

Check BBB: Research dress shops on BBB.org before making a purchase.

Buying Online

Some online sellers offer gowns that look like designer dresses for a fraction of the price. Buyers expect these dresses to be low-cost replicas, but BBB often hears that the dresses that arrive are ill-fitting and constructed from poor quality materials.

If you've decided to buy a wedding dress or prom dress online, keep the following tips in mind:

Beware of counterfeit gowns: Authorized retailers are the only stores allowed to sell a designer's gowns. Anyone else claiming to carry them is likely selling counterfeits. In fact, many dress designers do not sell their gowns online at all.

Shopping for a deal? Be realistic: As much as a budget-conscious bride or party-goer may want to find a \$5,000 dress for \$350, it's probably not going to happen. Many designers don't allow their dresses to be discounted below a certain margin. In fact, an in-person sample sale, not on-

line, may be a bride's best bet for finding a discounted gown.

Double check delivery promises: It's vital that your dress arrives in time, so be sure the seller clearly states its typical delivery times.

Understand the return policy: Review the guarantee, return, and refund policies before purchasing. Know if there is a way to return your dress (and how much it will cost) if you are not happy with it. Make sure there's a way to contact the company where you find the prom dress or wedding dress in case of problems. An absence of contact information on a website is a big red flag when shopping online.

Be wary of overseas sellers: Buying wedding dresses or prom dresses from an international seller may seem like a good deal. However, U.S. and Canadian laws and consumer protections will be difficult, if not impossible, to enforce.

Read BBB tips for shopping online: Although a wedding or prom dress may be an extra special purchase, much of the general advice for shopping online applies here, too.

Global fined for boiler pollution

From Maine DEP

AUGUSTA - Global Companies LLC, South Portland, LLC (Global) was recently fined \$20,000 for burning polluting oil in its boilers.

Global owns a bulk petroleum distribution terminal in South Portland.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection issued Global an air emissions license (AEL) on Jan. 23, 2013 and renewed the AEL on March 14, 2016. On Dec. 10, 2018 and Feb. 9, 2019.

Global accepted deliveries of non-compliant #6 fuel oil dedicated for its boilers. The fuel oil was non-compliant due to its exceedance of the maximum sulfur content of 0.5%, the deliveries included 1.66% and 1.60% sulfur content respectively.

Global's records show that it used the non-compliant fuel between Jan. 3, 2019 and Mar. 22, 2019.

By taking delivery of and using fuel with a sulfur content that exceeded 0.5%, Global violated Specific Condition 16(A)(3) of its AEL and 38 M.R.S. § 603-A(2)(A)(1).

On June 5, 2019.

Global conducted stack testing for volatile organic compound emissions (VOC) and submitted the report of the testing to the Department on July 12, 2019.

By failing to submit VOC emissions test results within 30 days of testing to the Department, Global violated Standard Condition 11(C) of its AEL.

To resolve these violations, Global agreed to pay to the Treasurer, State of Maine, a civil monetary penalty of \$20,000. The Maine Board of Environmental Protection voted to approve this Administrative #6 fuel oil Consent Agreement during a meeting held on March 18, 2021 and it was subsequently approved by the Maine Office of the Attorney General on April 12, 2021.

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



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

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.lewistonmaine.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.

SATURDAY
June 19
4 p.m.
 LEWISTON – Silver & Gold Mass at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston.

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 Administrator's Conference Room.

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 AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

WEDNESDAY
June 23
7:30 a.m.
 AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.
6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

MONDAY
June 28
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.

Expand your knowledge at Senior College



Students of the University of Maine L-A Senior College at the outsider's club walk in Portland. (Photo courtesy of L-A Senior College)

the college the freedom to schedule classes any day, any time.

With the sudden lockdown in the spring of 2020, many brave souls agreed to teach on Zoom and others tuned in skeptically but quickly became engaged.

Classes included cooking, learning to use Snapfish, recognizing birds, and art to name a few.

The number of classes jumped from 8 to 17 as the college moved into the fall. Throughout the past year, senior students have been studying economics, women's studies, science, genealogy, French, and more.

Over the year, LA

Senior College received two grants, one from Martin's Point and the other from SeniorsPlus. These allowed the college to purchase equipment for use in broadcasting in-person classes virtually to people who cannot attend in person.

The USM LA Senior College Outsiders Club has been able to continue hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and kayaking while following pandemic guidelines. Resuming in May 2020, club members enjoyed the great Maine outdoors to the fullest, from sites in the western mountains of Maine to the local Mt Appetite, the Androscoggin Riverlands, and Thorncrag.

Annual Meeting

LA Senior College will conduct its annual meeting via Zoom at 2 p.m. on June 8. To attend email us laseniorcollege@gmail.com, to receive the link on the morning of June 8.

Zoom Fun

Have some Zoom fun this summer!

Many Maine senior colleges offer summer sessions to encourage summer resident's participation. As a member of LASC, you are also able to take part in these online classes via Zoom. There may be a minimal cost, which varies from college to college and is payable directly to them. To learn about these courses, go to: www.maine-seniorcollege.org

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Collins
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priority as our forces withdraw from the country and thereafter. The Taliban rule that preced-

ed U.S. intervention was marked by the violent repression of Afghan women and girls," the Senators continued. "Women were barred from working, at-

tending school, and the basic freedom of movement. After twenty years of U.S. and NATO presence in Afghanistan, uneven but undeniable progress has

been made in advancing rights for Afghan women and girls in society. There is work still to do, but our progress must not be reversed."

Last month, Senators Collins and Shaheen led a bipartisan resolution condemning the recent devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul,

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