

Mark Curtis named Business Person of the Year 2021

From GBE

GORHAM - The Gorham Business Exchange recently announced Mark Curtis of Gorham Sand and Gravel as Business Person of the Year 2021 for Gorham.

Curtis was born and raised in Gorham, and is the General Manager at Gorham Sand and Gravel. He and his wife, Becky, are raising their sons – Thomas, Timmy, and Tucker - in Gorham.

“GSG is a very successful business that embraces the Gorham community. They have helped donate material & labor to several community projects and are very generous in support of local organizations,” Ethan Johnson, President of the GBE, said. “In addition to his work at GSG, Mark is active in the community serving on town committees and leading a local nonprofit. Over the last year Mark has reached out to business members in the community to brainstorm on ideas to help local high school students learn real world principles. Simply put, Mark is passionate about our community and makes Gorham a better place.”

Curtis has worn many hats at GSG since starting work there in the summer of 1994. He has become the righthand man for owners Tom and Jim Shaw. Curtis has overseen the growth of GSG into one of Maine’s most successful construction companies. He has a great understanding of corporate citizenship and oversees a lot



The Gorham Business Exchange surprised and honored Gorham resident Mark Curtis with a plaque at the Gorham High School homecoming football game to honor him as the GBE Business Person of the Year 2021. Ethan Johnson, GBE president, presents the plaque to Mark Curtis, with help from David Willis, a GBE Board member. (Photo courtesy of GBE)

of charity and sponsorship decisions.

With the help of Curtis, GSG has assisted the Gorham Conservation Commission with several trails and the Lavoie Bike Track.

Curtis has volunteered his time and expertise on many boards for local towns and business associations. He has served many years on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Gorham and recently became a

member of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation.

He also is a President of the Reed Allen Community Foundation, a local charitable organization that raises money and collects donations to help community members in times of need. Founder of the Reed Allen Community Foundation Angelo Sotiropoulos, said, “I told Mark seven years ago he was the one to lead and share my vision for the Foundation. He has many gifts, and charisma is one of them. Mark has a lot of shining stars but he still has some more to shine.”

People who have worked with Curtis on other projects agree he has a knack for finding simple solutions to complex issues.

Jim Shaw, owner of Gorham Sand and Gravel, shared a funny story about Mark when he first started working at GSG. According to Curtis, Curtis was driving a Pontiac at the time, and one day he decided to put it out for sale in front of the shop on Rt 25. He didn’t get an offer for several weeks, so he raised the price. It sold the next day.

Coworkers describe Mark as a sponge of information. “Any questions I have, he has seen it before, knows the answer, and has a funny story about it. “You’ll love this one” is always followed by something both amusing and educational. “ said Devin Butts, co worker at GSG.

Brush drop off Saturday

GORHAM – The final Fall Brush Drop Off for the Town of Gorham is Saturday.

Public Works at 80 Huston Road will be open from 8 a.m.-noon to accept brush from Gorham residents.

No stumps or commercial drop off. Leaves and grass clippings will also be accepted in their designated area throughout the season.

Please do not leave bags behind.

Meet the Candidates

Gorham Community Access Media (GoCAM) will air a second ‘Meet the Candidate’ event at 7 p.m. tonight for the public to meet the Gorham Town Council candidates and Gorham School Committee candidates.

Viewers can tune in on Gorham Spectrum Cable Channel 3 and the Town of Gorham webpage at <http://bitly.ws/hohr>

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots are now available by request for the November 2nd election.

Absentee ballots can be requested online at <http://bitly.ws/9uxw> or by calling the Town Clerk’s office at 222-1670.

Voting in-person will be available in the Town Clerk’s office at the Gorham Municipal Center during regular business hours.

Next Monday through Thursday, Oct. 25-28, absentee voting will be available in the Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center.

Last day to vote absentee or request a ballot is Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7pm.

Ballots must be returned by 8pm on Election Day – Nov. 2.

Ballots can be returned in-person at the Town Clerk’s office, or they can be mailed or placed in the drop box located in front of the Gorham Municipal Center.

Costume Parade

Children up to five years old are invited to dress in festive costumes for a trick-or-treat parade on Tuesday, Oct. 26, on the municipal lawn between Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Municipal Center at 75 South Street. They will help judge pumpkins carved by Town of Gorham municipal departments.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, Nov. 27, Gorham Recreation invites you to grab your family

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Grand opening of Sidecar today

From Great Falls Const.

GORHAM – There is a new attraction in the clock tower at Station Square: Sidecar Wine, Whiskey & Tapas Bar, and it will celebrate with a Grand Opening starting at 4 p.m. today.

Located on the top floor, patrons will be able to listen to live music, enjoy daily specials and join in for weekly karaoke fun, all in a sleek new locale. Enjoy a cocktail and an appetizer while perched in the inviting nest of the top floor, along with a wraparound outdoor deck that offers a 360-degree view.

Business hours will be 4-10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 4-11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Weekly events will feature specialty wine and whiskey tastings, and the menu will include a variety of bar snacks & tapas such as charcuterie boards, bruschetta, cheese boards and paninis, as well as other delicious options.

Happy hour specials, Ladies night specials and live entertainment will round out the schedule.

Sidecar is owned and operated by Ben Smith, a local Gorham resident who has been operating Junction Bowl since

2019. Ben has been an active member of the community for many years and understands the need for local fun and affordable entertainment.

The public is invited to join Sidecar for the Grand Opening events taking place throughout the weekend and enjoy all that Sidecar has to offer.

For more information on the entertainment schedule and menu, visit www.sidecarwinewhiskey.com

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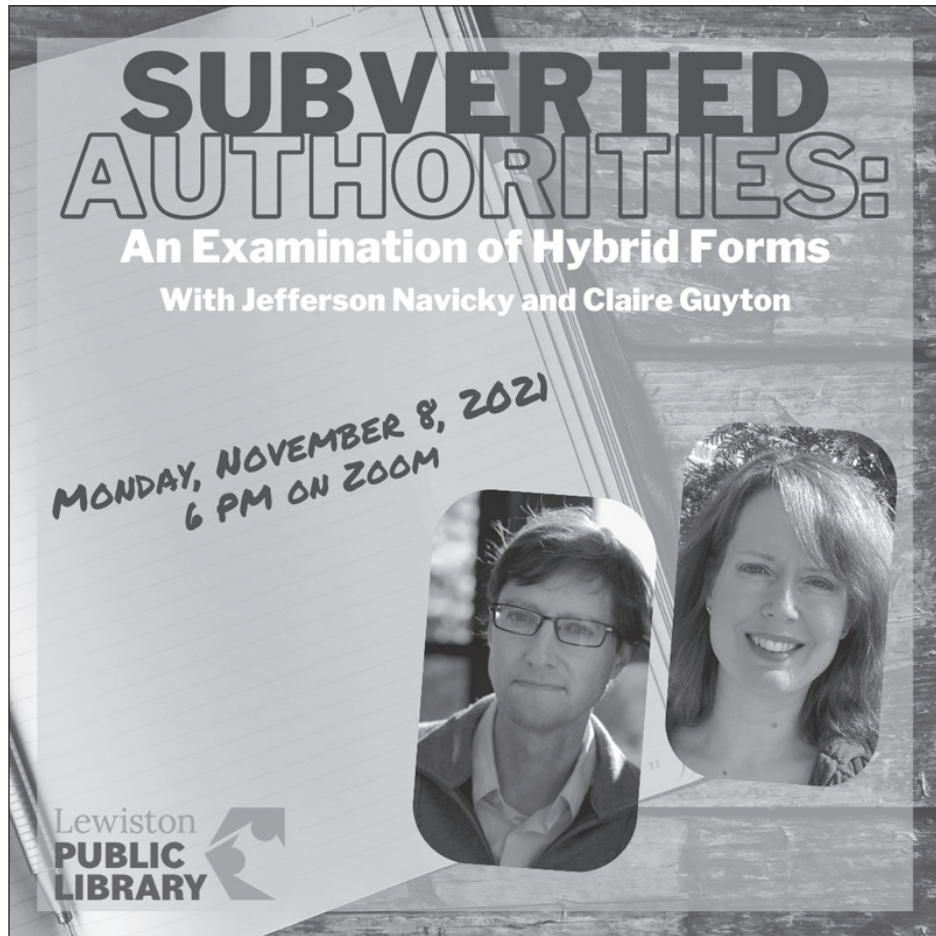
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‘Subverted Authorities: An Examination of Hybrid Forms’ on Nov. 8



From LPL

LEWISTON - The Lewiston Public Library will host poet and archivist Jefferson Navicky and writer and editor Claire Guyton for a discussion on hybrid forms of writing on Monday, Nov 8.

This free, public program will take place from 6 - 7 PM virtually on Zoom and streamed to the Library's Facebook page.

Prose poems and flash fiction sit close to one another in the world of literary genre, both difficult to categorize. Like outsiders at a family reunion, they draw attention and confused looks from the more established literary families. What defines these hybrid forms, and why are some writers drawn to them? What can writers accomplish with a prose poem or flash fiction that can't be done in more

traditional poetry and short stories? Why write in the margins of genre?

Join us as writers Jefferson Navicky and Claire Guyton attempt to answer these questions and read examples from their own work, including from Jefferson's new book *Antique Densities: Modern Parables & Other Experiments in Short Prose*.

Jefferson Navicky is the author of "Antique Densities: Modern Parables & Other Experiments in Short Prose", as well as the poetic novel, *The Book of Transparencies*, and the story collection, *The Paper Coast*. He has been awarded a Maine Arts Commission grant, two Maine Literary Awards, and was the 2019 winner of the Maine Postmark Poetry Contest. He is the archivist for the Maine Women Writers Collection.

Claire Guyton has

been a Maine Arts Commission Literary Fellow and twice a finalist for the Maine Literary Award, and her work has been selected for the Best Small Fictions anthology and nominated for a Pushcart. Her short fiction appears in numerous journals, as well as in the Maine anthology "Summer Stories". She is the co-founder and co-editor of *Waterwheel Review*, and the co-founder and co-organizer of the reading series *Local Writers Read*. She works in Inter-Library Loan at the Lewiston Public Library.

The Zoom registration link will be posted to the Lewiston Public Library website (lplonline.org) and Facebook page prior to the program. For more information, contact the LPL Adult & Teen Services desk at 513-3135 or LPLreference@lewiston-maine.gov.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

GEICO sponsors MTA Safety Patrol

From GEICO

PORTLAND –Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) last week announced that GEICO is the new sponsor of the Maine Turnpike Safety Patrol.

The sponsorship announcement came in advance of the Indigenous Peoples' Day holiday, where the Maine Turnpike expected a 20% increase in demand for safety patrol services.

With GEICO support, the patrol will provide vital services to motorists in need, and improve mobility in Maine for years to come.

Post pandemic, MTA has seen an increase in travelers taking road trips and the Indigenous Peoples' Day long weekend occurred at the height of leaf peeping season, so there was a high volume of

motorists on the roadway.

Safety Patrols, like the Maine Turnpike Safety Patrol sponsored by GEICO, are imperative during this time because in the United States, 20% of crashes result from a previous crash, and for every minute a primary incident remains a hazard, the likelihood of a secondary crash increases by 2.8%.

On average, the Safety Patrol sponsored by GEICO clears incidents on the Maine Turnpike in eighteen minutes, which dramatically reduces the likelihood of a second crash.

In addition, because of the GEICO sponsorship, over 1,000 additional hours of patrol time will be provided to Turnpike motorists every year. These additional hours represent 41% of the total patrol coverage hours, showing a significant increase in

hours dedicated to vital Safety Patrol services.

Services provided by the Safety Patrol include changing flat tires, jump-starting vehicles, moving disabled vehicles to the shoulder, providing lock-out assistance, and removing debris and other hazards from the road.

"The operators of the Safety Patrol sponsored by GEICO cars are truly heroes as they show up quickly to help these stranded motorists and get them to safety as quickly as possible," said Peter Mills, Executive Director, Maine Turnpike Authority. "Safety Service Patrols are considered to be one of the most effective Traffic Incident Management programs and the sponsorship from GEICO is a great benefit to our travelers in helping to keep them safe."

All patrol vehicles

are equipped with emergency lighting and road flares to further increase safety for stranded motorists, and to help relieve congested traffic. Patrol operators can provide temporary traffic control at minor accident scenes and assist the Maine State Police and other first responders when needed.

"It's an honor for GEICO to sponsor the Maine Turnpike Safety Patrol vehicles," said Mindy Seibold, GEICO's Regional Vice President. "GEICO prides itself on being there when our customers need us the most, whether it's an everyday incident or responding to a catastrophic event. This partnership and similar ones across the country will benefit motorists from coast to coast by getting compromised vehicles off the road quickly and reducing the likeli-

hood of another vehicle incident."

"I'm a teacher and I was on the way to school when my front right tire popped. I was on I-95 and I pulled over to the side, where I attempted to call someone to come fix my tire. I didn't have great service and I didn't remember how to change my own tire," said Lydia, an assisted motorist that benefited from the Safety Patrol program. "I was trying to come up with a Plan B when Mark, a Maine Turnpike Safety Patrol driver, pulled up behind me. He got out the spare tire and changed the tire for me. I am so appreciative of his help!"

The Safety Patrol operates on the Maine Turnpike, between Exit 42 in Scarborough and Mile 57 in Cumberland, Monday through Friday from

7-10:30 a.m. and between Exit 48 in Portland and Exit 32 in Biddeford, from 3:30-7 p.m.

Additionally, from April to December, the Safety Patrol operates on the Turnpike from the Piscataqua River Bridge in Kittery to Exit 19 in Wells. This seasonal patrol operates from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Official highway signs informing motorists of the patrolled routes will now feature the GEICO logo.

A member of the Berkshire Hathaway family of companies, GEICO was founded 85 years ago, and consistently works to make driving safer for all travelers. Through sponsorship of the Safety Patrol, GEICO continues its focus on safety by supporting the MTA.

Border measures remain in place for travelers

From Canadian Border Svc.

OTTOWA, ONT – Last week, the United States announced that fully vaccinated travelers from Canada will be allowed to enter the United States at land and ferry points of entry for discretionary (non-essential reasons), such as tourism, starting in November.

The Canada Border Services Agency is reminding travelers that border measures remain in place for travelers entering or returning to Canada and that they should get informed and understand their obligations as they make their travel plans.

Travelers should check if they are eligible to enter Canada and meet all entry requirements be-

fore heading to the border.

Fully vaccinated travelers coming to Canada must complete the mandatory pre-arrival molecular COVID-19 test and submit their mandatory information including their digital proof of vaccination in English or French using the free ArriveCAN (App or website) within 72 hours before arriving in Canada. Antigen tests, often called

"rapid tests", are not accepted. Fully vaccinated travelers who are eligible to enter Canada continue to be subject to mandatory random testing on arrival.

For short trips, that are less than 72 hours, Canadian citizens, people registered under the Indian Act, permanent residents and protected persons travelling to the United States are allowed to take their

pre-arrival molecular test before they leave Canada. If the test is more than 72 hours old when they re-enter Canada, they will be required to get a new pre-arrival molecular test in the United States.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travelers who are eligible to enter Canada must continue to follow pre-arrival, arrival and Day-8 molecular

COVID-19 testing requirements, and quarantine for 14 days.


Full details on the current measures in place for travelers entering or returning to Canada are available online at <http://bit.ly/ws/hoxw>

All questions about U.S. entry and health requirements should be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.


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Guest Column

Don't read too much into it

By Grammar Guy

I wouldn't say I have a book problem. It's more like I have a time problem.

You see, the pile of books on my bedside table keeps growing. The stack features stories and accounts I'm looking forward to reading, but I just can't find the time. But this isn't the entire story.

You see, I own this handheld digital rectangle called an Amazon Kindle.

This rectangle holds hundreds of books on a simple black-and-white screen. While reading it, I can press my finger on a word I don't understand and the rectangle will define the word for me. It's fantastic.

Again, I see this less as a "book" problem and more of a "time" problem. Too many books, not enough time. There's a term for people like me: bibliobibuli. Coined by author H.L. Mencken in 1956, bib-

liobibuli means "the type of people who read too much."

In "Minority Report," a compilation of Mencken's notebooks published after he had a stroke, the author writes, "There are people who read too much: bibliobibuli. I know some who are constantly drunk on books, as other men are drunk on whiskey or religion. They wander through this most diverting and stimulating of worlds in a haze, seeing nothing and hearing nothing."

While I'm also fond of whiskey and religion, but books have a special place for me. As a bibliophile (a person who either collects or has a great love for books), I go back and forth in a struggle between physical and digital books. I love how physical books have a place on the shelf. The pulpy paper of their pages reveals intentionally laid out letters forming shapely paragraphs.

On the other hand, digital books have a backlit screen, which allows me to read without the aid of my bedside lamp. As I'm fond of reading late into the night, I find it more conscientious to have my lamp off so my wife can fall asleep more easily. And then there's always a question of ownership: do I actually own a digital book? I'm not sure.

So now you understand my dilemma. In many ways, I find it more convenient to read digital books on my Kindle. At the same time, I love a physical book. Give me a good dust jacket on a first edition and you'll find one happy word nerd. I hope I never find a cure for my need to read.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Protect Maine's Workers

Senator Susan Collins' family has run a local lumber company since 1844. In her own words, family-owned businesses like these -- and the workers that power them -- are the "heart and soul of many Maine communities."

But now, those workers are under threat from President Biden's sweeping immigration proposal. The White House is attempting to ram this massive social-engineering experiment through Congress in the midst of our recovery from a devastating pandemic. It's ill-timed, divisive, and will harm a broad swath of people who have to work hard for a living.

Folks on the left seem hesitant to admit that increased immigration could have harmful effects on anyone, including the working class. But studies have shown that increases in immigration result in lower incomes and fewer

job opportunities for many workers already living in the United States. The sheer scale of President Biden's plan is unprecedented. It would grant the right to work openly to 11 million illegal immigrants. That's over eight times the entire population of Maine. It'd also greatly expand legal immigration and guestworker programs. All told, it could increase the number of legal U.S. residents by

37 million people in just a decade.

Those new workers will compete for jobs with Americans already struggling with the cutbacks, furloughs, and layoffs caused by the pandemic.

The long-term effects are just as troublesome. Although Biden's plan is trumpeted as "healing," it will in fact harm many of the people who voted for him. These are the workers who don't have tech expertise and compete for lower-skilled, often manual-labor jobs. And that's exactly where the flood of immigrants -- who by and large are low-skilled -- will be heading.

To make matters worse, immigrants usually work at the low end of the pay scale, putting downward pressure on wages for everyone.

Here in Maine, our population is blue-collar. Mainers make their living in paper mills and on fishing boats. We work in restaurants, retirement homes, and small-scale manufacturing operations. We don't have the white-collar privilege that shields us from immigrant competition. So we can't so easily say "all this doesn't affect me" because it does.

And we vote. Sen. Collins knows her voters. And she knows how they feel about am-

nesty. President Biden may want to take credit for "solving" the issue of illegal immigration by simply ruling that the problem no longer exists. But loggers and millworkers know otherwise. So, one hopes, does Sen. Collins. If this bill passes, the problem won't go away, it will become worse for many Americans.

Nicole Kalloch
Nicole Kalloch is a Rockland resident and Maine Maritime Academy graduate who works for a small business that provides engineering expertise to the aerospace, defense, and national security industries.

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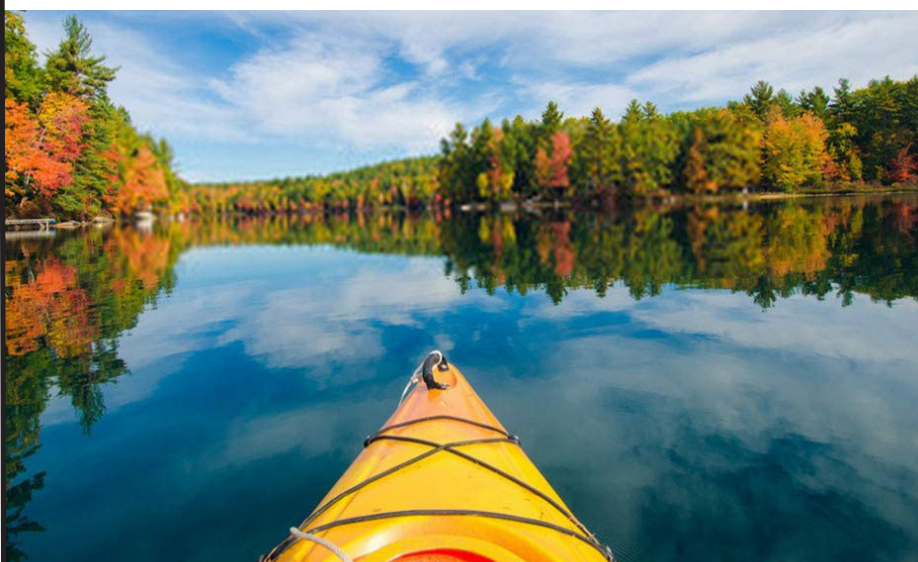
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Out and About

Ocktoberfest at Schooner Estates

By Rachel Morin



John Rice, Schooner Director of Operations, made a hit at the Oktoberfest this year with his Bavarian outfit. (Rachel Morin Photo)



Mac Brackett, left, and Doris Ham listen as John Rice tells a story. (Lindsay Remington Photo)

AUBURN - Oktoberfest was celebrated at Schooner Estates in Auburn with a traditional feast of German Bavarian foods and delicacies as prepared by Food Service Director Seth Lyons and Food Service Assistant Todd Hopkins.

It was the first-ever Oktoberfest celebration at Schooner, and the Chefs really outdid themselves with their culinary expertise.

The multiple-course meal was served to the residents in the Village Green by the Schooner wait staff at their regular dining times. Things moved smoothly and everyone was pleased with the well-planned serving of the meals with nary a glitch in timing.

The dishes were at-

tractively arranged with the Bavarian food and colorful garnishes added to the presentation.

Included in the menu were Appetizer, Crispy Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Balls, Salads, German Potato Salad, Cucumbers in Mustard Dressing, Shaved Brussel Sprouts and Bacon Salad.

Entrees, Reuben Pizza, Pork Schnitzel in Mushroom Cream Sauce, Salmon with Apple Braised Sauerkraut, Schinkennudeln (Fried Pasta w/Ham) and Braised Red Cabbage.

The Finale was Black Forest Brownie Sundae, Linzer Cookies and pears with a honey drizzle.

John Rice, director of operations at Schooner, added to the atmosphere, garbed in the traditional lederhosen and cap, with the

German Bavarian embroidered suspenders.

Residents were delighted to see John's outfit as he made the rounds, visiting them at their tables and swapping stories.

During Schooner's Oktoberfest celebration, we learned Oktoberfest began as a wedding celebration more than 200 years ago on October 12, 1810 when Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese von Sachen-Hildburghausen.

The wedding was celebrated in Bavaria with multiple days of drinking, feasting and horse racing. The celebration became an annual holiday event.

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Norm St. Pierre, Ann Wallace and Art Turner raise their glasses in a special toast to the First Oktoberfest at Schooner. (Lindsay Remington Photo)



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'Rally for Norlands' Weekend Oct. 9-10

From Norlands

LIVERMORE - The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore hosted its Rally for Norlands: Civil War Living History Weekend on Oct. 9 and 10.

This family-friendly event featured a wide variety of demonstrations, exhibits, and engaging activities remembering the activities of the Civil War.

It was co-organized by the 3rd Maine Company A and 15th Alabama Company G to benefit Maine's premier living history farm and museum.

The Norlands is a 400-acre museum and working farm that is the ancestral home of the Washburn family. While no actual battles took place at Norlands, the historic site has a real connection to the Civil War. The Washburns from Livermore were one of the nations' most influential political families of the 19th century and had a hand in transforming the nation at the time of the Civil War.

Israel Washburn, Jr. was elected as governor of Maine in 1861 and quickly became known as Maine's little-known giant of the Civil War. He sent more troops per capita than any

other northern state. His younger brother Elihu was instrumental in getting Abraham Lincoln elected to the Presidency. Samuel served in the U.S. Navy and was Acting Master of the ironclad gunboat, U.S.S. Galena, when it sustained fire on the James River. Samuel was wounded in the hip, an injury that left him in pain the rest of his life.

Their sister Caroline married Freeland Holmes, a doctor from Foxcroft, who volunteered with the 6th Maine Regiment. Freeland died in 1863 leaving Caroline as a widow with two small children. These are just a few examples of how the family influenced and were impacted by the Civil War. Hear more about the Washburn's remarkable achievements and how the War affected their lives, and those of their Livermore neighbors, during Rally for Norlands.

Union and Confederate military and civilian reenactors from across New England will be camped on the grounds.

Walk through the encampments to experience what life was like for soldiers. Cavalry units are also planning to attend. Living historians will scrimmage with replica weaponry and perform

drilling and firing demonstrations. The 6th Maine Battery will fire their Parrott Rifle/cannon.

A full-scale battle scenario will be staged each day on the hay fields of the Norlands (2:30pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday).

Throughout the weekend, guests may see blacksmithing demonstrations, tour the 1883 Washburn Memorial Library, and play old-fashioned games. Special Civil War theme lessons will be offered in the one-room schoolhouse. Guests also have the opportunity to try on period clothing in the historic dress-up tent.

The Washburns & Their Neighbors in the Civil War on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Several of the Washburn brothers held positions that influenced the War and several of their Livermore neighbors served and lost their lives. In this presentation, Willi Irish, Norlands' Director of Interpretation and Training, shared original letters, photographs, diary entries and military records that reflect how the War affected life in Livermore, Maine.

The Norlands is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore.



A child wears historical clothing at a previous historical enactment at Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore. (Photo courtesy of Norlands)

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UMaine 4-H team brings home blue ribbons



UMaine Extension 4-H dairy team members (left to right) Kat Leach, Jillian Sawyer, Alexis Landry and Owen Brown after taking first place in the quiz bowl at the "Big E" Springfield Exposition in Springfield, MA, in mid-September. (Photo courtesy of UMaine Extension)



UMaine Extension 4-H dairy team members (left to right) Alexis Landry, Jillian Sawyer and Owen Brown during the cooking competition at the "Big E" Springfield Exposition in Springfield, MA, in mid-September. (Photo courtesy of UMaine Extension)

From UMaine

ORONO - University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H welcomed four members of the state dairy team home after their successful event competitions at the Eastern States Exposition Sept. 17-18 in Springfield, MA.

The multistate fair, known as the Big E, is an annual event that draws 4-H members from across the Northeast. UMaine Extension 4-H was represented in part by dairy team members Owen Brown of Exeter; Alexis Landry of Gorham; Jillian Sawyer of Limington; and Kat Leach of Arundel. Events included the 4-H dairy quiz bowl and two dairy cooking competitions, which involved creating grilled cheese sandwiches and extreme milkshake recipes.

The Maine 4-H dairy team took first place in the quiz bowl competition, with Leach named high-scoring junior and Sawyer named high-scoring senior in written exams. Brown, Landry and Sawyer also won first place in the grilled cheese sandwich competition. In the extreme milkshake competition, Brown and Leach took first place for their en-

try using only Maine-made ingredients.

For more information about Extension 4-H programming, contact 207.581.3877, jessica.brainerd@maine.edu; or visit the Maine 4-H website.

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Reid Nichols with The Gutter Rats team rolls in the Tuesday night league at Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham. Action in the Fall league has expanded to nearly 30 teams, with action on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. (Tsukroff photo)



Amy Sullivan takes to the lane for Bumper Babes in recent league action at Junction Bowl in Gorham. (Tsukroff photo)



Joseph Lamb delivers for the Ball Breakerz in recent Tuesday night league action at Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham. (Tsukroff photo)



Bumper Babes team member Tina Ireton rolls in Tuesday night league action at Junction Bowl in Gorham. Nearly 30 teams are competing this Fall on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. (Tsukroff photo)

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Circumnavigating Swan Island



Three paddlers enter Merrymeeting Bay on the east side of Swan Island. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

Swan Island on the Kennebec River near Richmond has always intrigued me.

I grew up a few miles north in Gardiner and Randolph. Since my ancestors included Native Americans who lived along the Kennebec River, there is a good chance some of them inhabited the Abenaki Indian villages that were once located on the island.

The history of Swan Island is a colorful one. Prior to the arrival of European settlers, members of the Abenaki Nation known as the Kennebec tribe occupied villages on both Swan Island and nearby Little Swan Island during prehistoric times. The influx

of Europeans in the 17th century brought decades of conflict. As the numbers of settlers increased, the Native Americans were gradually forced from the islands.

In the 19th century, Swan Island became a thriving community where farming, fishing, lumbering, ship building, and ice cutting flourished. These industries declined in the early 1900s and the population moved away.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife began buying land on the island in the 1940s. In 1971, Swan Island became a state Wildlife Management Area and with the purchase of a cemetery in 1988 the entire island is now owned by

the state. While providing a sanctuary for wildlife is the primary mission, it also permits camping, hiking, paddling, biking, and other outdoor activities.

Recently, my son, Adam, and I decided to circumnavigate of Swan Island. Two friends, John Brower and Cath Kimball, agreed to join us. John is one of a handful of outdoor friends who is actually older than I am, so seniors were well represented on the trip.

Tides are a factor to be considered when paddling around Swan Island. Tidal ranges as high as seven feet can result in powerful currents when coupled with river flow. The Kennebec River is unique because above Merrymeeting

Bay it is a freshwater tidal zone. Six rivers converge on the bay creating an outflow that exceeds the volume of the incoming tide and prevents most of the salt from entering.

It was low tide when the four of us met midday at the Swan Island Ferry Landing in Richmond. Our original plan was to depart two hours earlier to take advantage of an outgoing tide but heavy morning rains resulted in a change of plan. By the time we arrived, rain had subsided and skies were clear. Three of us were in sea kayaks while John, who is an avid canoeist, paddled a solo canoe.

The island including consequential tidal flats on the south end is about 4.5 miles long. Moderately strong northwest headwinds were anticipated during the trip back. We decided to begin by navigating south on the east side of the island and returning on the narrow western passageway which would provide more protection from the wind.

After rounding the northern end of the island, we began our journey south. A tailwind helped propel us through Lovejoy Narrows with the forested shore of the Town of Dresden on our left. Two large eagles were observed in a tree overhanging the Swan Island riverbank. They were the first of several eagles sighted during our voyage. This seemed appropriate as some believe



A kayaker begins a circumnavigation of Swan Island. (Ron Chase photo)

the name Swan originated from the Abenaki word Swango which meant "island of eagles."

We soon approached Little Swan Island. While the others continued on the east side, I chose to paddle the inside channel called Little River past the campground on Swan. Kayaking close to shore, I noticed several sturdy lean-tos at the site. All appeared to be empty. I resolved to return for a camping and biking endeavor at a later date.

The river widened as we continued along the bucolic shoreline approaching northern Merrymeeting Bay. Shortly after passing Shipyard Point, we entered the grassy tidal flats where hundreds of ducks immediately took flight. A maze of passages left us perplexed. Should we attempt to locate a route through the labyrinth or take the long way around? After some investigation, two of us de-

ecided on the protracted option. Undaunted, the others persevered ahead. We all met near Theobald Point on the southwest end of the island.

Initially, we encountered a strong headwind paddling north. However, crossing to the Bowdoinham shore provided partial shelter and facilitated an easy return to the landing in Richmond.

Our excursion stimulated my imagination. Further Swan Island explorations are in my future.

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" will soon be released by North Country Press. Visit his website at www.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

Phony lenders scam victims

From Boston BBB

BOSTON - The Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker is receiving reports of scammers masquerading as legitimate loan providers.

The phony lenders guarantee a quick loan with no upfront fees. But victims who provide their banking information to the scammers are left in the negative.

How the scam works

You receive an email advertising a guaranteed loan. The email displays a logo and contact information for what appears to be a legitimate loan company. Before proceeding with the offer, you search for the company online to determine if they can be trusted. You find that the name and contact information matches with a legitimate

company, so you proceed with the loan.

Once you agree to the loan, the "lender" takes your personal banking information and deposits the loan into your account via a check. Then, they demand you buy insurance for the loan before the check officially clears. Unfortunately, the loan check turns out to be fake, something victims often don't realize until after they pay the "insurance." One victim told BBB, "The money will be available the next day, but then it will be rejected by your bank three days later."

These scammers know that consumers are increasingly aware of phishing attempts, so they use the identity of a business that can easily be verified online. This allows them to gain target's trust and get access to their bank

account.

Avoid fake loan offers

Avoid unsolicited loan offers. Scammers use offers of quick cash to lure you in—don't fall for it. Whether they contact you by phone, email or text or send loan offers by mail, approach all unsolicited offers for money with caution.

Expect a credit check. These scams often prey on people who may not easily qualify for a loan. No legitimate lender will provide you with a loan without performing a credit check.

Ensure the business contact information matches the email sender information. Brand identifiers can easily be copied and included in the body of an email, so the most important information for a consumer to verify is the email

address of the sender. The domain for the email address typically matches the domain of the official website and should be free of random letters or numbers.

Research loan providers before accepting an offer. When doing business with an unfamiliar company, don't just verify they're legitimate by searching their name online because you could be missing surprising information. View ratings and reviews to see what other people are saying, and check for a BBB business profile.

You can connect with trusted lenders in your area by visiting BBB.org/search. Be careful and watch out for "guaranteed" loans with upfront fees. Report scams to BBB.org/ScamTracker.

BBB of Greater Maryland contributed this article.

Guest Column

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Our day is filled with heat at this time of year. It commands our attention and makes our work harder. As we toil, we daydream not about love or success, but things as mundane as shade and a cool drink.

But though the oppressive heat weighs on our brains and taxes our bodies, it is the price we pay for being allowed to spend time outdoors ... and it has its one singular consolation: our summer evenings.

When the sun goes down in summer, it's romantic enough to hug a cactus.

The recipe is simple; keep the earth warm, but just bring out the stars and a soft breeze that cools the skin. Mix this with a fulmination of little night varmint sounds of peeping and chirping and croaking. And guitars. Wheth-

er we play them ourselves or just turn on the radio, it is a setting that is perfect for guitars. Villalobos, Fernando Sor, Tarrega, Randy Travis, Doc Watson, Steve Cormier.

We sit in brick-paved patios with something cool and someone sweet and relax and talk about dreams, because on evenings like this, anything is possible. On nights like this, it's difficult to decide whether remembering evenings like this in the past is better than anticipating those to come. All we really know is that it sure is nice to be here right now.

Tonight I'm going to see if I can remember all the words to "Little Joe the Wrangler" and find out if my guitar is still in tune.

Brought to you by "The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List" by Slim Randles, from Rio Grande Books, and now available at Amazon.com.

Senate passes bill to boost 'Made in USA'

From Sen. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate unanimously passed legislation last week led by U.S. Senators Angus King (I-Maine) and Mike Lee (R-Utah) to establish a uniform federal standard for products labeled “Made in the U.S.A.” or “Made in America.”

Under current conditions, businesses that make their products in the United States face a patchwork of different state laws – making compliance costs burdensome in order to ensure products can be sold across the country with the designation.

“When a consumer sees a ‘Made in the USA’ label, they know they’re purchasing a well-made product and supporting American jobs,” said Senator King. “These labels are a simple, straightforward way to help consumers make informed decisions – all while supporting American workers and retailers.

For too long, a patchwork of confusing differences in state regulations have prevented too many American manufacturers from using the labels, and

threatens the economic livelihood of local businesses – but now, we’ve taken an important step toward progress. I’m proud that this bipartisan bill has passed the Senate, and urge the House of Representatives to advance this bill in order to support American-made products and provide clarity for consumers.”

“Businesses are proud to make their products in the United States. The current labeling environment prevents countless businesses and products from receiving the recognition they deserve and consumers want. This bill makes sure businesses have an incentive to produce here at home,” said Senator Lee.

“This is a great win for American manufacturing. Senator King’s bill establishes a federal “Made in U.S.A.” standard that benefits American manufacturers and encourages increased domestic manufacturing. We applaud this legislation that supports our hundreds of New Balance associates in Maine at our Norridgewock, Norway and Skowhegan factories who are proudly

producing our premium Made in U.S.A. athletic footwear,” said Amy Dow, New Balance’s Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs.

The Reinforcing American-Made Products Act would ensure that the federal government maintains authority in setting country-of-origin labeling standards and that states do not create conflicting or inconsistent standards governing interstate and exported goods. The varied state regulations create unneeded challenges and expose manufacturers to unnecessary litigation. The Reinforcing American-Made Products Act would fix that by creating one national standard.

During his two terms as Governor and in the United States Senate, Senator King has sought to prioritize American manufacturing to promote domestic economic resilience and also further national security interests. He has co-sponsored the Reinforcing American-Made Products Act in the last several Congressional sessions, and recently introduced a bill to support American-grown flowers.

Cross Country quilters



Members of the Bethel Cross Country Quilters, including Audrey Arguin, Dorothy Whitney, Pat McCartney, and Jo-Ann Korhonen, recently stopped by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine (CRCofWM) in Norway with fourteen “HUGS” - quilted shawls designed especially for patients undergoing chemotherapy. Ellen De Maio is also a member of the Cross Country Quilters. (Photo courtesy of CCQ)

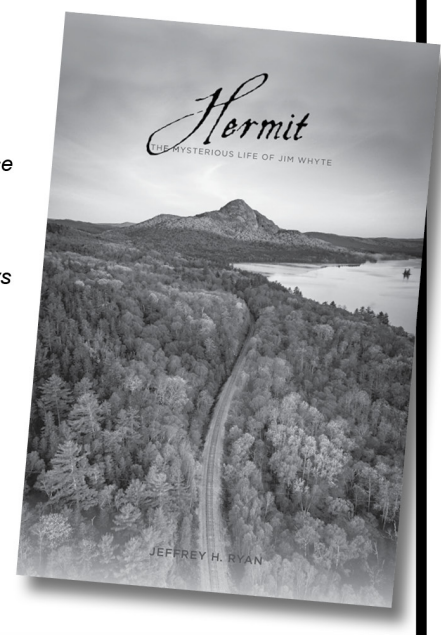
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Local groups help Maine families get tax credits

From CASH Maine

AUGUSTA - The next advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payment was due to families last week, and advocates across the state are leaving no stone unturned to make sure all Maine kids get the tax credits they deserve.

Virtually all Maine families qualify for the credit, but households that don't typically file taxes may not know this extra income is for them.

Personalized help is available through local organizations:

- Capital Area CASH: (207) 621-3430
- Wabanaki CASH: (207) 866-6546
- Western Maine CASH: (207) 778-7954
- Non-English speakers can call ProsperityME: (207) 797-7890

These same naviga-

tors will help to determine eligibility and help families to sign up to receive CTC payments at GetCTC.org/MEJ. Families can use this portal until Nov. 15.

Families can still claim the credit after Nov. 15 when they file taxes and receive the credit in their tax refund. For information about free tax preparation, visit cashmaine.org or call 211.

Millions of American families are eligible for the advance credits. Through the American Rescue Plan, eligibility for the tax credit has expanded and almost all families qualify for up to \$300 per child per month. Anyone who has a child with a Social Security number can get the credit, even if they don't have one themselves. It is not necessary to be a tax filer to claim the credit.

Advocates from

teachers to medical professionals to tax advocates and economic justice groups—many of them members of a newly formed Credit to Kids Collaborative—are reaching out to communities across Maine to help families claim the credit.

“Our CASH Navigators are ready to help anyone in the state of Maine to get the Child Tax Credit,” said New Ventures Maine Statewide Asset Manager and CASH Maine Program Manager Janet Smith. “We want the credit to make as much of a positive impact on families and children as possible, especially when big purchases such as home heating fuel and snow tires are coming up,” she said.

Humam Shawqi, a father and student from Bangor said, “The monthly Child Tax Credit started just at the right time when

this money would be most useful to pay expenses, like school clothes for my daughters, car repairs and an inspection sticker, and cash to put food on the table at the end of the month. Things will be easier for us to get through school. We should make certain every family in Maine gets this help.”

For Mainers who speak English as a second language or are immigrants, navigating the tax system to obtain the credit can be challenging. Parents who are immigrants whose children have Social Security Numbers can claim credits, but may need to obtain Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs).

“Immigrant families who are less familiar with the U.S. tax system have a harder time understanding what they are eligible

for,” added Claude Rwaganje, Executive Director of ProsperityME. “ProsperityME is invested in making sure that eligible immigrant families receive the information they need to apply for the monthly Child Income Tax Credit, a much needed relief to lessen the financial burden many of us have been experiencing.”

Money from the credit has already gone a long way to ensure that the country's children have enough food. Recent census data show that the number of families reporting that their household didn't have enough to eat fell by 3.3 million (nearly one-third) in the six weeks after the federal government began issuing monthly payments of the expanded Child Tax Credit. Adults without children (who don't receive the credit) saw little change over this period.

In addition, families with low incomes were particularly likely to spend the monthly payment on necessities: food, utilities, clothing, and rent (although many families also qualify for rental assistance, and

should apply again if they have been turned down). Households with incomes above \$25,000 also used the credit on necessities and were using the credit to pay down debt or save the funds for emergency and future expenses.

The Credit to Kids Collaborative is a coalition of organizations committed to helping Maine families get the Child Tax Credit to support them with daily needs, housing, childcare and other costs.

CASH Maine is a statewide collaboration of ten coalitions, comprised of 50 non- and for-profit partners, working together to help empower Maine individuals and families to achieve long-term financial stability.

New Ventures Maine is a statewide program of the University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine System, an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. New Ventures Maine creates an empowering environment for Maine people to define and achieve their career, financial, and small business goals.

Discussion on Osteoarthritis Therapies Oct. 28

From OceanView

FALMOUTH - With osteoarthritis being one of the leading causes of disability in the U.S., many do not realize that relief and improved quality of life are possible.

In many cases hereditary, osteoarthritis is typically caused by simple wear and tear of the joints and can be very painful and limit mobility as we age. There are, however, both physical and occupational therapies to help treat the pain and slow degeneration.

To learn more, Falmouth House at OceanView and Legacy Memory Care are hosting an educational webinar on the management of osteoarthritis and functional implications.

Directed by physical and occupational therapists, attendees will learn conservative management of this chronic, life-altering condition. Participants will be introduced to assistive devices, adaptive equipment, activity modification techniques, symptom management modalities and therapeutic exercises all directed

to improve quality of life. The webinar will feature an interactive presentation and ample time for questions and answers.

Osteoarthritis Therapies as We Age, 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28. The presenter is Erica Egeler, PT, Maine Medical Center Therapy Department

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THURSDAY
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tative Board of Appeals meeting in council chambers.

7 p.m.

AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

7 p.m.

GORHAM – Gorham Community Access Media (GoCAM) will air a second ‘Meet the Candidate’ event at 7 p.m. for the public to meet the Gorham Town Council candidates and Gorham School Committee candidates.

Viewers can tune in on Gorham Spectrum Cable Channel 3 and the Town of Gorham webpage at <http://bitly.ws/hohr>

FRIDAY
Oct. 22

BATH – Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street, Bath - “Readers Theater” with Maine authors.

SATURDAY
Oct. 23

8 a.m.-Noon

GORHAM – Fall Brush Drop Off - Gorham residents may drop off brush at Public Works at 80 Huston Road. No stumps or commercial drop off.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Oct. 23/24

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

LIVERMORE – “Story Trails at Norlands”. Groups will have an hour to look for clues and solve puzzles throughout the grounds and historical buildings, all while following a story filled with real information about the impressive Maine family who lived there.

SATURDAY

Oct. 23

1 p.m.

LEWISTON - Androscoggin Historical Society has planned a graveyard walk at Riverside Cemetery in Lewiston.

Please meet at the entrance gate at 192 Summer St. Participants will be limited to 15, so pre-registration will be necessary. Please call 207-784-0586 or email info@androhst.org

7 p.m.

LEWISTON - The Midcoast Symphony Orchestra “Welcome Back!” Concert: After 22 months, the Midcoast Symphony Orchestra returns to the stage in a concert series dubbed “Welcome Back!” at Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Tickets: \$22 (advance) \$25 (cash or check) at the door, 207-846-5378, or <http://www.midcoast-symphony.org> for details and discounted ticket offers. Under 18 and college students are free.

7:30-9:30 p.m.

BATH – Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street, Bath - **Love By Numb3rs** (Alt country/Folk/Rock) is the collaboration of Anna Lombard, Dan Connor & Jon Roods. Lombard and Connor, multi-instrumentalists and co vocalists, were bandmates in the hugely popular roots and Americana act Gypsy Tailwind. Roods is a multi-instrumentalist best known as a member of Rustic Overtones.

Opening the show is the guitar powered indie rock of Xander Nel-

son. Fearlessly fusing the joyous intensity of pop-punk with the soulful swagger of blues, this Portland, Maine based quartet has been turning heads since their debut in the New England music circuit in 2017. Lead by frontman and namesake Xander Nelson, the group features Manny Urgiles on guitar, Chuck Martin on drums, and Conor McGro-ry on bass

Main Stage with Special Opening Guest Xander Nelson. \$15ADV / \$18 DOS

OCTOBER 25-28

GORHAM – Absentee voting will be available at the Gorham Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours, ending at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28.

MONDAY
Oct. 25

5:30 p.m.

LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

TUESDAY
Oct. 26

GORHAM - Children up to five years old are invited to dress in festive costumes for a trick-or-treat parade on the municipal lawn between Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Municipal Center at 75 South Street. They will help judge pumpkins carved by Town of Gorham municipal departments.

10:30-11:15 a.m.

LEWISTON - Storytime in the Park. Join the Lewiston Public Library for Storytime in Kennedy Park for children ages 0-5, weather permitting. Storytime is a fun and interactive activity for children

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WEDNESDAY
Oct. 27

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

THURSDAY
Oct. 28

11 a.m.-Noon

LEWISTON – Great Falls Forum, presented by Lewiston Public Library. 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.

com or call 207-513-3135.

3 p.m.

FALMOUTH - Osteoarthritis Therapies as We Age, 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28. The presenter is Erica Egeler, PT, Maine Medical Center Therapy Department. The discussion is free to attend; RSVP required to receive webinar link. Contact Dawn K. Wheeler, Activities & Event Director for OceanView at Falmouth / dawn@oceanviewrc.com / 207-781-4460 x107

SATURDAY
Oct. 30

5 p.m.

BUXTON – Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road hosts a Haddock Supper Buffet. Suggested donations are \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, and \$20 Family.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Oct. 30/31

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Brush
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and friends and get outside for the annual **Burn Off the Turkey 5k Run/Walk** around Robie Park starting at 8:30 a.m.

Learn more or register at <http://bitly.ws/hohu>
On Sunday, Nov. 28, Gorham Recreation will collaborate with other Town of Gorham departments to usher in the holiday season and light up the night with the annual **Light Parade** starting at 4 p.m. on Main Street and wrapping up with a tree lighting at Robie Park.

Haddock Supper Buffet on Oct. 30

From Living Waters Ch.

BUXTON – Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road will host its next Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, Oct. 30, starting at 5 p.m.

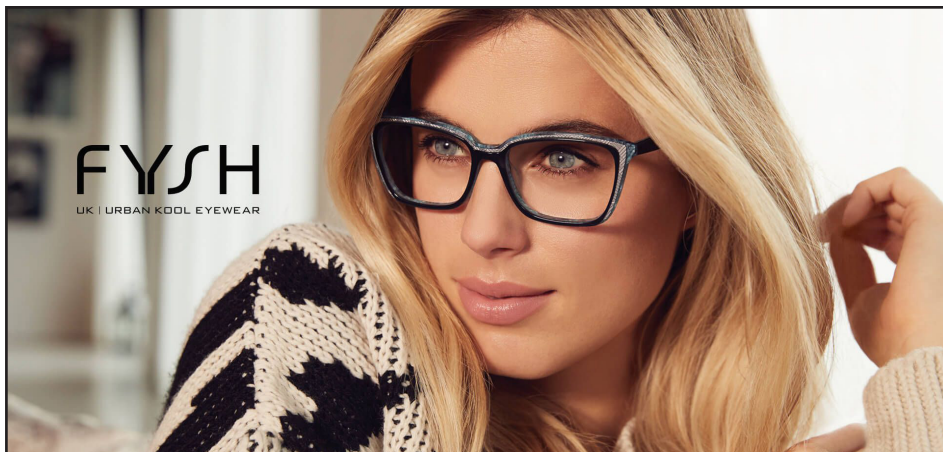
Suggested donations are \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, and \$20 Family.

The church will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for

seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested.

Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

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



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