

Construction begins on Route 202

Plus, HEAL Program is underway

From Town of Gorham

GORHAM – Water main construction began this week on Route 202/Narragansett Street and is expected to last for about two months.

Gorham Sand and Gravel has begun a water line replacement project for the Portland Water District. Work will take place from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekdays.

During construction, westbound motorists on Route 202 will be detoured westbound on Route 25/State Street to the Bernard P. Rines Bypass and back to Route 202.

Eastbound motorists will be able to continue along Narragansett Street/ Route 202 through the construction zone.

Local residential traffic will be required to seek alternate routes as needed.

Narragansett Street will be opened to two-way traffic after 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Tax Assistance

Senior Property Tax Assistance Program Applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Gorham Municipal Center and online on the Town of Gorham's website as a downloadable form.

Find the form at <http://bitly.ws/fAbI>

Completed applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk by Aug. 1.

For questions and/or assistance with completing an application, residents can email seniorrebate@gorham.me.us or call 222-1671.

HEAL Program

Baxter Memorial Library's Healthy Eating, Active Living Summer Reading and Discovery Program is well underway.

Participants can view the online Library calendar at <http://bitly.ws/fAbV> for upcoming events geared toward enjoying the great outdoors and still pick up children and adult reading logs at the Library to record reading and earn fun prizes.

To learn more, visit the Library at 71 South Street during normal business hours, Monday through Saturday or online at <https://baxterlibrary.org/youth-services/>.

Goodwill is more than just stores



Nick Bennett, interim manager for the GoodTech department at the Goodwill NNE facility in Gorham, evaluates a donated video game system for possible resale. Donated computers, phones, games systems and peripherals are tested, refurbished if possible, and either sold in the stores or online. Items that can't be refurbished are passed along to computer companies for parts, or to recycling companies. (Tsukroff photo)

By Nathan Tsukroff

GORHAM – Goodwill of Northern New England is more than just stores where used items are sold.

Goodwill NNE has multiple programs to help people and families in Maine, New Hampshire and northern Vermont to achieve better or more stable lives.

With a motto of, "A hand up, not a hand out", Goodwill sees part of its mission as teaching people the skills to achieve personal stability, which includes skills like job preparedness and career training.

Headquartered in an industrial park area on Hutcherson Drive in Gorham, Goodwill NNE has additional offices in central Maine and New Hampshire, with retail stores sprinkled throughout the three states.

The stores are an important fundraising tool that support the work of Goodwill, including neuro-rehab services, cleaning

services, and other workforce and health-care services.

In Maine, Goodwill manages 23 residential homes throughout the central and southern part of the state, for adults with an acquired brain injury, an intellectual disability or other barrier to independence that requires the support of Goodwill staff.

There are also community support facilities based in Augusta, Waterville, South Portland and Lewiston, which are "safe places for adults with disabilities to come learn, play, and learn how to live more independently," Heather Steeves, a spokesperson for Goodwill NNE, said.

Goodwill also provides neuro rehabilitation services at facilities in Lewiston and Scarborough. "That's where our medical staff helps people recover, rehabilitate from a brain injury," Steeves said. "So if you have a stroke, for instance, your brain might need help getting its function back."

Goodwill also has "so many workforce programs!" Steeves said. About 28,000 people were helped by Goodwill

NNE last year to find jobs or with job training.

At Take 2 YouthBuild, a Goodwill program in Lewiston, 17-24 year olds who have a history in the juvenile justice system learn new skills and give back to their community.

In Take2 young people learn construction skills in the National Center for Construction Education and Research program while working toward their high school equivalencies and learning valuable life and work-readiness skills. "They're rebuilding Lewiston's dilapidated housing stock," Steeves said.

To help people with multiple sclerosis (MS) in Maine and New Hampshire live active, independent lives, Goodwill is a contracted partner with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Goodwill manages AmeriCorps programs that strengthen communities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont by placing volunteers in local nonprofits, mu-

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Column

Spelling and expelling demonyms

By Grammar Guy

Beelzebub. Mammon. Legion. These are demon names. But today we're talking about demonyms, which are different from demon names.

The devil is in the details, I suppose.

Demonyms are the words we use for groups of people from different places. We get the word "demonym" from the Greek words "demos" (people, citizens, tribespeople) and "nym" (name). Think about the words "democracy" and "demographic," for example. These words both have to do with people in a certain region or group. For example, we call people from Greece (referred to as "the birthplace of democracy") "Greeks." That's a demonym.

Let's start global. By global, I mean planetary. People from Earth are called Earthlings. If sentient life existed on Mars, those beings would be called Martians. I suppose an alien from Neptune would be referred to as a Neptunian. I don't want to get started about aliens, or my friend Byron will chime in and send me

all his wild conspiracy theories. Editor, feel free to omit this paragraph altogether. Actually, go ahead and selectively black it out like a CIA document. That would drive Byron crazy.

Back to demonyms. On a country-by-country basis, some nationalities have predictable demonyms while others are quite surprising. People from Ireland are called "Irish." Citizens of Ghana are "Ghanaians." This all makes perfect sense. On the funky side of country demonyms, folks in New Zealand are called "Kiwis" (referring to the wingless bird). People in Ivory Coast (or Côte d'Ivoire) are referred to as "Ivorians." Locals of the Principality of Monaco call themselves "Monegasques."

When it comes to our fifty nifty United States, we also see a combination of expected and odd demonyms. I'm from Oklahoma, so I consider myself an "Okie." I live in Indiana, so now I'm a naturalized "Hoosier." While these are probably the most unique state demonyms, I really like the "-er" state demonyms including "Connecticut-

er," "Marylander" and "Mainer," although some Mainers prefer to be called "Maineiacs."

One of the state demonyms always makes me yawn. Are you ready? "Utahn." It's hard not to read or say "Utahn" without yawning shortly afterward.

Around the world, there are some fantastic demonyms for international cities, but I'd like to zoom in on some U.S. city demonyms. Did you know that someone in Albany is considered "Albanian"? Likewise, someone in Albuquerque is called a "Burqueño." Do you want fries with that? A person from Pittsburgh is called a — you guessed it — "Pittsburgher." Believe it or not, people in Salem, Massachusetts like to be called "Salemanders." Of course, this list isn't complete without noting that folks in Los Angeles go by "Angelinos." That's quite the heavenly demonym.

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Major gift for Children's Center

From Children's CTR

AUGUSTA – Children's Center, an early childhood intervention and family support services organization for children with special needs, has announced a \$250,000 gift toward the center's plans to expand its Augusta facility.

Peter and Sandra Prescott, and TEAM EJP in Gardiner, made the gift in part to help more families in Central Maine access vital services for their children.

"Giving back to our community and lending a hand when it's needed is an essential part of the culture of EJP," said Prescott. "We have seen the effects of the work done at the Children's Center, and it is critical for kids with special needs. Knowing that there is a waiting list of about 100 kids just in the Greater Augusta Area is heartbreaking. We know we can help eliminate that waiting list by helping to fund this expansion, and that's exactly what we're going to do."

"The Children's Center literally changes lives," Sandra Prescott added. "Children who aren't expected to walk learn to do so; non-verbal children learn to communicate; children who need a little extra help to discover themselves and develop the abilities needed to achieve independence get that help at the Children's Center. Making these kids a priority says a lot about who we are as a community and I believe we're the kind of community these children deserve."

Children's Center announced its plans earlier in the year to expand its primary location in Augusta to meet demand.

The organization provides center-based services for children ages six weeks to five years old and outpatient services, including occupational therapy, speech therapy, outpatient

mental health for children and families, and case management support to kids up to age 21. Annually, the Center serves more than 250 children between its four sites: Augusta, Farmington, Skowhegan and Waterville. All sites have waiting lists with Augusta's being the largest at nearly 100 children in the Augusta area in need of center-based or outpatient services at any given time. The Children's Center also is home to a recently-opened special purpose private school, extending services to kids up to age 7.

"We are all very thankful for the gift from the Prescott family, although I can't say we are surprised," said Jeff Johnson, Children's Center Executive Director. "During his more than six decades at EJP, Peter Prescott has consistently gone above and beyond to help this community he loves so dearly. His passion for Gardiner and Central Maine comes through not just in his words, but in his actions and how he works every day. This area is lucky to have Peter and Sandra as advocates and supporters."

More details on the campaign to expand the Children's Center can be found at www.AChampionInEveryChild.org.

Children's Center will expand its current Augusta facility by 14,000 square feet, while renovating 5,000 square feet of existing space. The expansion will more than double the space and provide additional classrooms, specialized service areas and administrative space. The expansion will also create additional gross motor space, a stimulation-sensitive entrance and lobby, solar installation for improved energy efficiency and a reduced carbon footprint, and the state's only Snoezelen Room. The entire project is expected to cost about \$5 million, with Children's Center

more than halfway to its fundraising goal, mostly through large donations.

Children's Center offerings cover a wide range of services, including specialized programming for children with autism, complex medical needs and global delays; behavioral day treatment for children with a history of trauma, emotional regulation and mental health needs; and a recently established fully accredited Special Purpose Private School, allowing children in need of a specialized environment to continue learning at Children's Center for their kindergarten year.

Children's Center has served the Greater Augusta Area since 1967 as Mid-State United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. After several moves, the doors to the current building opened in December of 1978. The building, located on the corner of Alden Avenue and Worcester Street in Augusta, was expanded in 2001, increasing its capacity to 60 center-based children.

More details about Children's Center can be found at www.ChildrensCTR.org.

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Bill would close trillion dollar "Tax Gap"

Letter to the Editor Climate action good for business

From Sen. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Angus King (I-Maine) recently joined two other senators with the introduction of a bill to stop tax cheats.

Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) joined King in introducing legislation to provide additional funding to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) so it has the necessary resources to take on high-income tax evaders.

The Stop Corporations and High Earners from Avoiding Taxes and Enforce the Rules Strict-

ly (Stop CHEATERS) Act aims to reverse trends that have undermined the IRS's enforcement ability; over the last decade, the IRS's budget has been cut by 20%, leading to the IRS disproportionately auditing lower income earners. As a result, IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig estimates that tax cheats – frequently in the highest-income brackets – are shortchanging the country by as much as \$1 trillion. Today's legislation would allocate \$80 billion to the IRS over the next decade, direct the agency to set audit rate goals for high-income individuals, corporations, and estates, and increase the penalties for tax noncompliance on taxpayers who earn more

than \$2 million of taxable income.

"As Congress negotiates ways to fund much-needed policy priorities and address our growing national debt, there is one common sense solution that should have unanimous bipartisan support: let's enforce the tax laws already on the books," said Senator King. "When a few people cheat on their taxes, it means one of two things – either the rest of us have to pick up their slack, or we add to the debt we're leaving our kids. Neither of those is acceptable, which is why our legislation will make sure the IRS has the resources it needs to confront the tax gap and ensures that our

tax enforcement professionals are focused on the high-income earners who account for the vast majority of tax avoidance. This is a serious problem with an easy solution; let's pass this legislation, and make sure every American pays what they owe in taxes."

Rich people in this country and Wall Street break the law when they don't pay what they already owe in taxes. That must be stopped," said Senator Brown. "This bill will give the IRS the tools it needs to do its job and go after these wealthy tax cheats to make sure they pay what they owe."

The full bill text for the Stop CHEATERS Act can be found at <http://bit.ly.ws/dRw7>

As negotiations continue on the infrastructure package, climate action is frequently framed as being at odds with the economy, where taking any sort of effective action would come at a large cost.

This could not be more wrong.

First are the long-term implications, as unaddressed climate change spells disaster for future jobs and way of life. These climate related disasters have come with a price tag of almost \$2 trillion since 1980, a number that continues to climb.

Even in the present however, many solutions present opportunities to grow jobs, innovate, and stimulate the economy. A carbon fee & dividend structure is a perfect example of this. Endorsed

by over 3500 economists, it would increase international competitiveness, push forward innovation, and provide rebates to citizens.

However, we can even go a step further, looking at CO2 as a resource rather than refuse, through carbon capture and utilization. From enhancing agricultural soils, to neutralizing dangerous wastes, to even creating carbon-tech products, firms such as Microsoft and Strip have already invested millions into these technologies, seeing the value available, as well as consequences of inaction.

Addressing the climate crisis is good business now, and will be critical for the economy of the future.

**Luke Bartol
Manchester, ME**

Veteran service officer positions become law

From ME Republicans

AUGUSTA – The recently passed supplemental budget included LD 658, "An Act To Provide Funding for 3 Veterans Services Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services."

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$120,506 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$160,674 in fiscal year 2022- 23 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for two Veterans Services Officer positions and

related costs.

"These new veteran service officers will focus on identifying and serving homeless veterans, including those at risk of becoming homeless, by connecting them with available resources," said House Republican Veterans and

Legal Affairs Committee Lead Rep. MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox). "They will also work with state agencies and veterans organizations to coordinate homeless veterans services delivery, data collection and data analysis and reporting."

"This was a top priority for Republicans, including the six that introduced this bill along with two Democrats," said House Republican Leader Kathleen Dillingham. "We are pleased that the motion by our Appropriations Lead Rep. Sawin Millett

(R-Waterford) to fund it received bipartisan support and was included in the supplemental budget. It will allow us to be there for veterans that were there for us."

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Guest Essay

First American female Olympic champ never knew it

By Tom Emery

She broke barriers in an era when few noticed. And she went to her grave never knowing that she was an Olympic champion.

Margaret Abbott of Chicago was the first American woman to win an Olympic event, capturing first place in women's golf at the second of the modern Games, in Paris in 1900. Incredibly, she thought she was competing in a local amateur event, and not in the Olympics.

The scenario may be attributed to the incompetence of the organizers, as the Paris Games were a resounding failure. In addition, the traditional medals for the top three Olympic finishers – gold, silver, and bronze – were not awarded until the next Games, in St. Louis in 1904.

Dr. Paula Welch, professor emerita in Health and Human Performance at the University of Florida, has extensively researched and written on Abbott's life. She notes that many of the winners at Paris were presented with works of art, not medals.

"At the first modern Olympics, in Athens in 1896, a few medals were given," said Welch, who has also extensively studied Olympic history. "But I'm not aware of any medals at Paris."

Like many women golfers of her era, Abbott came from a privileged background. Born in Calcutta on June 15, 1878, she lived in Boston before moving to Chicago with her mother, Mary Perkins Ives Abbott, an accomplished author and essayist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Mary Abbott rubbed

elbows with the cream of Chicago society, including Charles Blair MacDonald, considered by some the father of amateur golf in the United States. MacDonald was the first President and designer of the Chicago Golf Club, the first 18-hole course in America, and introduced Mary and Margaret to the game.

"People who knew Margaret describe her as quiet, kind of shy," commented Welch. "But she was very confident in her golf game. Peers called her a fierce competitor."

In October 1899, the Abbotts journeyed to Paris, where Margaret was to study art under Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin. The following year, the World Exposition captivated Paris, and the Olympics were relegated to a sideshow. Sprinkled throughout the long run of the Exposition, the Games opened on May 20 and closed on October 28.

The secondary status disheartened the Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the French founder of the modern Games, though he had been pushed out in a power coup with the government. The ignominious exit may have been a blessing in disguise for Abbott.

"de Coubertin was clear in his disapproval of female competitors," remarked Welch. "Once he was gone, it opened the door for some women to compete. But the organizers hadn't done anything like the Games before, and really didn't know how, which caused some of the problems."

Thanks largely to de Coubertin, no female athletes were permitted to compete in the 1896

Games at Athens. Of the 1,225 athletes at the 1900 version, only nineteen were women. Golf was one of the debut sports in Paris, and the competition was held at Compiègne Golf Club, thirty miles north of the city.

Ten women from two nations – the United States and France – showed up for the nine-hole tournament on October 3. Abbott's future husband, Chicago satirist Finley Peter Dunne, later said that the other players "apparently misunderstood the nature of the game scheduled for the day and turned up to play in high heels and tight skirts."

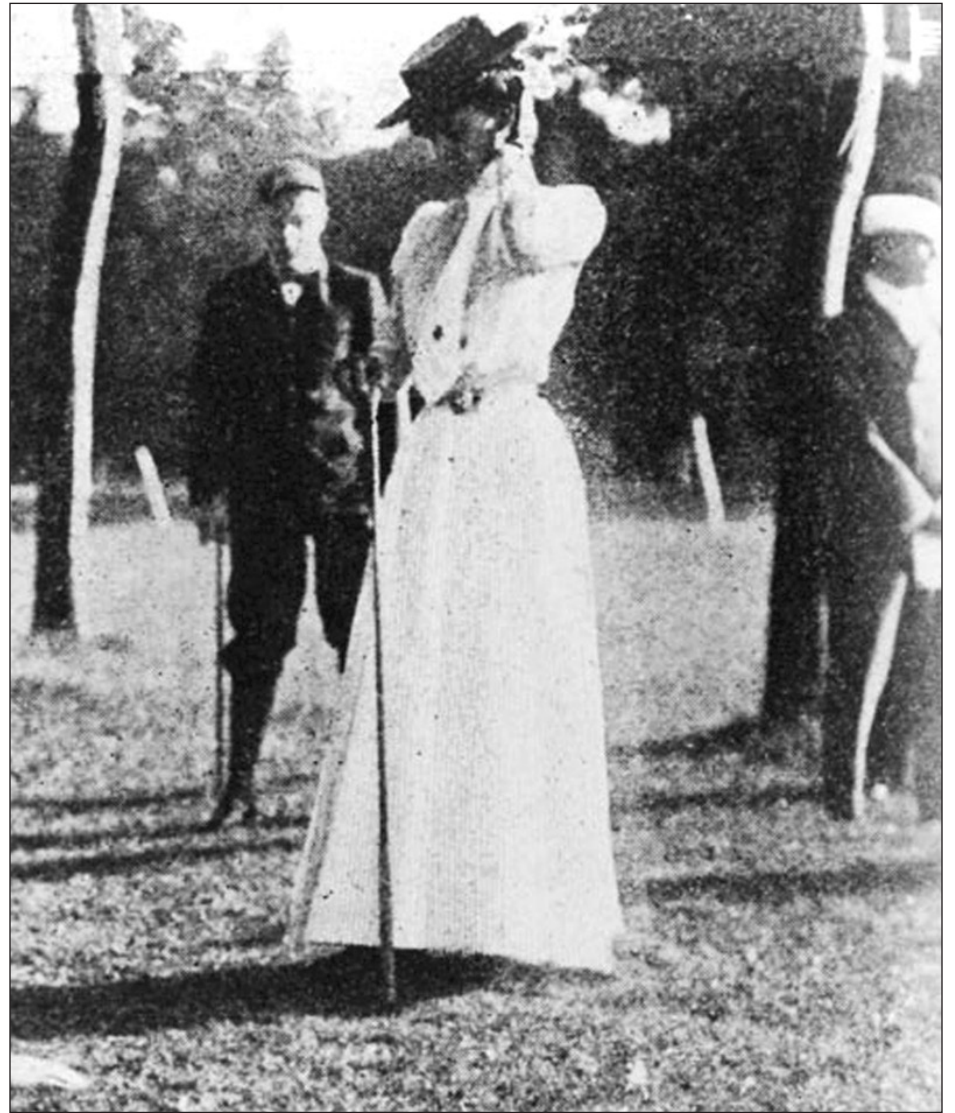
However, organizers did not bother to explain the event they were playing in. Believing the outing to be some sort of local amateur event, Abbott carded a nine-hole total of 47 to win by two strokes over fellow American Pauline Whittier, a descendant of poet John Greenleaf Whittier who was studying in Switzerland at the time.

In third place with a 53 was another American, Daria Huger Pratt, who was on vacation in France that fall. Soon after the Olympics, she divorced her husband and married a Serbian prince.

Tying for seventh, eighteen strokes off the pace, was Abbott's mother, Mary. It was the only time in Olympic history that a mother and daughter competed in the same event.

"Accounts in world newspapers indicate fairly good crowds saw that event," said Welch. "Some of the spectators were in so close that the golfers had to alter their shots."

For her victory, Margaret received a commem-



Margaret Abbott of Chicago captured first place in women's golf at the second the modern Games, in Paris in 1900, to become the first American woman to win an Olympic event. She thought she was competing in a local amateur event, and never learned she had actually won in the Olympics. (Photo courtesy of Tom Emery)

orative porcelain bowl, trimmed in gold. She also won the French championship around that time, but never was aware that she was an Olympic champion at any time in her life.

Two years later, she married Dunne. She died in Greenwich, Conn. five days short of her seventy-seventh birthday in 1955.

"In later years, she told family and friends that she thought the competition was more important

than the French championship," said Welch. "But she never knew she had won an Olympic event."

Neither did her children. "I spent ten years – not every day, of course – tracking down her golf and Olympic involvement, and searching for her relatives," said Welch. "This was in the days before the Internet."

"One of her sons, Phillip Dunne, was a screenwriter for Twentieth Century Fox," continued

Welch. "I asked him, 'do you know what your mother did?' and he was just amazed. He had no idea whatsoever."

Golf returned once more to the Olympics in 1904, but only as a men's event. The sport made a much ballyhooed-return to the Games in 2016 in Rio.

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Maine abolishes civil forfeiture



Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor) sponsored LD 1521, which abolishes civil forfeiture in Maine. It became law last week without the signature of the governor. (Photo courtesy of Rep. Faulkingham)

From Maine Republicans

AUGUSTA – Maine has become only the fourth state in the US to abolish civil forfeiture.

Civil forfeiture enables law enforcement to confiscate millions of dollars of property without ever filing criminal charges.

Sponsored by Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor), LD 1521, repeals Maine's civil forfeiture laws, and bolsters its criminal forfeiture process. Under the new law, which took effect last week without the governor's signature, civil forfeiture is only authorized after a criminal conviction, with some narrow exceptions, such as death or deportation.

"It's a very simple concept; you don't lose your property unless you used it in the commission of a crime, or knowingly allowed someone else to use it in the commission of a crime," Faulkingham said. "This new law provides due process protection to property owners and helps ensure that only convicted criminals, not innocent Mainers, lose their property to forfeiture."

Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham serves Maine House District 136, which includes part of East Hancock, Fletchers Landing Township, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Mariaville, Osborn, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Waltham & Winter Harbor.

Franco-American podcast from L-A College

From L-A College

LEWISTON - The Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College is proud to present Franco-American Pathways (Chemins Franco-Américains), a podcast dedicated to celebrating the history and culture of the Franco-Americans of Maine.

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As the show evolves, we hope to connect with bilingual members of the Franco-American community to help us realize our dream of having every episode available entirely in French as well as English, especially French as it is spoken by Francos and Canadian-Americans. Please reach out to us (julia.rhineland@maine.edu), if you would like to help make this dream of creating a truly bilingual podcast a reality.

Merci, et très bonne écoute !

Fourth world record for ultra endurance athlete



Ohio native Katie Spoz recently broke the female world record for the most ultra-marathon runs in a row, finishing 11 consecutive runs of 31 miles. (Photo courtesy of Katie Spoz)

From Katie Spoz, a clean water activist and adventurer, recently broke the female world record for the most ultra-marathon runs in a row as she raised money to fund clean water projects in Uganda.

She began her latest ultra-endurance challenge and fundraising initiative on June 21 in her home state of Ohio. She achieved

her record-breaking goal for the most runs in a row with 11 consecutive ultra-marathons - 31-mile runs - to raise \$38,931 for H2O for Life.

Spoz ran across the entire state of Ohio, along the Ohio to Erie Trail from Cincinnati to Cleveland to complete her 341-mile journey on July 1. The challenge raised funds for non-profit H2O for Life in their global mission to en-

sure every child has safe water.

In 2020, Spoz became the first woman to run 62-miles nonstop across the state of New Hampshire in 11 hours, and later that year, Spoz became the first woman to run 74-miles nonstop across Vermont in 13 hours in preparation for the run across Maine.

She completed the 130-mile run across the entire state of Maine over a weekend in early September, 2020, in 33 hours and 46 minutes.

Run4Water marks Spoz's 10th endurance challenge to raise money for clean water projects in developing communities around the world.

Spoz came into the public spotlight during her 2010 campaign, Row For Water, where she set records by rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 70 days.

Her work has impacted individuals all over the world, including Haiti, the Dominican Republic, India, Honduras, Guatemala and Nigeria. To date, 25,000 people have gained access to clean water from her efforts.

For this recent challenge, Spoz partnered with H2O for Life. She said the organization "does amazing work both locally and globally, de-

livering water and sanitation to schools all over the world. While also helping students in the US gain leadership skills, civic action experience, and see the power and ability they have to make a positive impact."

H2O for Life Director Steve Hall said, "Partners like Katie are helping unlock the opportunity for children around the world to live better, healthier lives. Because of her efforts, students are able to focus on learning, rather than wasting time walking and collecting water. Access to clean water, a place to wash hands and a safe place to use the bathroom leads to a remarkable improvement in health and learning and gives hope for the future!"

Spoz, born in 1987, is the youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean and was the first person to have swum the entire length of the Allegheny River. Katie's story has been featured on CBS Morning Show, CBS Evening News, World News with Diane Sawyer, Anderson Cooper 360, New York Times, NPR, and other media outlets.

For more informa-



Katie Spoz runs along a road in her native Ohio at the beginning of July on her way to her 11th-consecutive ultra marathon run, setting a world record for female runners. Spoz ran 130 miles across Maine in September, 2020, as part of her efforts to raise money for H2O for Life to provide fresh water for youth in poor countries around the world. (Photo courtesy of Katie Spoz)

tion, please visit: www.KatieSpotz.com.

H2O for Life offers a service-learning opportunity designed to engage, educate and inspire youth to take action to solve the global water crisis by raising awareness and funds to support implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene education projects

for global partner schools. Since 2007, nearly 1 million students from H2O for Life schools have supported water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects for partner schools in the developing world.

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Potters show work in Gardiner



Pottery pieces that can be found in the show, "Exploring Maine: a maker's journey" through Sept. 11 at Monkitree in Gardiner. (Photo courtesy of Monkitree)

From Monkitree at Monkitree in Gardiner, clay artists are displaying their work that gathered inspiration from the Maine

outdoors.

Central Maine Clay Artists each have their identifiable style, and with this show they are exploring new shapes and designs that gather inspiration from the state that offers so much - powerful ocean, scenic lakes, rugged mountains, delicate wildflowers, exceptional dining, dramatic seasonal changes, and so much more.

In addition to the clay artists, the show will include paintings on the same theme by Nancy Keenan Barron.

Each artist has a distinct focus when seeking inspiration from what Maine offers. When asked about their inspiration, the natural environment is front and center. The abundance of Maine's lakes,

rivers and ocean, wildflowers, even dining outdoors, has served as inspiration.

Participating Central Maine Clay Artists include Mary K Spencer, Whitney Gill, Robbi Fritz Portella, Malley Weber, Libbey Seigars, Lori Keenan Watts, Marie Palluotto, Elizabeth MB Downs, and Ru Allen.

CMCA is a professional organization of ceramic artists working in Kennebec County and surrounding communities. Since 2007, the CMCA members have worked to support the creative economy and local art programs, and to promote the ceramic arts in Maine.

Annual projects include Mug Season, an event in conjunction with Maine-owned coffee shops to raise funds for art in the

local schools, and the Holiday Pottery Shop, an opportunity for the public to buy local and get to know the folks who make handmade items locally.

"Exploring Maine: a

maker's journey" can be seen at Monkitree at 263 Water Street, Gardiner, through Sept. 11 during regular shop hours. There will not be an opening reception.



A mug is among the pottery on display at Monkitree in Gardiner as part of the show, "Exploring Maine: a maker's journey" through Sept. 11. (Photo courtesy of Monkitree)

Junction Bowl summer league scores

From Junction Bowl

GORHAM – The Monday night league took a break over the July 4 holiday, and was back last week with competition on the lanes at Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham.

Scores include the player handicap.

Week 3

Pin Me Please struck for 2 games and the weekly team series against **The Empire Strikes Back** with 1 game, 2255-2196.

Pin Me Please

Heather Lavalley 210-174-167 – 551
Rick Cormier 184-201-201 – 586
Lindsay Duplin 187-196-177 – 560

Substitute 167-200-191 – 558

The Empire Strikes Back

Nick Calvert 172-235-164 – 571
Aidan Underwood 163-142-172 – 477
Sebastian Pettitt 173-219-210 – 602
Blind 546
God Squad had a

big night to take all three games and the weekly team series against **JB House Team**, 2544-2212.

God Squad

Ryan Reno 192-191-208 – 591
Tony Valley 183-247-199 – 629
Jordan Bretton 223-205-292 – 720
Andrew Rent 230-218-156 – 604

JB House Team

Amanda Morneau 169-232-232 – 633
Jonathan Ruppel 190-176-156 – 522
Ryan Morneau 171-164-167 – 502
Tom Morneau 166-205-194 – 555

Team 4 played had an open day in the absence of Ice Trae, taking all games and the weekly team series,

2457-2115.

Team 4

Myles Petrin 205-200-220 – 625
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Sunday Music Festival at Court Street Baptist



Ken Medema is the featured artist a New England Summer Music Festival concert on Aug 1 at Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Court St. Baptist)

From Court St. Baptist

AUBURN - Ken Medema will be the featured artist at a New England Summer Music Festival on Sunday evening, Aug. 1, at Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn.

Medema is a widely-known, much-loved musician and singer-songwriter. His lyrics provide social commentary on themes such as justice, hunger, poverty, homelessness, and relevant Christian charity.

Medema earned a degree in music therapy at Michigan State University. He has been described as "one of the most creative and authentic artists performing today." Blind since birth, he has enthralled music lovers in congregations and on campuses, at corporate con-

ventions, youth gatherings and other venues.

He has performed in 49 states and more than 15 countries on four continents. His keyboard and vocal abilities, improvisation skills, and humor both uplift and entertain.

This public event also features a choir of singers from southern Maine.

Several other musicians will accompany Medema with flute, saxophone, piano, and the church's historic Hook and Hastings organ. Mary Carol Kennedy is a professional flutist and saxophonist, a teacher of woodwind instruments, and staff musician at North Saco Congregational Christian Church and Hillside Chapel in Arundel. Ryan Slocum, a student at USM, is an up-and-coming musician currently the organist at the

West Auburn Church.

The Mark Thallander Foundation is the event sponsor. The foundation produces music festivals throughout the United States, grows faith and connects communities through the power of music.

For 18 years, Mark Thallander was organist at Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. He lost his left arm in an accident on the Maine Turnpike while vacationing here. Since then, he has rearranged music in order to perform successfully at concert level. He returns to Maine often.

This concert also celebrates the 160th anniversary of the founding of Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn.

Having been postponed by the pandemic, the free musical program is at 6 p.m. at the church, 129 Court Street, although donations are accepted.

Face masks are optional for individuals who are fully vaccinated.

All are welcome.

The Butterfly Guy on July 30



Jerry Schneider, The Butterfly Guy. (Photo courtesy of APL)

From APL

AUBURN - Learn all about local butterflies, including our largest group of butterflies, the swallowtails, presented by Jerry Schneider, creator of the award-winning Butterfly Game.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 30, at the Au-

burn Public Library at 49 Spring Street, Auburn.

The audience will also learn about the monarch butterfly and its amazing migration to Mexico, in addition to interesting butterfly characteristics.

Schneider, known as The Butterfly Guy, often brings displays of butterflies and moths, cocoons,

and sometimes caterpillars, to these events.

The second half of the program is a splendid t-shirt craft. Please bring a solid, light colored t-shirt if you have one.

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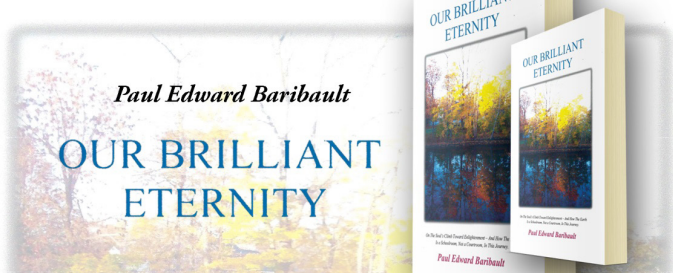
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Goodwill

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unicipalities, and schools. These AmeriCorps members support the long-term health of communities through their selfless commitment, according to Goodwill.

GoodTech

Goodwill NNE created GoodTech, a program where its trained staff refurbishes donated electronics. Donated computers, phones, game systems and peripherals all must pass strict testing guidelines before being sold in the retail stores or online. Not only does GoodTech keep electronics out of the waste stream, it creates jobs for people in the local community by training them in the skills needed to test, repair and recycle all electronics.

GoodTech is a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher and follows stringent guidelines for wiping previous owners' data, repairing and testing PCs. All hard drives are wiped to U.S. Department of Defense Standards.

Items are checked to determine if they should be resold in stores or online. Items that are not acceptable for immediate sale are either refurbished or passed along to computer companies for them to refurbish. Items that are beyond refurbishing are transferred to companies that recycle the electronic parts.

Store Donations

Store staff accept lightly-used clothing, household items and electronics. Donations are made at the stores. The donation bins that used

to be found at businesses and strip malls throughout the area, were removed as Goodwill found that people were leaving items that could not be sold in its stores.

Items are cleaned, then sorted and placed in the various stores. Items that don't sell are marked down in price, then eventually pulled back to the warehouse and placed for sale in the "Buy The Pound" outlets in Gorham and in Williston, VT, and Hudson, NH.

These outlets are distinct from the retail stores

as there are no clothing racks organized by size, or pre-sorted shelves stacked with housewares. Instead, shoppers find large, waist-high blue bins on wheels lined up in rows and piled with donated goods of all kinds.

In one bin might be anything from a Maine-shaped wall clock to holiday decorations, infinity scarves, and an inflatable unicorn pool toy that appears to have never been used. There are also separate bins for clothing, shoes, glassware, and books.

Payment is by the pound, with the shopping cart being weighed at the checkout area.

Clothing items that are unsuitable for sale are repurposed into Goodwill Wiping Cloths, eco-friendly cleaning cloths for at home and in the workplace. These washable, reusable wipes are absorbent, more durable than paper towels, and available in different fabric types- sweatshirt, color t-shirts, white t-shirts, flannel and terry cloth.

Learn more at goodwillnne.org.



Millet Jones cuts clothing into rag strips for Goodwill Wiping Cloths, which are eco-friendly wiping cloths for home and workplaces. The cloths are available in different fabric types- sweatshirt, color t-shirts, white t-shirts, flannel and terry cloth. (Tsukroff photo)



Workers in the warehouse area at the Goodwill NNE facility in Gorham fill big blue bins with items for sale in the Buy The Pound outlet that is part of the warehouse. Other workers sort items into boxes for sale in the retail stores, or for eventual recycling. (Tsukroff photo)



Michelle Atwell of Portland looks for decorations for her upcoming wedding in the Buy The Pound outlet at the Goodwill NNE warehouse building in Gorham. Items that don't sell in the retail stores are eventually brought to the Buy the Pound outlets in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, to be sold by weight. (Tsukroff photo)

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Semifinalists Selected for Teacher of the Year

From Maine DOE

AUGUSTA - Eight teachers have been selected as semifinalists for Maine's 2022 Teacher of the Year program.

The semifinalists were selected from the 2021 County Teachers of the Year, who were honored in May in a virtual ceremony.

The finalist will be selected by The Maine Department of Education, in partnership with Educate Maine.

Paige Fournier is a semifinalist from Cumberland County. She has been teaching for 17 years and currently teaches special education at Freeport Middle School.

"Paige's influence on our building stretches well beyond the four walls of her classroom. She truly has changed the lives of many kids. She has such a positive impact on our entire school from the life skills classroom," said Ray Grogan, Principal of Freeport Middle School.

Andrew Kirby is a semifinalist from Aroostook County. He has been teaching for 13 years and will be teaching science to grades 9-12 at Caribou High School.

Michelle Laliberte is a semifinalist from Franklin County. She has been teaching for 20 years and currently teaches PreK - Kindergarten at Rangeley Lakes Regional School.

Patti Forster is a semifinalist Knox County, where she has been teaching for 29 years. She is

currently teaching English to grades 9-10 at Camden Hills Regional School.

Melissa Guerrette is a semifinalist from Oxford County. She has been teaching for 20 years and currently teaches grade 5 at Oxford Elementary School.

Kelsey Stoyanova is a semifinalist from Penobscot County. She has been teaching for 7 years and currently teaches grade 8 English Language Arts at Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden.

Hillary Hoyt is a

semifinalist from Waldo County. She has been teaching for 7 years and currently teaches grade 3 at Leroy H. Smith School in Winterport.

Christine Goulet is a semifinalist from York County. She has been teaching for 21 years and currently teaches grade 2 for Biddeford Primary School.

The eight 2022 Teacher of the Year semifinalists will continue in the selection process, which consists of a profession-

al portfolio review and an oral presentation, and results in identifying three state finalists. The state finalists will then sit for a final interview and have a school-site visit before one of them is named the 2022 Maine Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year selection panel is made up of legacy Teachers of the Year, school administrators, Maine DOE staff, members of professional education organizations, and the business communi-

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Portland-to-Auburn rail trail proposed

From CBTA

YARMOUTH - An envisioned rail trail connecting Portland, Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Pownal, New Gloucester, and Auburn took a major step forward this week, when a resolution to evaluate the possibility was adopted by the Yarmouth Town Council.

The Yarmouth resolution asks the Maine DOT to convene a Rail Corridor

Advisory Council. This group would consider future alternative uses for the unused rail corridor, including as a trail. The Rail Corridor Advisory Council process was established by the Maine legislature earlier this year.

"This state-owned rail corridor is no longer being used by trains, and would make an amazing multi-use trail," says Sue Ellen Bordwell, President of the Casco Bay Trail Al-

liance (CBTA), which is advocating for the project. "Community support for converting this corridor to a rail trail is overwhelming."

Jean Sideris, Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, said that "a rail trail on this corridor would be such a valuable new resource for safe, emission-free commuting, outdoor recreation, public health, community enrichment, and

tourism."

The timing of the Yarmouth resolution coincides with a discontinuance agreement relating to freight service on the corridor, thus allowing for its evaluation as a rail trail.

While Yarmouth is the first community along the St. Lawrence and Atlantic corridor to formally request a Rail Corridor Advisory Council, similar resolutions are being considered by the Falmouth

Town Council and the North Yarmouth Select Board.

The Casco Bay Trail Alliance is also reaching out to the Councils or Select Boards in Portland, Cumberland, Freeport, Pownal, New Gloucester, and Auburn in hopes of gaining broad regional support for evaluating rail trail possibilities on the corridor.

The Casco Bay Trail Alliance (CBTA) was

formed in 2019 to plan and support a multi-use trail network connecting 13 municipalities between Portland, Brunswick, and Lewiston-Auburn, Maine. The Casco Bay Trail network will be part of the East Coast Greenway, a 3000-mile off-road bike and walking path from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida.

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WAA has several races for 2021

From WAA

COLUMBIA FALLS, ME - Wreaths Across America (WAA) is continuing its 2021 Race Program with in-person and hybrid races this summer and fall.

The Stem To Stone Remembrance Run on July 24 from the Tip-lands in Columbia Falls Maine will also have a virtual option, so runners can stay out of the heat and run from the comfort of air-conditioning.

Starting Sept. 11, another virtual race, called RUNNING FOR WREATHS, will take place nationwide with both 5K and 10K races.

The third event is the The Escort To Arlington Challenge, a 737-mile long virtual race that follows the route taken by the WAA annual convoy that delivers wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to honor our nation's heroes.

One of this year's participants, Emily Kraines, is looking forward to the Escort to Arlington Challenge as a way to honor her husband, Peter, who died in a military training accident in October, 2019.

As fate would have it, this year, Wreaths Across

America Day will take place this year on, Dec. 18, Peter's 36th birthday. In addition, that date is significance as it is the last day of Wreaths Across America Escort of remembrance wreaths being delivered to Arlington National Cemetery where Peter is interred.

Emily Kraines and her husband began dating her senior year at Virginia Tech. Upon finishing school, Peter enlisted in the Air Force and Emily developed a passion for running while he went through the pipeline to become a paramedic.

After their marriage, Emily used running as a form of meditation to help her through periods of deployment, pregnancy, and even a car accident. Peter would support Emily's passion by making waffles after long runs, gifting running gear for birthdays, Face-timing support, and occasionally running races with her. One of Peter's proudest moments was watching Emily complete her first marathon.

Now, for the first time in a long while, Kraines said she is excited to be training for a goal again. She feels that Peter would have encouraged her to "be

together in community." In that spirit, she has created the largest team of runners for this challenge and is presently occupying first place in miles run.

Kraines said, "This year, I will get to visit his grave with an accomplishment of finishing another race. I know he would be so proud of ALL who have signed on to complete the Escort to Arlington." Her team is Krainesness, Peloton owners can join the team by following #escorttoarlington.

The complete list of the race options and open registrations can be found at competitorme.com/wreaths-across-america,

For the Stem to Stone Remembrance Run On July 24., there is an open invitation to register, travel, and participate on the tip lands in Maine where balsam is grown and harvested each year to make the veterans' wreaths placed on the headstones of our nation's heroes. A virtual option is available for this race.

Running for Wreaths (5K & 10K) Virtual Race from Sept. 11-25 is completely virtual. Participants have the flexibility to run/walk/ruck/bike on the course of their choosing while raising funds to

sponsor veterans' wreaths for Participating Locations or local WAA Sponsorship Groups in your area.

The Escort to Arlington Challenge is a virtual 737-mile course that starts in Columbia Falls, Maine, home of Wreaths Across America, and travels down the East Coast to Arlington, Virginia, following the same route traveled by the annual escort of wreaths to Arlington each December.

Clicking on the individual event will bring a user to the official Run-SignUp registration page which have all the pertinent information, such as event dates, pricing, course maps, and donation opportunities.

Each individual race registration sponsors a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero on Dec. 18 as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Group or individual fundraising tools and capabilities are available for all of the races and there is a TEAM option for the Escort to Arlington Challenge.

During check out, registrants can designate the Sponsorship Group or participating Wreaths Across America Location they want their sponsored wreath allocated to. Registrants will receive personalized racing bibs and commemorative finisher medallions, with event

t-shirts. There is also a free RaceJoy app available for download by registrants to listen while they participate to learn more about the mission, hear stories of those who have served and the names of those that have sacrificed for our freedom.

This year's race program is the result of an expanded partnership with event-management and timing company CompetitorME, after a successful inaugural year in 2020 where eight virtual road races were conducted across the country. The variety of options for supporters provides an opportunity to build community awareness and understanding of WAA's yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

"After the success of last year's inaugural Stem to Stone Race Program, which ultimately was executed completely virtual aside from one race in Maine, we saw a great opportunity to try new and creative ways to get the running community involved in the mission," said Jonathan Kelley, owner CompetitorME. "Through our own team's personal involvement with the WAA escort to Arlington, we've seen what the mission means to our Nation's Gold Star Families and how important it is to Remember, Honor, Teach, every day of the year, and want to bring that experience to more

people." Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org.

CompetitorME is a Maine-owned event management and timing company with clients in New England. They work with clients to direct safe, fun, and fair events for all ages, with a focus on creating a memorable participant experience. The portfolio of events has expanded to include those honoring and remembering our Nation's Active Duty Servicemembers, Veterans, or Nation's Fallen Heroes and their Gold Star Families. The CompetitorME team also serves on a committee for the Maine Gold Star Family Memorial to be built in Augusta, Maine.

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Clean Air Act complaint

for Windham truck sales company

From US EPA

WINDHAM – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 has filed a complaint seeking a penalty of \$168,700 against APlus Truck Sales, Inc. of Windham.

EPA’s complaint alleges that from 2017 to 2019, the company tampered with emission controls on diesel vehicles by selling and installing aftermarket parts known as “defeat devices,” in violation

of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA).

“This action sends a strong message that tampering with emission controls on vehicles will not be tolerated,” said EPA New England Acting Regional Administrator Deb Szaro. “Emission control systems on vehicles are designed to protect public health by reducing pollution. To ensure that we all have access to clean air, it is critical that vehicle repair facilities

comply with the Clean Air Act.”

Tampering with a vehicle’s emissions control system is illegal under the CAA and results in excess emissions of a variety of pollutants including nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. The CAA prohibits manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, and installing aftermarket devices that disable, bypass, or reduce the effectiveness of emission control systems.

In its Complaint against APlus, EPA identified over 50 instances over a two-year period where the company illegally tampered with vehicles.

As a result of EPA’s efforts to improve air quality and fuel efficiency, cars and trucks manufactured today emit far less pollution than older vehicles. To meet EPA’s emission standards, engine manufacturers have carefully calibrated their engines and installed so-

phisticated emissions control systems.

EPA testing has shown that aftermarket defeat devices can increase vehicle emissions substantially, which can contribute to a variety of public health problems typically associated with exposure to air pollution. These health effects can include premature death in people with heart or lung disease, heart attacks, irregular heartbeat, aggravated asthma, de-

creased lung function, and respiratory symptoms such as irritation of the airways, coughing, or difficulty breathing.

Because vehicles that have been tampered with contribute excess dirty emissions to communities located adjacent to highways and freight facilities, EPA New England regards tampering as a key issue in working toward environmental justice.

Vaccination clinic opens at jetport

From ME DHHS

AUGUSTA— Last week, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in partnership with the Portland International Jetport, launched a new COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the airport.

The clinic, which is open seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m., will provide a free Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to anyone age 18 and older looking to get vaccinated, including travelers and residents. No appoint-

ments are required, and drop-in vaccinations are welcome.

“This partnership offers more safe, effective, and free COVID-19 vaccinations to Maine people and anyone flying into or out of the state. Adding this clinic, with vaccinations available regardless of residency, is another way to ensure that Maine is one of the safest places to be this summer,” said Maine DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. “We’re pleased to partner with the Portland

International Jetport to offer this clinic that offers more options for vaccination for the Greater Portland community.”

“The State of Maine has been a great partner throughout the COVID-19 pandemic” said Paul Bradbury, Airport Director. “We had over 35,000 individuals take advantage of our testing site at the airport from November 2020 through May 2021, and we are now excited to be able to provide single-shot vaccines to travelers and community members.”

“Many customers have called us inquiring about vaccines for international travel as many countries have COVID vaccine requirements for tourism, so we are excited we can provide an opportunity for travelers to get vaccinated before they travel” said Zach Briggs, Airport Customer Experience Manager.

Parking will be validated for up to 45 minutes to allow those coming to the Jetport solely for vaccination to enjoy free parking. The Jetport is also easily accessible through the

Greater Portland Transit District METRO. City bus route #5 travels to and from the Portland Jetport with connections to other METRO routes, Amtrak, South Portland Bus and ZOOM (with connections to Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach).

COVID-19 vaccine remains widely available across the state. To find a vaccination location, go to <http://bitly.ws/borN> or call the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111.

Maine continues to

demonstrate nation-leading progress in administering vaccinations and containing the spread of COVID-19. Over 76 percent of Maine people age 12 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 70.8 percent are fully vaccinated, according to the U.S. CDC vaccination tracker.

Maine, adjusted for population, also ranks 4th lowest in total number of cases and deaths from COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic, according to the U.S. CDC.

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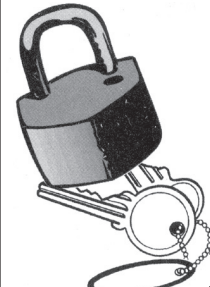
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1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS

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

July 22

10:30 a.m.-Noon

GORHAM - Art in the Park - Baxter Memorial Library. Art in the park is an opportunity to paint outside on the lawn. We provide paint, brushes, and paper; you supply the imagination. Bring your lunch to eat while your creation dries. This is a popular family activity. During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. All ages.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

MONDAY

July 26

9:30-9:50 a.m.

GORHAM - Babies on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani

Calendar

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will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0- 18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

GORHAM - Toddlers on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. Join Ms. Dani on the lawn as she uses stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Mask will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. Ages 18 months to 3 years.

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5:30 p.m.

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

5:30-6:30 p.m.

LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting @ City Hall Administrator's Conference Room

6:30 p.m.

POLAND – At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Ernie Gagne.

TUESDAY

July 27

10 a.m.-11 a.m.

GORHAM - Veggie Land at Baxter Memorial Library. Join us on the lawn for the most creative event of the summer! We will play the game Veggie Land (think Candyland without

the cavities) with our bodies as the pieces and use the lawn as our game board. Navigate through Tomato Tunnel! Oh no, don't get stuck in Squash Swamp! Game finishers will receive their choice of fresh produce from our very own Gorham Famers Market. SNAP-Ed will be on hand with handouts, recipes, incentives, and a special family food activity. This is an all ages event.

Rain date: July 27 – 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

July 28

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

FRIDAY

July 30

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

GORHAM - Fraizer Preserve Trailhead – Scavenger Hunt. Join Mr. Jeff for Nature Walks throughout the summer. He will be leading these programs in different parks throughout Greater Gorham. Each one will begin at 10:30 a.m. We plan on spending 45 minutes per excursion. All ages.

Join Mr. Jeff at the Fraizer Preserve Trailhead by the High School athletic fields. We will walk up and down the trail to hunt for different colors, shapes, trees, textures, and more!

Rain date: Aug. 6-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

Aug. 2

9:30-9:50 a.m.

GORHAM - Babies on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your baby and a blanket to join

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5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

6:30 p.m.

POLAND – At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Sruli Dresdner.

7 p.m.

GORHAM – Planning Board meeting.

TUESDAY

Aug. 3

10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

GORHAM – Zentangle – Baxter Memorial Library. Join Ms. Becky for Zentangle on the lawn. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. All ages.

Raindate: Aug. 4 – 10 a.m.

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AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee meeting.

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LEWISTON – City Council meeting, at City

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6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting.

THURSDAY

Aug. 5

10:30 a.m.-Noon

GORHAM - Art in the Park – Baxter Memorial Library. Art in the park is an opportunity to paint outside on the lawn. We provide paint, brushes, and paper; you supply the imagination. Bring your lunch to eat while your creation dries. This is a popular family activity. During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. All ages

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4 p.m.

AUBURN – Cable TV Advisory Board meeting.

5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board meeting.

MONDAY

Aug. 9

9:30-9:50 a.m.

GORHAM - Babies on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0- 18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

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