

Dempsey Challenge 2021 is this weekend

Five things to know about this year's event



Patrick Dempsey greets runner Derek Bissonnette at a previous Dempsey Challenge event. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

From Dempsey Center

LEWISTON – The Dempsey Challenge presented by Amgen Oncology has been the flagship fundraising weekend in Lewiston for the Dempsey Center every

year since 2009.

However, the pandemic forced the massively popular ride, run and walk event to become a virtual-only event for last year.

Almost 150,000 people participated

in the virtual event in 2020, completing a months-long activity challenge on Strava, joining Dempsey Center founder Patrick Dempsey on an interactive Zwift ride or choosing their own fundraising challenge. Many missed the in-person camaraderie and spirit provided by the annual event, which raises money for the Dempsey Center.

The 2020 version of the Dempsey Challenge was still able to raise \$1.2 million to continue their mission to make life better for people managing the impact of cancer. This includes cancer patients, survivors, care partners, and family members of all ages.

Needless to say, event organizers, Dempsey Center clients, riders, runners, walkers and volunteers alike are gearing up to be able to safely gather again for this year's events.

It was announced in June that the two-day event would return, Sept. 25 and 26 in Lewiston, as well as a Global Challenge for anyone interested in participating who can't make it to Maine during the fall.

"There's this pent-up excitement about being back out and doing something as a community," Dempsey Center events manager Deneka Deletetsky said.

The event will undergo some modifications to ensure COVID prevention protocols are maintained during the weekend, but many beloved aspects will continue to happen.

Currently, over 1,000 people have

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Gorham Cleans Up October 3

From Town of Gorham

GORHAM - The Gorham Conservation Commission is inviting everyone to help clean-up the town on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Rain date is Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Areas of focus will be the Village and South Street from the Village to Route 22.

Meeting locations Hannaford for cleaning up the Village and South Street to Weeks Road; The Rt. 114 Park and Ride for cleaning up South Street from Weeks Road to Rt 22; and the Gorham Middle School for GMS students only.

To sign up or learn more information, please visit the Gorham Conservation Commission's Facebook page at <http://bit.ly.ws/gvaZ>.

The GCC thanks volunteers for helping keep the Gorham community a beautiful place to live, work, and play!

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Sebago Brewing Celebrates Staff



Sebago Brewing Co. honored its hardworking staff with a celebration in mid-September at the Sebago Brewing Tasting Room in Gorham. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing.)

From Sebago Brewing

GORHAM - After an extremely busy summer of brewing beer and hosting thousands of guests at its five locations, Sebago Brewing Co. took some time to celebrate in mid-September.

Company co-owners Kai Adams, Tim Haines, and Brad Monarch honored their hardworking crew with an outdoor party at the Tasting Room on Main Street in Gorham.

Of their 161 employees, Sebago Brewing honored four employees who

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

King pushes White House to open northern border

From Sen. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Office of U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) last week announced that Senator King and a group of his colleagues are urging President Joe Biden to begin allowing vaccinated Canadians to travel to the U.S. through land ports of entry in the coming weeks.

Noting the economic and familial strains caused on states like Maine by the continued restrictions at the U.S.-Canada border, the Senators wrote a letter to the President urging him to lift travel restrictions at the end of this month, create a public plan to reopen land ports of entry to vaccinated Canadians, and appoint an interagency lead to spearhead coordination. In addition to Senator King, the letter is signed by Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Jon Tester (D-MT), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Gary Peters (D-MI), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

“As Senators who represent states along the northern border, our communities have been deeply affected by the restrictions on travel. Many of our communities maintain close professional and personal ties with communities in Canada. Canadians come to our states to con-

duct business, enjoy recreational opportunities, buy goods, and visit friends and family. The restrictions on non-essential travel across the border have greatly curtailed these activities and led to economic and emotional strain in our communities,” the Senators wrote.

“We appreciate the need to prioritize the health and safety of the American public through reasonable restrictions on international travel,” the Senators continued. “However, we believe that fully vaccinated Canadians should be allowed to safely travel into the United States via land ports of entry. We urge you to lift these restrictions before October, provide a plan for reopening land ports of entry and appoint an interagency lead on U.S.-Canadian border restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Since March 2020, travel across the two nations’ border has been severely restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in significant disruptions to Maine communities, businesses and families. In light of progress in COVID-19 vaccinations in both countries, Canada opened its border to vaccinated Americans last month, but the U.S. government extended its ban on non-essential travel from Canada.

Senator King has

repeatedly advocated for vaccinated Canadians to be able to enter the United States and support Maine businesses. In July, he joined with Maine’s Congressional Delegation in sending a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, urging the Biden Administration to take steps to allow fully-vaccinated Canadians to cross the border for business or leisure.

Letter to Pres. Biden

Dear President Biden,

We write regarding current Department of Homeland Security (DHS) restrictions limiting non-essential travel from Canada to the United States at land ports of entry along the United States-Canada border. We appreciate the need to prioritize the health and safety of the American public through reasonable restrictions on international travel. However, we believe that fully vaccinated Canadians should be allowed to safely travel into the United States via land ports of entry. We urge you to lift these restrictions before October, provide a plan for reopening land ports of entry and appoint an interagency lead on U.S.-Canadian border restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Senators who represent states along the

northern border, our communities have been deeply affected by the restrictions on travel. Many of our communities maintain close professional and personal ties with communities in Canada. Canadians come to our states to conduct business, enjoy recreational opportunities, buy goods, and visit friends and family. The restrictions on non-essential travel across the border have greatly curtailed these activities and led to economic and emotional strain in our communities. These limits on cross-border travel via land ports of entry are still in place even though, under existing DHS regulations, fully vaccinated Canadians can board an airplane and fly into the United States. We struggle to understand the public health rationale for the disparate treatment in modes of travel.

As you know, fully vaccinated Americans have been able to enter Canada via land ports of entry since August 9. This is true despite lower vaccination rates and higher per capita case rates in America. As of this writing, 84 percent of individuals 12 and older in Canada have received at least one dose of the vaccine and the country is experiencing 10 cases per 100,000 people. Alternatively, 74 percent of individuals 12 and older in the U.S. have received the

vaccine and we are averaging 44 cases per 100,000 people. Given that Canada has opened its land border to fully vaccinated Americans, we feel that now is the time to open our land border to fully vaccinated Canadians.

We also urge you to provide a public plan for reopening travel to fully vaccinated Canadians at land ports of entry. Businesses in our states need to plan ahead, which includes an assessment of the impact of ongoing travel restrictions on their operations. A plan with some indication of when your administration would feel comfortable lifting border restrictions based on public health data would provide clarity to businesses and families along the northern border. It is also necessary to ensure that DHS personnel at land ports of entry in our states are ready to reopen to fully vaccinated Canadians as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Finally, we ask that you designate an interagency lead responsible for monitoring and eventually lifting non-essential travel restrictions. We understand that decisions relative to restrictions on travel at the border necessarily involve multiple federal agencies and executive branch personnel. We also appreciate the efforts of the administration’s

COVID-19 task force to process and evaluate the public health data and other information they receive from the various agencies. However, naming an interagency lead on non-essential travel restrictions would give this issue the attention it deserves and provide clarity to our offices and constituents. An interagency lead would facilitate discussions between the administration and our offices and ensure that we are able to effectively convey the concerns of our constituents as you evaluate the COVID-19 pandemic.

We know that vaccines work and provide the best opportunity to end this pandemic. We should recognize their efficacy and stop penalizing northern border communities by lifting the restrictions on non-essential travel for fully vaccinated Canadians. The COVID-19 pandemic has already taken a devastating economic and human toll on our country. Vaccines offer us the chance to mitigate and ultimately eliminate the spread of this virus. Allowing fully vaccinated Canadians to travel freely to our states and others would reflect the public health data which shows that vaccines work.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing our work with you on this issue.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

First Parish to dedicate redesigned building



The First Parish church on Congress Street in Portland is dedicating its redesigned parish building next Tuesday. (Photo courtesy of First Parish Church)

From First Parish

PORTLAND – Next Tuesday, First Parish in Portland, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, will dedicate major accessibility and media additions to its historic building and garden.

The event will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the church’s new, accessible entrance in the rear plaza shared with Portland High School (PHS), and will include Mayor Kate Snyder and Steve Bromage, Executive Director of the Maine Historical Society.

The church is located

at 425 Congress Street in Portland.

The redesign includes an elevator, improvements to the enclosed garden on Congress Street, upgrades to the interior sound and light systems, and renovation of the Community Room and its attached kitchen. It is funded by the “A Church for EveryBody” accessibility project, a \$1.5 million capital campaign.

The City of Portland awarded a Community Development Block Grant to the campaign to enhance the public events and performances offered there. Additionally, the

City will collaborate with First Parish by making improvements to the plaza that include installation of new lighting and proposed upgrades to “Freshman Alley,” which PHS students use to great advantage during their lunch periods. The plaza and the alleyways invite pedestrians to enjoy the walkways linking Elm, Chestnut, and Congress streets.

First Parish’s Meeting House has always been central to Portland’s and Maine’s cultural, spiritual, and political lives. The original First Parish church built in Falmouth, Massa-

chusetts Colony, now Portland, Maine, dates from 1674. In 1740, the second wooden Meeting House, known as Old Jerusalem, was erected at the present location at 425 Congress Street. Maine’s constitution was debated and framed here in 1819. The present granite structure opened its doors in 1826. First Parish has always hosted citywide religious events, civic meetings,

community gatherings, and musical events. As Unitarian Universalists, the congregation practices a liberal religion. Affirming the worth of all humans, the church advocates freedom of belief and the search for advancing truth.

The Meeting House is both elegant and functional, but many of its distinct architectural features have not accommodated full and easy access to its spaces.

“This accessibility project brings a 200-year-old icon in Portland into the 21st century in a way that will make it now available and welcoming to all,” declares Austin Farrar, President of the First Parish Board of Trustees. Austin Farrar and Ted Oldham, co-chairs of the “A Church for EveryBody” campaign, thank all donors for their generous contributions to this important project.



The new entrance at the rear of the First Parish Church’s historic building on Congress Street in Portland. The redesigned building will be dedicated in a ceremony next Tuesday. (Photo courtesy of First Parish Church)

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Surviving the Mere Point Boat Launch



A team of paddlers assemble on a paved ramp at Mere Point Boat Launch. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

When my octogenarian friend, Carolyn Welch, invited me to join her and companions for a sea kayak trip to Crow Island in Merepoint Bay, I eagerly accepted.

Although scheduled for hip surgery a few days later, I found kayaking manageable and the proposed excursion was a modest one.

Her plan was to de-

part from Mere Point Boat Launch near the southern end of Merepoint Neck in Brunswick.

Carolyn's trips are extremely well-planned and organized. The weather forecast was exquisite. Her intention was to ride an incoming tide north to Crow Island in the morning and return on an outgoing tide early afternoon. In terms of construction, parking, and amenities, Mere Point Boat Launch is the Cadillac of

boat landings.

I've been launching kayaks at Mere Point Boat Launch since it opened about a dozen years ago. My regular pattern has been to line up with other boat owners and load and unload on the paved ramps. Why would anyone do otherwise? At some point, I became vaguely aware that a separate loading and unloading zone had been designated for kayaks about 100 yards from the water.

Frankly, I ignored that option (as did most others) because it created unsafe conditions for kayakers and was discriminatory since motorized watercraft owners were allowed to use the convenient paved ramps.

When I arrived at the boat landing for this trip, a kayaker from another group informed me the harbor-master was now enforcing the burdensome loading and unloading rule for kayakers. Further, for the first time, I learned there was a designated launch site for kayakers that entailed trying to hold and slide a long heavy kayak down a steep narrow wooden ramp while negotiating equally steep cement steps that literally end in the water at high tide. This ridiculously dangerous contrivance was a bad accident waiting to happen.

Five solo kayakers assembled for Carolyn's outing. The average age was in excess of 70. I'm 73 and as noted was awaiting hip surgery at the time. We complied with the onerous edict to park in the designated loading and unloading area and toted or hauled our heavy boats to and from the water. However, we launched and returned on the paved ramps as we always have because the slide and stairs were inherently hazardous. I have a knowledgeable friend who says the stairs don't meet State of Maine safety standards and they certainly don't comply with ADA access requirements for those with disabilities. The mandate that kayakers must drag or lug their heavy boats for a relatively long distance through traf-



Kayakers approach Little Iron Island on a recent trip from Mere Point Boat Launch. (Ron Chase photo)

fic is unsafe and discriminatory.

Winds were light and skies partly sunny when the five of us departed from the landing. Since there was a southwest breeze and an incoming tide, we collectively decided to travel south across sheltered Merepoint Bay to the end of Birch Island and then use the wind and tide to our advantage traveling north in Middle Bay towards Crow Island.

The tide had risen sufficiently to allow navigation through a narrow channel separating tiny House Island from the southwestern terminus of Birch Island. From there, a gentle tailwind helped propel us north along the east side of Birch while enjoying numerous bird sightings. Continuing past Little Birch Island, we entered a channel between expansive White Island and Little Iron and Scrag Islands to the east. One kayaker observed a large osprey nest high in a tree on Little Iron. Alas, closer inspection failed to confirm the presence of chicks.

From the northern end of White, it was about a half mile paddle to Crow Island. Formerly owned by Civil War hero and Governor, Joshua Chamberlain,

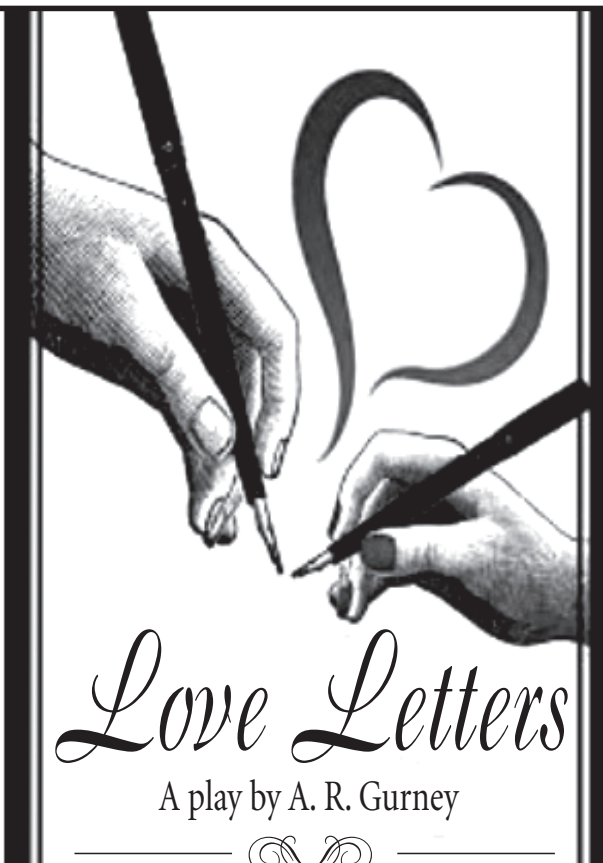
the island was donated to Harpswell Heritage Land Trust which now conserves it. After some exploration, we found a suitable location for lunch. Two in our group went for a swim. A cold water sissy, I held out for a hot shower at home.

A light headwind provided relief from the humidity on our return voyage south through Merepoint Bay. To my knowledge, no injuries were suffered as a result of the arduous carry at the takeout. Joint damage and muscle strains were certainly a risk.

On Aug. 18, I sent a letter to Brunswick Parks & Recreation requesting they change the unacceptable rules for kayakers. To date, they haven't responded.

The author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England," Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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Guest Column

Of woods and weeds

By Grammar Guy

I've been getting into native perennial gardening this year. Of all the plants I'm growing, I love milkweed the most.

Seventy-three species of native milkweeds grow in the United States, and these plants are the exclusive host plants for monarch butterflies. When people hear "milkweed," they think of something ugly and undesirable. In an effort to rebrand milkweed, I think we should start calling it "butterfly happy plant." It could work!

I apologize for getting in the weeds about milkweed. This brings me to discussing and distinguishing a pair of flora phrases, "in the weeds" and "in the woods." Let's take a quick hike down a linguistic path in order to better understand these expressions.

Let's get into the weeds. This term has multiple applications and definitions. First, a golf shot can

land in the rough, which is tall grass or weeds, as opposed to on the shorter grass of the fairway or green. Being in the weeds is a precarious position for your golf ball and can lead to killer divots.

If you've ever worked in the restaurant industry, you know that "into the weeds" means that the kitchen and wait staff are busy to the point of total disorder. Being "in the weeds" happens when a server has too many tables to handle or if several patrons order entrees at the same time, leading to a backlog in the kitchen.

Political policy wonks love to get into their version of "the weeds." In this case, getting "into the weeds" means going into unnecessary detail about a policy or initiative. My opening paragraph is an example of getting "in the weeds" about milkweed. Don't ever ask a triathlete about how his last race went, because he'll get into the weeds about every ag-

onizing detail of his recent competition.

Being "in the woods" means something altogether different. When someone "isn't out of the woods yet," it can mean that she is quite ill and hasn't gotten better yet. By this logic, being "in the woods" means someone is on death's door or incredibly sick. Getting "out of the woods" can also mean a person is trying to come out of a difficult situation. You might hear a person who lands a good job after being unemployed say, "I finally got out of the woods with this new job."

In general, being in the woods or in the weeds are negative situations, unless you're a nerdy type who, say, reads an entire column on parsing out two similar-sounding phrases.

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

Guest Essay

Exercise Gives Our Kids A Fighting Chance

By Jake Steinfeld

SACRAMENTO, CA - In Maine, thirteen percent of kids are considered obese.

While obesity in itself is alarming, when you factor in COVID-19, the risk of our children becoming severely sick is increased substantially.

The delta variant, an even more transmissible strain of COVID, is attacking our children in greater numbers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the COVID infection for kids aged 5 to 17 were higher than the rates in adults over 50. Quite a change from where we started with the first iteration of this virus.

A British Journal of Sports Medicine study shows that "consistently meeting physical activity guidelines was STRONGLY associated with a reduced risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes." Researchers found that those who were infected with COVID but were more active before contracting the virus were the least likely to be hospitalized or die because of it.

I've always believed in the power of exercise and that real change needs to start with our kids. My vision is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. That's where the National Foundation for Governors'

Fitness Councils (NFGFC) comes in. Through the NFGFC, I am making that happen by motivating children across the country to make fitness a priority by giving the schools the tools they need to be successful.

Our kids, when given the opportunity and support, strive to be physically active. So far, we've visited 36 states and have delivered nearly 500 state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers, and this year we are delivering fitness centers to the great state of Maine as well as New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Mississippi. In each school we've visited, the excitement about getting fit has been palpable.

I think we can all agree, it's been a tough couple of years. The pandemic has wreaked havoc across the world, and our attention is often drawn to news stories that weigh us down with all that is wrong, scary, and sad. Yet I know that for every depressing article, there's an enlightening story that may never make the news. It's amazing what happens when teachers, students, and communities come together in the name of health, fitness and hope. In fact, every time we gift our fitness centers to a state, I meet people who go above and beyond and should have

the spotlight shined on them for the efforts that they've taken to help kids thrive physically.

This isn't a Democrat nor Republican issue; this is a kids issue. Our children are a beacon of hope and when we put them first, we can expect them to live long, productive, and healthy lives. Prioritizing fitness is a powerful way to change our children's future for the better.

By combating childhood obesity, not only are our kids getting healthy, increasing their energy, boosting their self-esteem, and improving their overall confidence, but we are also strengthening their bodies to help them fight this pandemic. In my opinion, exercise IS a "vaccine" that helps strengthen our immune systems to help fight infection. Being idle has imperiled our children, but a program like ours can change a child's outlook on life forever. Exercise gives our kids a fighting chance!

Jake Steinfeld serves as Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils, whose sole mission is to provide DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers to elementary and middle schools throughout the United States.

To learn more about the DON'T QUIT! Campaign, visit www.natgovfit.org.

Letter to the Editor

Maine rental assistance helps renters

The Covid-19 Pandemic has put a financial strain on many Mainers, and for some that means struggling to pay rent and utility costs. On August 26th, the US Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a temporary eviction ban that was put in place because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Through federal funding there are local and state resources available to help.

Maine's Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides rental and utility relief payments to help eligible renters.

In order to qualify for the program, the tenant must meet the following criteria:

- The household income must meet certain income limits. Limits vary by location and household size.
- One or more people in the household has experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.
- The household has

had a hard time paying for rent or utilities.

You can apply and learn more about this program by visiting Mainehousing.org or by calling the Maine Housing office at 1-800-452-4668. If you know someone who might benefit from the Maine's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, please share this important information so they can apply right away.

**Linda Dougherty
Bangor, ME**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development

NextGrid Peppertree, LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural-Business Service (RBS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The RBS has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to NextGrid Peppertree, LLC for the construction of the Lewiston Junction Road Solar Project in Androscoggin County, Maine.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Brian Wilson, P.E., Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125, brian.wilson@usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NextGrid Peppertree, LLC proposes to construct a 5.665-MW solar farm on an approximately 20-acre site which contains agricultural land and forestland. Approximately 20 acres of the project site would be disturbed as a result of the construction activities associated with this project. The Proposed Project Area would be located north of Lewiston Junction Road, near the intersection of Torrey Road and Lewiston Junction Road in the town of Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine. The Proposed Project would interconnect to the Central Maine Power (CMP) pre-existing electrical distribution system. The power generated from the facility would be sold to CMP through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The Proposed Project would be accessed from Lewiston Junction Road. An interior road would be constructed inside the perimeter and is anticipated to be flat and would match existing grades to minimize earth work. The Proposed Project Area would be secured by a security fence with standard gates for emergency and maintenance vehicle access.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): The Twin City Times, Androscoggin County, Maine on August 5, 2021, and August 12, 2021. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office as well as NextGrid Peppertree, LLC offices. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by NextGrid Peppertree, LLC, and public comments received, RBS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

RBS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the Lewiston Junction Road Solar Project will result in approximately 1,930 ft² of wetland fill from the construction of an access road, resulting in permanent loss. Additionally, there will be approximately 5,590 ft² of wetland vegetation (i.e., conversion of scrub-shrub wetland vegetation to emergent wetland vegetation with no grubbing required).

It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion of effect and that there is a significant need for the project. The basis of this determination is the lack of suitable alternative project areas, the mitigation efforted determined by the landowner as well as NextGrid Peppertree, LLC, and the regional need for an affordable, reliable, and consistent supply of renewable electric power at competitive rates. No public comments were received regarding the conversion of wetlands.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RBS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RBS's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: September 9, 2021




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Lobsterpalooza at Sebago Brewing



From Sebago Brewing

everyone's favorite crustacean.

GORHAM – Sebago Brewing is celebrating Maine Lobster week, a statewide celebration of

This week, all of the Sebago Brewing brewpubs are offering an eclectic line-up of lobster-focused

favorites, like lobster bisque, lobster quesadilla, lobster pappardelle, lobster mac 'n cheese, and the all-time classic jumbo lobster roll. Every location (except the Tasting Room) will be offering different dishes priced a la carte.

Celebrate Oktoberfest!

Our *Oktoberfest* lager is an homage to the Märzen style served in Bavaria and throughout Germany.

Here's a Märzen refresher: In 1553, there was a Bavarian ordinance that said beer could only be brewed between the end of September through most of April. Since there was no mechanical refrigeration, brewers took advantage of the cold climate to brew the beer underground in cellars or in cool caves. The process of lagering is to let the beer mature in cold storage for a long period of time. In fact, "lager" means "warehouse" in German. "Märzen" is the German word for "March," one of the last cool months to brew beer to enjoy in the Fall.

Even though Oktoberfest has been cancelled again this year -- both in Germany and in Gorham -- you can still get that delicious Märzen style at home or at Sebago Brewing.

So grab your favorite stein and say it with us:



PROST! Oktoberfest will be available starting tomorrow while supplies last - on draft and in cans at all Sebago Brewing locations.

Fall small batch

Our brewers have been busy bringing you small batch beers of the season. (Don't worry, no pumpkin spice here.)

Tired Legs comes from brewer Kevin Robichaud who created the American IPA to celebrate his one-year anniversary of completing all 67 New England 4,000-foot (and greater) summits. Appropriately, all the hops, malt and yeast were sourced from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Flip Flops & Flannels is a single hop pale



that we brewed last year with a visiting friend from Sierra Nevada. This year's batch is hopped exclusively with Motueka hops. The Norwegian yeast also contributes to fruity esters by being fermented at close to 100 degrees -- about 30 degrees warmer than most of our other beers.

So Long and Thanks for All the Mash is a traditional English-style pale ale made with a special batch of malt from Briess Malt- ing Co. We used "Last Call Malt," the final batch from the company's now-de-commissioned malthouse. The beer's name is a nod to The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy book series by Douglas Adams -- an Englishman -- but the sentiment is sincere.

See what else we're pouring at the Tasting Room in Gorham...and stay tuned for Local Harvest, our favorite fall beer coming out next week!

Sebago Brewing Co. is headquartered in Gorham, with brewpubs in Portland, Scarborough, Kennebunk, and Gorham, and a Tasting Room in Gorham.

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Pumpkin craft night at Lewiston Library

From LPL

LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library is hosting a pumpkin-themed craft night for adults and teens on Thursday, Oct. 14.

This free public program will run from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Couture Room at the Lewiston Public Library.

The Library will

be providing instruction and materials for three different pumpkin crafts this autumn: wine cork pumpkins, paper roll pumpkins, and pom pom pumpkins.

This program is free and open to adults and teens only.

Space is limited - registration is recommended.

Pumpkin Craft Palooza is sponsored by

the Lewiston Public Library.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

For more information or to register for this program, contact the Lewiston Public Library at LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or 513-3135.



'Let's Talk About Punishment, Rehabilitation, Justice'



Joseph Jackson, incarcerated as a young man, will be the first USM L/A Senior College Food For Thought speaker for 21-22, speaking in a Zoom session on Oct. 6. (Photo courtesy of Senior College)

From Senior College

LEWISTON - The University of Southern Maine Lewiston/Auburn Senior College will present the first Food For Thought speaker for the 21-22 year in October.

Joseph Jackson,

founder and director of Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) and an accomplished poet, will speak in a Zoom session at 11 a.m. on Oct. 6.

To sign up for the link please email lase-niorcollege@gmail.com by noon on Oct. 5.

Mr. Jackson was incarcerated as a young man. He could have turned his anger toward others, but instead he chose to work toward his Associates and Bachelors degrees and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Southern Maine in Augusta while still serving his sentence.

He was selected as a member of Who's Who among students in colleges and universities in 2012, and was the first prisoner in Maine to be selected to the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA

in the Creative Writing graduate program. As a result he was chosen to represent the University of Southern Maine in Augusta's 50 Years 50 Portraits for their 50th anniversary in 2015.

Despite his rocky start he earned his Master's Degree from the University of Southern Maine in 2015, and was one of four commencement speakers for his class.

Mr. Jackson has experienced many successes during his decade-plus work as a prison advocate: revoking, revising, or de-

feating proposed MDOC policies and practices.

In addition to his role with MPAC, he is the Advocacy Director with Maine Inside Out (MIO). Their mission is to build community, develop youth leadership, and initiate dialogue through the use of collaborative original theater, working across boundaries, both inside and outside of Long Creek Youth Development Center.

Simultaneously, his work with the Reentry Center in Belfast with incarcerated citizens, led to

the co-founding of Restorative Art Works (RAW) in Belfast. RAW creates original theater as therapy to address the post traumatic stress of incarceration.

Mr. Jackson will speak about his experiences and those of many of the prisoners he has encountered in his work. He has become a voice for those who can't speak out for themselves. And he begs others to ask the question: what is the real goal of punishment?

This program is free and open to the public.

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Sebago

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have worked at the company for 10 years, four 15-year veterans, and four marking their 20-year work anniversaries.

“From brewers and packaging crew to kitchen staff and servers, all of our employees have been working so hard to bring the Sebago Brewing experience to the public,” said Kai Adams, VP and company co-founder. “We weren’t able to host our annual party last year because of the pandemic, so we’re extra grateful that we got to celebrate together this



Sebago Brewing owners Kai Adams, Brad Monarch, Tim Haines honored their staff of 161 employees from five locations in a celebration at the Sebago Brewing Tasting Room in Gorham in mid-September. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)

year.” Employees were treated to lawn games, food, and, of course, beer. Local favorite FOG AVE provided music.



Sebago Brewing Co. employees smile for the camera at a staff party at Sebago Brewing’s Tasting Room in Gorham in mid-September. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)

Story Adventures and Book Club at Baxter

From Baxter Library

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GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library will be hosting September Story Adventures and Book Club next week and in October.

Tuesday, Sept. 28
September Story Adventures (3yrs-5yrs) from 10-10:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff for a socially-distanced musical story adventure on the lawn. We will present books, songs, movement activities and rhythm instruments. Masks recommended when social distancing isn’t possible. (Ages 3yrs-5yrs)

In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

Wednesday, Sept. 29
September Story Adventures (birth-3yrs) from 9:30-10 a.m.

Join Ms. Dani for a socially-distanced story adventure on the lawn. She will present books, finger-plays, movement activities, and songs. Bring a blanket to sit on in case the lawn is damp. Masks recommended when social distancing isn’t possi-

In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

Thursday, Sept. 30
Book Club: “The Vanishing Half” from 10-11 a.m.

Join us to discuss “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett on the lawn in good weather, in poor weather in our meeting rooms if COVID restrictions allow, or via Zoom - email Nissa at nflanagan@gorham.me.us to receive the link.

Thursday, Oct. 14
Book Club: “Waiting for the Night Song” from 10-11 a.m.

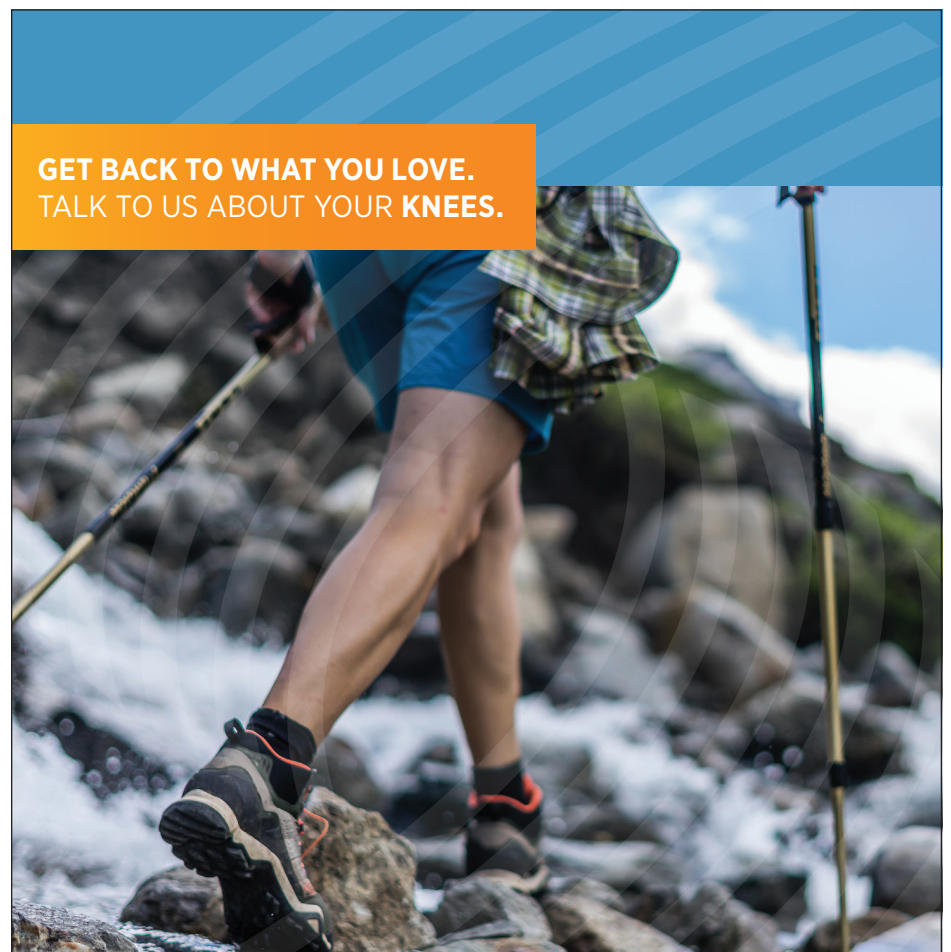
Join us to discuss “Waiting for the Night Song” by Julie Carrick Dalton on the lawn in good weather, in poor weather in our meeting rooms if COVID restrictions allow, or via Zoom – email Nissa at nflanagan@gorham.me.us to receive the link.

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Dempsey

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registered to participate locally and over 500 are participating Globally.

While the virtual experience got a new name this year – the Global Challenge – Deletetsky said that after the success it saw in 2020, officials hope to continue to tap participants who want to join in the Dempsey Challenge festivities from afar.

Changes

“There will be more time for riders, runners and walkers to start and finish their events to help disperse crowds at start locations and rest stops,” Deletetsky said.

Dempsey Challenge will offer new routes in 2021 and will ask that all participants wear masks outside of physical activities.

The run and walk events presented by Poland Spring Brand 100% Natural Spring Water are back with a 10km run and 5km run and walk, open to all participants. The walk will take place at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston.

For 2021, the shortest ride option will be 25 miles, offering beginners and veterans alike a chance to test themselves over the picturesque rural Maine countryside in the Dempsey Challenge Bike Rides presented

by Specialized Bicycles.

Distances

Participants have 4 routes available. 25 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles and 100 miles. Providing plenty of choices for cyclists of all ages.

Runners can choose a 5km or 10km option and walkers can participate in a 5km.

All in-person participants were required to meet the minimum fundraising commitment of \$250 by September 15 to participate in the Local (in-person) Dempsey Chal-

lenge.

How contributions help

The Dempsey Center is committed to making life better for people managing the impact of cancer. This includes cancer patients, survivors, care partners, and family members of all ages 100% of funds raised during the Dempsey Challenge go to providing cancer support services at no cost to anyone impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

Another silver lining of 2020 was the genesis of Dempsey Connects, of-

fering select support services online to those who cannot travel to the Centers in Lewiston or South Portland--reaching people in all corners of Maine and beyond our borders.

Registration

Challengers had until today to reach the fundraising minimum to participate Locally. However, fundraising will continue through the end of October to help us reach our goal of \$1.5 million!

Learn more about this year’s event and register at DempseyChallenge.org.



James Carpenter rides in the 2018 edition of the Dempsey Challenge. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

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Lewiston Library events for October

From LPL

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library will host a series of virtual and in-person events during October.

Children Programs (In-person) Pumpkins in the Park: Friday, October 8 at 10:00am in Kennedy Park.

Kids can decorate pumpkins to take home, play harvest games, listen to pumpkin story time, and earn prizes! Lewiston

Parks and Rec will supply all the materials, the games and pumpkins. No sign up needed and all materials provided.

(In-person) Outdoor public theatrical performance for all ages: Monday, October 11 In Kennedy Park

University of Southern Maine is performing the “Marvelous Meep Island Adventure,” a free theatre event for audiences of all ages. Bring a blanket, chairs, a picnic; tell your

friends and join the fun! This one-hour theatrical adventure is meant for everyone! No sign up needed.

(Virtual) Preschool Babytime & Storytime Every Tuesday 10:30-11:15—Lewiston Public Library Children 0-5 are welcome to join the fun on Zoom as Ms. Jackie uses interactive songs and stories to introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@LewistonMaine.gov for details and registration.

(In-person) Make Art with ArtVan! Every Wednesday September 15-December 22, 3:45-5:15 PM

This program is in Kennedy Park (near the playground). ArtVan will be providing a creative art project for kids ages 5-14 (ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult). No sign up needed and all materials provided. This program is weather permitting. Questions? Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@LewistonMaine.gov

TEEN PRO-

GRAMS (Virtual) Homework Help: Every Monday-Thursday 2:00-6:00 PM in the Teen Room while school is in session.

Students in grades 7-12 can meet virtually with Bates tutors via Zoom from 2-6pm Monday-Thursday while school is in session. Library Chromebooks are available for use in the Teen Room and library staff are here to help students connect.

Teen Manga Battle! Submissions 10/1-10/31, voting 11/1-11/8 (on Instagram and Discord).

Show off your skills in the Manga Battle! Teen artists can submit one piece of manga art to join the contest. Our two categories are original art and fan art. Submissions can be made online via google form or in-person at the Teen Desk on the 2nd floor of the library. The best artist in each category will receive a pack of manga-making supplies as a prize.

ADULT PRO-GRAMS 2-Sentence Horror Story Contest—submis-

sions 10/1-10/31, voting 11/1-11/14.

All are welcome to submit their best 2-sentence horror story for a chance to win one of three Hannaford gift cards (1st place=\$50, 2nd & 3rd places=\$25). You may submit your story either online via the LPL webpage or in person by filling out a submission form at the reference desk. For more information about the contest, including the rules and how voting will occur, see our website at LPLonline.org or call 207-513-3135.

(In-person) Pumpkin Craft Palooza: Thursday, October 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Couture Room.

Three different pumpkin crafts for people to make during the program: paper roll pumpkins, wine cork pumpkins, and pom pom pumpkins! All materials and instruction provided. This program is for adults and teens 13+ only. Registration is recommended. To register, contact the reference desk at 207-513-3135.

(Virtual) Living a

Life Less Wasteful: Monday, October 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Zoom and livestreamed to Facebook

Julie Olson, co-founder of Zero Waste Maine, will teach participants about how she has reduced her household’s trash by more than 85% and how you too can make less trash by using a variety of practical skills and strategies. For more information or to register, email LPLReference@gmail.com or call 207-513-3135.

(Virtual) Great Falls Forum: Thursday, October 28th 11 AM – 12 PM on Zoom and Facebook Live Great Falls Forum is a free, monthly series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and the arts. October’s forum is featuring Tom Caron, studio host of Boston Red Sox baseball on the New England Sports Network, with a talk entitled “The Golden Age of Boston Sports.” For more information or to register, email LPLReference@gmail.com or call 207-513-3135.

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Safe Voices seeks donors for holiday outreach

AUBURN - Safe Voices, the domestic violence and sex trafficking resource center based in Lewiston, invites businesses

and community members to participate in its annual holiday programs Feed-a-Family and Adopt-a-Family.

Individuals, businesses and community organizations are welcome and may choose to support one or both programs.

This annual program serves more than 100 families across Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties each year. Similar to 2020, advocates anticipate greater need as survivors continue to struggle with in-

creased risk and instability brought on by COVID-19 and social distancing. For parents and children who are struggling with isolation brought on by abuse, or who have had to flee a dangerous situation at home, donors can help provide a happy holiday in difficult times.

The Feed-a-Family program matches donors with a family to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Donors purchase the supplies for a traditional dinner of turkey, sides and

dessert and deliver them to Safe Voices, who will then get them to the family in need. The Adopt-a-Family program also matches donors with families to provide gifts in celebration of the December holidays.

If you would like to participate as a donor, please call or email Emily Mitchell at 207-795-6744 x222 or emitchell@safevoices.org. Donors may also complete a participation form online at www.safevoices.org.

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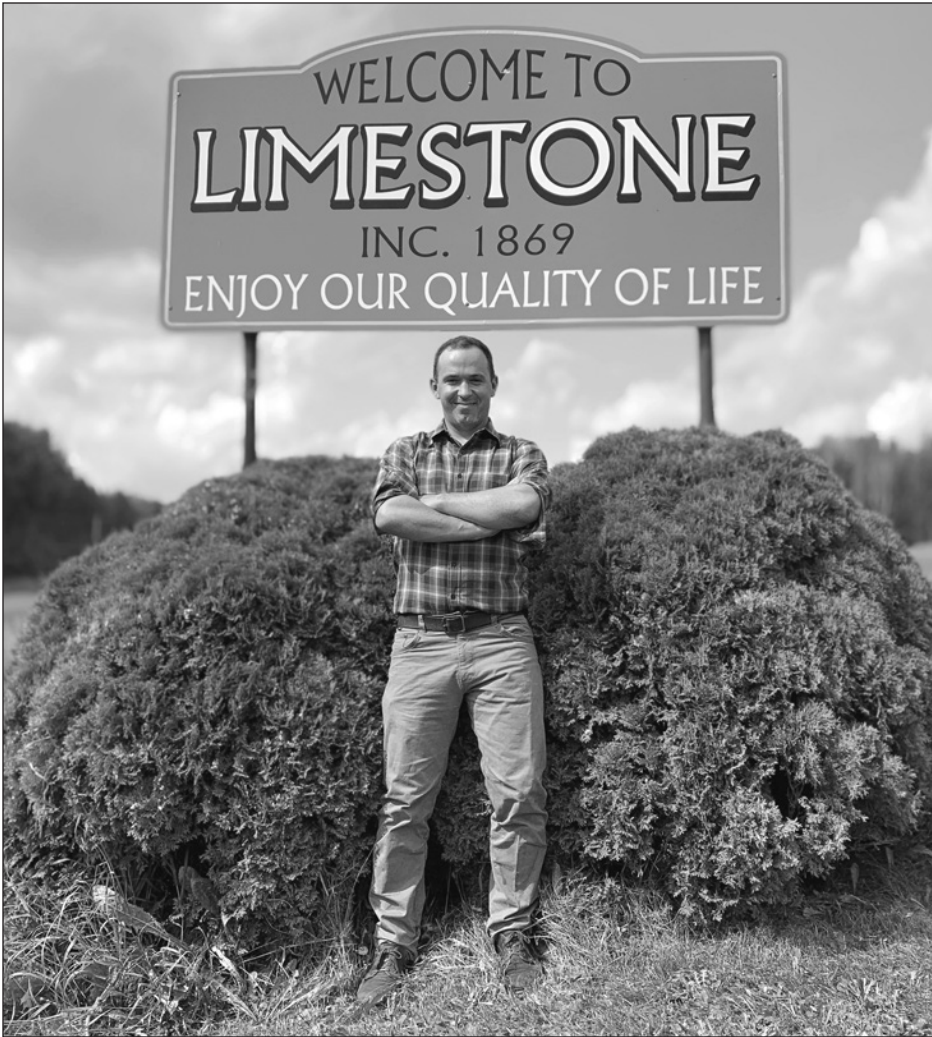
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MSSM Opens with New Director, Strict COVID Rules



Sam Critchlow is the new interim Executive Director of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, which is located in Limestone, just east of Caribou. The school recently opened for its 27th year, with a strict COVID-19 policy that has seen 90% of staff and students fully vaccinated against the virus. (Photo courtesy of MSSM)

tial magnet school, which is free for Maine residents, was last ranked by U.S. News and World Reports as the #1 high school in Maine and #2 high school in the nation (2019).

The school shares an academic building with Limestone Community School, the first school in the state to open remotely. Limestone sits east of Caribou, at the Canadian border.

This year's student body draws from all sixteen counties of Maine, and includes a small number of tuition-paying out-of-state students. Students arrived via a staggered schedule starting August 19. The opening week marked the first time since spring 2020 that all students are on campus at the same time.

Sam Critchlow, an alumnus of MSSM, is the school's new interim Executive Director.

After graduating from MSSM in 2001, Critchlow attended Amherst College and the University of New Hampshire. He returns to the state following 14 years as a mathematics teacher and school leader at schools in the Rocky Mountains and

northern New England, serving most recently as the founding Head of School at Bozeman Field School in Montana, and teaching at Montana State University.

Critchlow, who grew up on Peaks Island, said, "It's wonderful being back in Maine, and returning to a school that made an incredible impact on my life. The students, faculty, and staff represent some of the strongest talent in the state, and it's a pleasure to serve them."

MSSM's extensive COVID-response plan includes mandatory masking in indoor spaces and a recent negative COVID test required prior to student arrival. There will be daily symptom checks before class, along with weekly pooled testing. Off-campus activities will be limited.

Due to the strict standards and high vaccination rates among students and staff, both above 90%, MSSM has so far avoided some of the pitfalls affecting surrounding schools and communities.

Critchlow said, "Parents and students are eager for a safe start to the school year, as well

as a science-based approach in how we respond to COVID. With cases emerging in the surrounding area this week, we have enacted extra measures to insulate our community. We want what all schools want: a smooth year of in-person learning."

Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) is a tuition-free, public, residential high school that enrolls students from across the state and serves over 600 students each year through its academic and summer offerings.

Opened in 1995, the school provides high school students a rigorous, student-centered curriculum that emphasizes the connections between math, science, and humanities, and culminates in opportunities for authentic research. MSSM's summer camps inspire Maine middle school students to explore their passions for science, math, engineering, and technology. MSSM also provides professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the state. For more information about MSSM.

From MSSM Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) began classes last week in its 27th school year. The public, residen-

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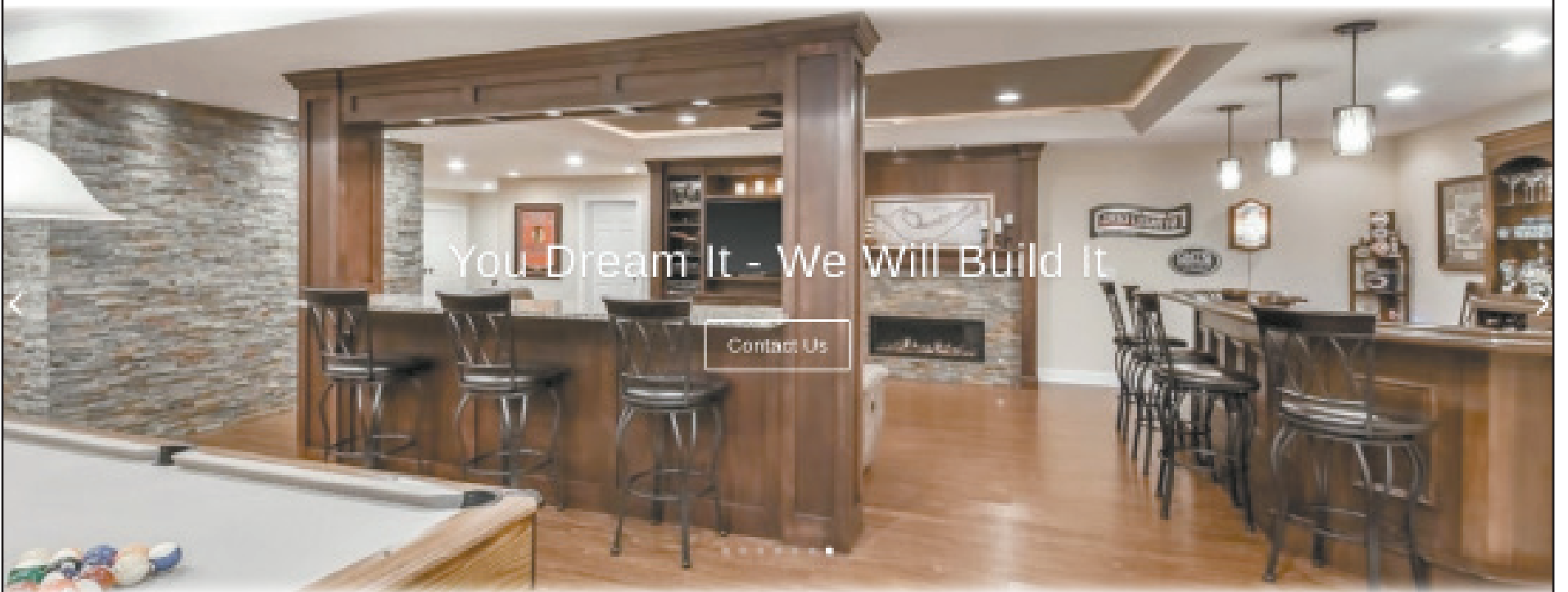
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LEWISTON - Make Art with ArtVan! Every Wednesday, Sept. 15-Dec.22, 3:45-5:15 p.m. This program is in Kennedy Park (near the playground). ArtVan will be providing a creative art project for kids ages 5-14 (ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult). No sign up needed and all materials provided. This program is weather permitting. Questions? Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@Lewiston-Maine.gov.

**MONDAY thru
THURSDAY
While school is in
session
2-6 p.m.**

LEWISTON – From Lewiston Public Library - virtual **Homework Help** in the Teen Room. Students in grades 7-12 can meet virtually with Bates tutors via Zoom from Monday-Thursday while school is in session. Library Chromebooks are available for use in the Teen Room and library staff are there to help students connect.

**FRIDAY
Sept. 24**

5-10 p.m.
LEWISTON – Art Walk L/A. The September edition of the Art Walk includes drumming by

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Taiko Maine Dojo, a Portland-based community taiko drumming group that seeks to share Japanese culture through the unifying spirit of kumi-daiko. There will also be performances by Bates College a cappella groups the Merimanders, the Deansmen, and the Crosstones. At the LA Arts Gallery, exhibiting artist Tom Jessen will share an interactive art making game with guests. And the final Music in the Parks concert this season will feature live, local hip hop and reggae bands.

**FRIDAY &
SATURDAY
Sept. 24 & 25**

7 p.m.
LEWISTON – The **MANHATTAN SHORT** Film Festival will show 10 short films from around the world at The Public Theatre on Maple Street in Lewiston.

**SATURDAY
Sept. 25**

9 a.m.-1 p.m.
AUBURN – Fall Festival at Auburn United Methodist Church, at 439 Park Ave, Auburn

7:30-9:30 p.m.

BATH - Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street, Bath - **Oshima Brothers** (Folk, Acoustic Pop, Americana). Oshima Brothers' Magnetic Sibling Sound And Contagious Joy Result From A Lifetime Of Making Music Together.

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**MONDAY
Sept. 27**

5:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting, at City Hall Council chambers. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

5:30 p.m.
GORHAM – Tentative Finance Committee meeting in Conference Room A.

5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting, in City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

**TUESDAY
Sept. 28**

10-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - September Story Adventures (3yrs-5yrs). Join Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff for a socially-distanced musical story adventure on the lawn. We will present books, songs, movement activities and rhythm instruments. Masks recommended when social distancing isn't possible. (Ages 3yrs-5yrs)

In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

**WEDNESDAY
Sept. 29**

9:30-10 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - September Story Adventures (birth-3yrs). Join Ms. Dani for a socially-distanced story adventure on the lawn. She will present books, finger-plays, movement activities, and songs. Bring a blanket to sit on in case the lawn is damp. Masks recommended when social distancing isn't possible. birth-3yrs

In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

**THURSDAY
Sept. 30**

10-11 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Book Club: "The Vanishing Half". Join us at 10 a.m. to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett on the lawn in good weather, in poor weather in our meeting rooms if COVID restrictions allow, or via Zoom - email Nissa at nflanagan@gorham.me.us to receive the link.

1-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Blood Drive at Cressey United Methodist Church 1-6 p.m, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

5-8 p.m.
WISCASSET – Wiscasset Art Walk.

**FRIDAY
Oct. 1**

9 a.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Golf Tournament at Gorham Country Club; 9 a.m. Shotgun Start, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

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**Oct. 2
9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

AUBURN - West Auburn Congregational Church - 10th Annual Fall Vendor Craft Fair.

Noon-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Block Party at Junction Bowl on Railroad Ave. in Gorham, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY
Oct. 1 & 2**

NEW GLOUCESTER - SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming book sales at the New Gloucester Library - **First Dibs for Kids** on Friday Oct. 1, and **2nd Book Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 2, sponsored by the Friends of the New Gloucester Library.

**SUNDAY
Oct. 3**

8 a.m.
BRUNSWICK – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is conducting a Run for Kids 5k Race/Walk. The race will start at 10 a.m. at Flight Deck Brewing, 11 Atlantic Ave, Brunswick, and walkers are welcome. Registration open at 8 a.m.

A one-mile Kid's Fun Run will start at 9:30 a.m.. No registration is needed, since this race is not individually timed.

**MONDAY
Oct. 4**

6-7 p.m.
GORHAM – Planning Board Ordinance Committee Workshop in Conference Room A.

7 p.m.
GORHAM – Planning Board meeting in council chambers.

**TUESDAY
Oct. 5**

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

6 p.m.
LEWISTON – City Council meeting at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. This Meeting and Workshop will be broadcast LIVE over Spectrum Cable TV Government Access Channel 7, streamed LIVE through the Great Falls Television web site, and streamed LIVE through the city's YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/>

YouTube. Archived copies of this meeting will be available immediately after broadcast on the City YouTube Channel and within a day or two after broadcast, for viewing for up to 60 days, at the Great Falls Television web site.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting in council chambers.

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