

Scarecrow Festival in Gorham



In honor of Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthday, Troop 2403 made their version of a scarecrow for Gorham Rec's Scarecrow Festival on October 23rd. Pictured from (L-R): Addison R., Cerys M., Gwen J., Adna J., Lylah R., Ruby S., not pictured Maggie M.

Last Saturday Gorham Recreation Department hosted a Scarecrow Festival by the gazebo at Baxter Memorial Library. Attendees were asked to select and vote for their favorite scarecrow

by inserting a provided ticket into the bucket next to it. The winner in the residential division was Barbara Wyman with the Zumba scarecrow and in the business division Mariel Roy of Atlantic Dance Arts

won with her Michael Jackson scarecrow. Gorham Weekly photos by Laurie Steele. More photos at facebook.com/GorhamWeekly.

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Gorham Cross Country teams qualify for state championship



Gorham High School girls' and boys' cross-country team qualified for state championship

Both the girls' and boys' school qualified for the state championship on Saturday at the regional championship at Twin Brook Recreational Park in Cumberland.

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Data on hospitalized vaccinated individuals requested by Collins

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Richard Burr wrote a letter to Centers for Disease Control Director, Rochelle Walensky and Food and Drug Administration Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock asking for more data on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines, particularly with respect to breakthrough cases.

The Senators acknowledged that the CDC has started to make some additional information available in tracking the rates of COVID-19 cases and deaths by vaccination status and vaccine product. However, they noted that data on hospitalizations by vaccine product remain unavailable to the public. In addition, they emphasized that only a handful of public health departments appear to be reporting information on breakthrough cases that result in hospitalizations or death to the CDC.

"We have heard from vaccinated health care professionals, seniors, and individuals who are immunocompromised or have certain chronic conditions who have questions about the data surrounding serious breakthrough infections and how the different vaccine products compare in protecting against hospitalizations and deaths," the Senators wrote. "They also have questions about how these data have informed the recent FDA and CDC announcements on booster shots and how they will be taken into account on recommendations on the mixing and matching of vaccines."

"At a time when there has already been public confusion on the decision-making process around boosters, it is crucial that the CDC and FDA be trusted sources of accessible information on the efficacy of the three vaccines," the Senators concluded. "The public would benefit from more robust data on which vaccine was received by fully vaccinated individuals who are hospitalized due to a breakthrough case, in addition to more data overall on breakthrough cases."

The Senators asked CDC Director Walensky and FDA Acting Commissioner Woodcock the following questions. Do the CDC and FDA collect nationwide data on which vaccine was received by fully vaccinated individuals who nevertheless contract COVID-19 and are hospitalized? If not, what are the barriers to collecting and disseminating this vital information? Are there limitations on the ability of the CDC and FDA to make such data publicly available? How are the CDC and FDA assessing trends in breakthrough infections and the variant or variants that are resulting in

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Precautions Against Browntail Moth Hairs This Fall

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Maine Forest Service, and 211 Maine remind Maine residents and visitors about how to limit health risks posed by browntail moth hairs this fall.

Hairs from browntail moth caterpillars can get stirred up during fall yardwork. These tiny hairs can cause a skin reaction like poison ivy and cause trouble breathing and other respiratory problems.

People in all sixteen Maine counties are at some risk of exposure to browntail moth hairs.

Browntail moth caterpillars grow and shed their hairs from April to late June or early July. The hairs remain toxic in the environment for up to three years, although they lose toxicity over time. Hairs blow around in the air and fall onto leaves and brush. Mowing, raking, sweeping, and other activities can cause the hairs to become

airborne, increasing the risk of skin and breathing problems.

Most people affected by the hairs develop a localized rash that lasts for a few hours up to several days. In some people, the rash can be severe and last for weeks. Hairs may also cause trouble breathing in some people, which may result in respiratory distress. There is no specific treatment for the rash or breathing problems caused by browntail moth hairs.

Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms.

Follow these steps to reduce exposure to browntail moth hairs while working outdoors. If possible, do yardwork when leaves are wet to prevent hairs from becoming airborne. Do not rake, use leaf blowers, or mow the lawn on dry days. Do not dry laundry outside where hairs can cling to clothing. Cover your face and any exposed skin by wearing: a long-sleeve shirt, long pants,

goggles, a respirator/dust mask, a hat, and a disposable coverall. Secure clothing around the neck, wrists, and ankles. If respirators are difficult to find, performing activities in damp conditions with a cloth face covering may reduce the risk of inhaling caterpillar hairs. Apply pre-contact poison ivy wipes to help keep hairs from sticking into exposed skin. Take a cool shower to wash off loose hairs. Change clothes after outdoor activities.

Use extra caution when bringing in items stored outdoors, such as firewood, or working in areas sheltered from the rain, like under decks. Contact 211 Maine for answers to frequently asked questions on browntail moths. Dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). Text your ZIP code to 898-211. www.maine.gov/dhhs/browntailmoth or www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm.

Maine Online Burn Permits Become Free of Charge

LD 268, "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State," sponsored by Senator Jim Dill, takes effect at midnight on Sunday, October 17, when open burning permits obtained online become free of charge. The online burn permit system is made possible by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Maine Forest Service. Burn permits are available at www.maineburnpermit.com, required by law, and are valid for 24 hours. Handwritten burn permits may also be obtained through local fire departments and town offices.

The daily fire danger rating (www.maine-fire-weather.org) could change after 24 hours, and online burn permits become invalid if the fire danger rating becomes high, very high, or extreme. Fewer days of burning will also lower the number of escaped debris burns. Escaped debris burns are the state's top cause of wildfires.

Over 90% of all wildfires in Maine occur between 9 am and 5 pm when the temperatures are warmest, the wind picks up, and the relative humidity drops. Since the "wait to burn until after 5 pm" policy was enacted, there has been a significant decrease in escaped debris burns. It is unlawful to allow your brush pile to burn between 9 am and 5

pm unless there is steady rain, or the ground is completely covered by snow.

You have 24 hours to complete your burn. This requirement is because the weather could change, and the predicted class day could increase high fire danger. The online burn permit system was designed to provide a convenient way to obtain a burn permit from your computer or cell phone. You can still get a handwritten

burn permit from your local Town Fire Warden for free. If you live in an unorganized township, you can obtain a handwritten burn permit from the nearest Maine Forest Ranger station or regional office without charge.

This system is only for burning brush, wood debris, and grass/agricultural fields. Contact the nearest Maine Forest Service Regional office for information on obtaining campfire permits. Not having a printed and authorized permit at the burn violates title 12 S 9321.

The guidance for allowable open burning in Maine is posted on the Maine Forest Service website. You can call the Maine Forest Service or your local fire department for more information. In general, you cannot burn trash, paint, metal, plastic, or pressure-treated wood (i.e., anything that creates unhealthy smoke).

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Letter to the Editor

Legislature passes Work and Save

Today, nearly 30% of Mainers over the age of 65 are living exclusively off Social Security. Our financial future as a community is grim. For instance, it is a sobering fact that more than 207,000 working Mainers between the ages of 18 and 64 currently have no access to a retirement savings program where they work. Few of these employees save on their own meaning thousands of our friends and neighbors will more than

likely rely nearly entirely on Social Security for their income late in life.

And if we're honest, it's not going to get better without some smart changes to how Mainers are able to save for their future. Our state's new "Work and Save" legislation, passed with strong bi-partisan support recently, is one of those smart changes.

Maine is the 14th state in the nation to pass legislation such as this, designed to help

workers, small businesses, and our communities, become more financially stable. In a time of instability, this is something we all can get behind.

This Work and Save program provides a common-sense public-private solution to the thousands of working Mainers who are ready to start saving for the future, using Roth IRAs with private-sector investments.

In this tight labor market, we know that small

businesses need every leg up they can get to attract the skilled workers and talent they need. Maine's Work and Save law can help business owners compete while helping workers save for the future.

There is also a benefit for Maine taxpayers. In fact, the AARP Public Policy Institute estimates that Maine could save \$23 million over a 14-year period by helping people save for their own retirement.


AARP Maine thanks the state legislature for seeing the value in this important "Work and Save" concept for the state of Maine. We applaud the tireless efforts of Senator Eloise Vitelli, and thank Treasurer Beck, Attorney General Frey, and the many small business owners who stepped forward in support of the bill this session.

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CMP completes substation in Scarborough



Central Maine Power (CMP) has improved power reliability for more than 4,200 residents in Scarborough by completing work on a new substation on Broadturn Rd., replacing an older facility on US Route 1. “Scarborough is a thriving community with economic development plans and projects underway. It is CMP’s responsibility to provide the power that will reli-

ably support and promote this growth,” said Joseph Purington, president and CEO of CMP. “This new substation not only meets current needs it provides capacity for future growth in the area.” The Dunstan substation was constructed as part of CMP’s ongoing plan to modernize substations across the company’s 11,000 square mile service area. Construction on the facility began in August

2020 and CMP hired about 30 contractors during the construction process. The new substation replaces an aged facility built by Cumberland Light and Power in the 1920’s. Like other new substations it has enhanced remote monitoring capabilities and connects directly to CMP’s Control Center in Augusta enabling more responsive operations. The new design is also more weather resistant and re-

duces the likelihood of animals coming into contact with energized components and disrupting power. “This substation is one of the more recent examples of CMP’s year-round work to improve power reliability across our service area,” Purington said. “Over the past 13 years, 99% of CMP’s profits have been reinvested back into building a stronger, smarter grid for Maine.”

Evergreen CU Again Voted A Best Place to Work in ME



Evergreen Credit Union was voted one of the best places to work in Maine, placing #10 for a mid-size company, and took the top spot among participating banks and credit unions statewide.

“Voting employees considered our leadership, corporate culture, communications and more – all of which we as an organization work very hard to excel,” stated President and CEO Jason Lindstrom. “It’s so important in the Covid-19 world to enable our employees of all ages to be more flexible, while maintaining a shared pur-

pose of being one of the best credit unions in Maine. That is a tall order!” Additional criteria employees in the annual survey were asked to evaluate included training, development, pay, benefits, work environment and role satisfaction.

Best Places to Work in Maine is a survey and awards program dedicated to identifying and recognizing the state’s best employers and providing organizations with valuable employee feedback. Participating companies can be public or private, for-profit or non-profit, and must be in business for a minimum

of one year.

To keep and attract employees, the credit union recently raised its minimum wage to \$18 per hour, continued to offer attractive PTO in spite of schedule disruptions, and reviewed a full menu of benefits to ensure it was more than competitive among peer employers. “Like all Maine-based companies, we struggle to find the talent we need at all levels to maintain our growth,” admits VP of Human Resources Cathy Lestage. “So this recognition sends a strong message to all potential hires that Evergreen is worth a good look if they’re job-hunting.” Lestage has been with the credit union for over 30 years. Her long tenure, she believes, also says a lot about the organization.

Employees also share a positive view of Evergreen. Throughout the pandemic, Evergreen staff created a stronger bond by working together to overcome obstacles. Two-year teller Katie Irish added, “The credit union treats its employees with respect, and I believe it shows in how well we are able to assist our members.”

One of the credit union’s largest missions, recognized and shared by employees, is community engagement. Specifically, Evergreen maintains collaborative partnerships with over 10 organizations in southern Maine that collectively extend products and services to many local communities. The credit union assists in raising funds and awareness to help them better serve their



respective missions.

The Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, which creates awareness and support for the humane treatment of all animals, is one of many non-profit partners. “Evergreen and many employees make a tremendous contribution to our organization,” states Executive Director Patsy Murphy. “Their CEO serves on our Board, and other staff are always there to assist us when and where it counts most.”

The latest Best Places to Work designation is also celebrated by Board Chair Sandra Lipsey on behalf

of Evergreen’s Board of Directors: “We continue to encourage all employees to get involved personally and professionally in the community. That involvement, we believe as a Board, fosters better employees and certainly adds to the perception that our credit union is a better place to work. To be voted the best employer among local banks and credit unions our size seems to confirm our thinking.”

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Halloween safety tips from the Red Cross

Trick-or-treating is back this Halloween, however the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means there are extra factors to consider when planning your activities. The American Red Cross offers these tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe. "Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the U.S. and with most communities returning to normal activities this school year, people should expect a higher volume of visitors in search of tricks and treats," said Stephanie Couturier, Regional CEO, American Red Cross of Northern New England. "Whether you're handing out goodies or going door-

to-door, with just a few simple considerations you can make sure your family and those around you are safe and sound." Here are the top tips for parents to keep in mind while getting their kids ready for Halloween this year. Make your cloth mask part of your costume. A costume mask is not a safe substitute for a cloth mask. Avoid wearing a costume mask over a cloth mask as it can make breathing difficult. Plan outdoor activities and avoid indoor events where the risk of virus transmission is higher. Bring hand sanitizer with you while trick-or-treating and use it after touching objects or other people. Wash your

hands when you get home. Avoid trick-or-treating in large groups and social distance from others around the neighborhood. Make sure trick-or-treaters can see and be seen. Give kids a flashlight to light their way and consider adding reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. Plan the trick-or-treat route in advance and make sure adults know where their children are going. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door. It's not only vampires and monsters people have to look out for. Be cautious around animals, especially dogs. Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.

Avoid running. Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner. Don't cross between parked cars. Only visit homes that have a porch light on, and never go inside. Make sure a grown-up checks the goodies before eating. Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards. Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with. For those planning to welcome trick-or-treaters to their homes, follow these safety steps. Give out treats outdoors, if possible. Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters by setting up an area with individually bagged treats

for kids to take. Wash your hands before handling treats. Maintain social distancing and wear a cloth mask. Light the area well so young visitors can see. Sweep leaves from your sidewalks and steps. Clear your porch or front yard of obstacles someone could trip over. Download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to expert advice in case your ghost, goblin or superhero has a mishap. Use the Emergency app for weather alerts and to let others know you are safe if severe weather occurs. Find these and all of the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross

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Maine CDC urges precautions against ticks this fall

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) urges residents and visitors to take precautions against disease-carrying deer ticks this fall. Maine experiences a second peak in adult deer tick activity in late September through November. Deer ticks are commonly found in wood-

ed, leafy, and shrubby areas. This may include areas around the yard.

Deer ticks can carry the germs that cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis. These germs spread through the bite of an infected deer tick. As of October 12, Maine CDC recorded 1,054 cases of

Lyme disease, 559 cases of anaplasmosis, 163 cases of babesiosis, and 3 cases of Powassan encephalitis this year. This is a record high for babesiosis cases.

The most reported symptom of Lyme disease in Maine is a "bull's-eye" rash. Other common symptoms of tickborne disease include body aches, chills,

fever, headache, and swollen lymph nodes. If you experience any of these symptoms, Maine CDC recommends that you mention a recent tick bite or time spent in tick habitat to a health care provider.

Take steps to limit exposure to ticks this fall. The following four strategies help prevent exposure to


ticks and tickborne diseases. Know when you are in tick habitat and use caution. Use an EPA-approved repellent like DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Wear light-colored clothing that covers the arms and legs and tuck pants into socks. Perform tick checks daily and after any outdoor activity. Vis-



it www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne for information and resources about tickborne diseases. Visit www.maine.gov/dhhs/tickfaq for frequently asked questions about ticks. Visit ticks.umaine.edu for more information about tick identification and testing through the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Lab.


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Film Screening on fake news, privacy and democracy

Media Literacy Week is hosted by the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), with a mission of highlighting the power of media literacy education and its essential role in education all across the country. This year, it takes place from October 25-29.

Please join us for a screening of the film, Digital Disconnect, followed by a short discussion of the film. "Digital Disconnect, based on the acclaimed book by media scholar Robert McChesney, trains its sights on the relationship between the internet and democracy in the age of fake news, filter bubbles, and Facebook security breaches." (<https://www.mediaed.org/digital-disconnect/>)

This program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room at the Auburn Public Library. Registration is required. Visit the events page at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, call Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4 or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Thursday, October 28
Film screening on fake news, privacy and democracy for Media Literacy Week from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Androscoggin Community Room at the Auburn Public Library. Registration is required. Visit the events page at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, call Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4 or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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Chocolate Church Presents Broadway Musical Revue

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6. The two shows, presented in collaboration with Studio Theatre of Bath, will feature performances from popular Broadway shows by some of the best actors and singers from past productions staged by the two organizations.

Performers have been asked to select songs that are from their "dream roles", or from shows that have a special meaning to them. Selections come from such beloved Broadway productions as *Wicked*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Phantom*

of the Opera, *Les Miserables*, *Annie*, and *Hamilton*. Performers include Courtney Babbidge, Jane Clukey, Hope Horton, Becca Lewis, Cathy Madero, Mark McNeil, and Chris Petterson.

In addition to performing, Courtney Babbidge will also provide musical accompaniment. Babbidge has been musical director for dozens of CCAC and Studio Theatre of Bath shows and will lend his impressive arrangement and piano skills to this show.

The show will be appropriate for audiences of all ages and will provide the joy and excitement of live theatrical performance during a time when many large-scale

productions have been postponed or outright canceled.

CCAC is requiring that all attendees show proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test taken within 48 hours prior to a performance at the door. For this show, face coverings are strongly recommended while seated, and required while purchasing concessions and merchandise, or while otherwise interacting with any event personnel.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets for *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* are \$12 in advance or \$15 day of show and are available at

chocolatechurcharts.org or by calling 207-442-8455.

Friday, November 5

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* 7:30 p.m. 804 Washington Street in Bath. \$12 in advance or \$15 day of show chocolatechurcharts.org or 207-442-8455.

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Creating winter holiday decorations webinar Nov. 1



University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar about creating winter holiday decorations from available natural materials from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on November 1.

"Tips and Tipping for Long-Lasting Holiday Decorations" will show how to harvest and handle evergreens, and how to create both traditional and contemporary decorations. Presenters will be Dave

Fuller, UMaine Extension agriculture and nontimber forest products professional; Lynne Holland, Extension horticulture and social media professional; and Molly Friedland, owner-operator of The Little Red Flower Truck, Ellsworth.

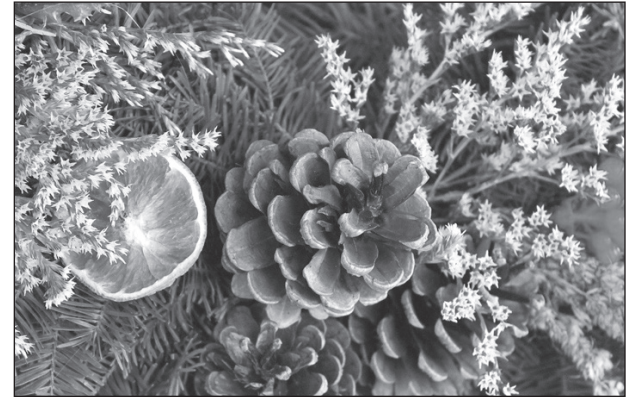
Registration is required; a sliding scale fee is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive a link to the recording. This is the first in a six-part winter gardening webinar series offered

monthly through March for Maine and New Hampshire gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207-781-6099 or extension.gardening@maine.edu.

Monday, November 1

University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar about creating winter holiday decorations from available natural materials

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Burn off the Turkey 5k race



On Saturday, November 27, Gorham Recreation invites you to grab your family and friends and get outside for the annual Burn Off the Turkey 5k run/walk around Robie Park starting at 8:30 a.m. Online registration closes November 22. Race day registration 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at Gorham Recreation. Free registration for those over age 65 (no shirt). The race fee with shirt for first 150 reg-

istered is \$27.00. The race fee after November 22nd is \$30.00 for all registrations (no shirt).

There will be a \$50.00 Cash Prize for both man and woman to break record times awarded (Ethan Hemphill: 15:09 - Christine Snowe-Reaser: 17:34). Race results will be published on www.active.com.

The kids fun run is a free event and will be a .5k around Robie Park at 8:15

a.m.

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League play continues at Junction Bowl

From Junction Bowl

GORHAM - The Spare Balls team led the way with 2284 points in the Tuesday night league action last week during the fall season of bowling leagues at Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham.

Scores include the player handicap.

Tuesday Night

Miss Splits - 2224

Barbara Gagnon 103-163-133—553

Bethany Morse 62-76-83—221

Tammie Perez 80-101-105—286

Wendy Koons 92-124-109—325

Dolls w/Balls - 2282

Jessica Merrill 133-148-141—422

Melissa Dubois 124-135-141—400

Deb Stanton 70-107-111—288

Amanda Heatley 125-123-117—365

Dolls w/Balls took Miss Splits with 2282 vs 2224

Splits & Giggles - 2151

Tiffany Chapman 72-73-72—217

Terry Leonhart 144-145-123—412

Martina Smith-Notz 115-82-90—207

Bonnie Datson 103-114-172—389

Spare Balls - 2284

Todd Walker

132-158-128—418

Neal Gammon (Sub) 155-126-154—435

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Matt Nelson 135-131-140—406

Spare Balls took Splits & Giggles with 2284 vs 2151

\$hit\$plitz - 2136

Ben Sullivan (Sub) 129-115-133—377

John Gardner 110-102-93—305

Cory Abbott 121-143-134-398

Nicholas Paul 129-105-117—531

Bumper Babes - 2246

Terri Whyte 92-147-102—341

Tina Ireton (Sub) 123-99-97—319

Amy Sullivan 151-119-121—391

Brenda Williams 206-198-167—571

Bumper Babes took \$hit\$plitz with 2246 vs 2136

Ball Breakerz - 2228

Karl Richardson 121-102-123—346

Joseph Lamb 156-127-166—449

Shaun Lewis (Sub) 127-142-125—394

Casey Richardson 147-109-129—385

The Gutter Rats - 2196

Ben Smith 67-122-145—334

Todd Walker

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Reid Nichols 134-137-113—384

Ben Jr. 172-130-131—433

Ball Breakerz took The Gutter Rats with 2228 vs 2196

3 Men & A Lady - 2240

Ryan Morneau 100-165-140—405

Jonathan Ruppel 94-160-131—385

Amanda Morneau 132-92-111—335

Tom Morneau 122-150-153-425

Shiny Balls - 2083

Shaun Sullivan 98-120-166—384

Nate Esty 124-123-143—390

Erik Clark 122-150-122—394

J Will (Sub) 115-152-117—384

3 Men & A Lady took Shiny Balls with 2240 vs 2083

Thursday Night

Minds In The Gutter - 2311

Matt Ferrante 129-148-154—431

Ethan Mercier 157-161-140—458

Doug Mercier 172-178-151—501

Scott Verrill 136-114-131—381

Babes & Buds - 2233

Sebago's Halloween brew Scary Garcia is back

Scary Garcia is a seasonal fan favorite, and it's back at Sebago Brewing. For this pastry stout, the brewers used pastry-beer hybrid ingredients to keep it tasting more beer-flavored, rather

than using whole pastry product additions like cake or donuts. Lactose sweetens the finish while balancing the bitterness from the roast malts and cacao. A nod to the beloved Ben & Jerry's

ice cream both in name and recipe, this beer is dark, and the mouthfeel is creamy and smooth. Scary Garcia is available on tap and in growlers at all Sebago Brewing locations.

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UMaine agricultural leadership program starts Nov. 2



UMaine 4H participant picking blueberries

University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H is offering a new agricultural leadership program for Maine teens meeting weekly from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. November 2 through December 14.

The “Fall Agricultural Leadership Ambassador Program” is designed to provide agricultural education and leadership experiences online and in person to Maine youth ages

14–18. Participants will explore their shared interest in agriculture, including career pathways and post-secondary options, and examine current issues in food systems, livestock and crop sciences, aquaculture and more. Current 4-H membership is not required.

The program is free, registration is required. Register on the program webpage. Current CDC

and University of Maine health guidelines will be followed for all in-person events. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sara Conant, 207.781.6099; sara.conant@maine.edu.

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine’s land and sea grant public education role

by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain, and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono

in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot Nation. As Maine’s flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 75 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,741 undergraduate

and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100-degree programs through which students can earn master’s, doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campus wide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



UMaine 4H participant operating farm equipment

**QUESTION 1
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Question 1 sets a dangerous precedent for Maine by giving politicians the power to apply new laws and restrictions to events that happened in the past. Projects that have already been approved, started, or even completed could be undermined or overturned. This means the legislature can change its mind — at any time in the future — and reverse decisions or approvals as far back as 2014, leaving you responsible and holding the bag.

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 1

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Scarecrow Festival Continued from page 1



Michael Jackson scarecrow won the business division by Mariel Roy of Atlantic Dance Arts.



Zumba scarecrow won the residential division by Barbara Wyman.



Julio Santiago, Gorham Recreation's Assistant Director provided music for the event.



Rita Hay-worth tap dancer scarecrow by Dance Studio of Maine



Brianne and Jon Young brought their 9-month old daughter to the festival celebrating Josephine's first Halloween in a pumpkin costume.



Evelyn Robitaille and Brenda Wyman



From left, Evelyn Robitaille, Barbara Wyman and Zachary Lambert

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NECEC making property tax payments

The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) has begun making property tax payments to communities where work is ongoing along the Clean Energy Corridor. As of mid-October, over fifteen communities have submitted their tax assessments to the project which total more than \$5 million. The NECEC has already paid more than half of those assessments. More than thirty municipalities will eventually submit assessments to the project.

The city of Lewiston is the biggest benefactor, having been paid more than \$1.5 million in September. Another similar payment will be made in March. The towns of Moscow, Anson, Wiscasset, and Greene have each been paid more than \$100,000 by NECEC for their property tax assessments. Other communities that have received payments include Embden, New Sharon,

Cumberland, Pownal, West Forks, Industry, Jay, Manchester, Livermore Falls and Durham. More than \$600,000 has been paid to the Maine Revenue Service for work done in unorganized territories. In total, over \$3.1 million has been paid to municipalities across the state.

“We know that voting yes on Question 1 impacts leases of other facilities, disrupts future investments in Maine, and eliminates jobs for Mainers working right now,” said Adrienne Bennett, Mainers for Fair Laws spokesperson. “And property taxpayers lose, as well. In more than 30 Maine towns and cities, passing Question 1 would mean millions less in property tax relief for our communities. Voting no helps Mainers reduce our tax burden, create local jobs, and secure our energy future.

“The NECEC is

bringing substantial economic benefits to Maine,” said Thorn Dickinson, CEO & President of NECEC Transmission LLC. “While opponents of the project can continue to make false claims that there are no benefits to Mainers, these payments are now helping to reduce property taxes and fund projects these communities previously couldn’t afford.”

A major supporter of NECEC is the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, which represents a network of more than 5,000 employers of all sizes and sectors across the state. The Maine State Chamber cites the significant infrastructure investments municipalities can make with these property tax payments that, combined with lower property tax rates, and the good jobs, clean energy advancements, and other important economic benefits the project brings, will help attract people, businesses, and

economic growth to Maine. Mainers statewide will see other economic benefits from the NECEC, including \$140 million for consumer rate relief and another \$50 million for low-income customers. The NECEC will also allow for a major reduction in Maine’s dependence on fossil fuels in the fight against climate change and will account for more than 3 million metric tons of carbon that will be removed from our air annually once the NECEC is operational. That’s the equivalent of taking more than 700,000 vehicles off New England’s roads each year for the 40-year life span of the project.

For more information about the New England Clean Energy Connect, please visit our website at <https://www.necleanenergyconnect.org/>.

The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) is a \$950 mil-

lion investment that will deliver 1,200 megawatts of renewable hydropower to the New England energy grid in Lewiston, Maine. All the costs will be paid for by Massachusetts electric customers. Once built, the NECEC would be New England’s largest source of renewable energy, representing a fundamental shift away from fossil fuels while simultaneously lowering energy costs in Maine and New England.

The 145-mile transmission line is being built on land owned or controlled by Central Maine Power. The 53 miles of new corridor on working forest land uses a new clearing technique of tapered vegetation; the remaining two-thirds of the project follows existing power lines created for the state’s hydroelectric industry almost a century ago. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the Spring of 2023.

The project will create an average of more than 1,600 good-paying jobs annually during the two-and-a-half-year construction period, provide \$200 million in upgrades to Maine’s energy grid, making Maine’s electricity service more reliable. The NECEC will allow more producers of renewable energy in Maine to get their energy on the grid, and because the corridor project will use clean hydropower, it will reduce the use of fossil fuels, cutting three million metric tons of dirty emissions each year.

The NECEC will also deliver significant economic benefits to Maine, including lower electricity prices, increased local real estate taxes, and reduced energy costs, as well as benefits like expanded fiber optic cable for broadband service in Somerset and Franklin counties, and economic development funding for Western Maine.

Family-Friendly Mystery Adventures in Norlands

A new family adventure, “Story Trails at Norlands,” will be available for a limited time this October at the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore.

Story Trails of Maine has created this new event

as a fundraiser for Norlands, as a means to bring more families in to explore this historical gem. Groups will have one 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.

“If you have not been to this site and explored the grounds, it is truly magi-

cal,” remarks Joe Musumeci, owner of Story Trails of Maine. “We wanted to give families an opportunity to see and learn about the history, using fun and interactive means to keep attention spans high and children engaged in the activity.”

The event is available on Saturday and Sunday October 30 and 31, with starting times from 11am - 4pm. Tickets must

be reserved in advance. Children 14 and under get in free, with adults tickets from \$20 per person. Reservations can be made online at storytrailsme.com/maine/norlands/.

Story Trails of Maine develops interactive experiences and events around the state of Maine that are accessible and customized to educate, inform, and entertain. With a focus on helping local communi-

ties and sharing the stories of Maine, Story Trails of Maine works with towns, schools, businesses, and other local organizations to engage the public in

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Maine real estate values are up

SEPTEMBER ONLY CHART						
September 1-30, 2020 – September 1-30, 2021						
	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2020	2021	%Change	2020	2021	%Change
STATEWIDE	2290	2067	-9.74%	\$273,700	\$320,000	16.92%

ROLLING QUARTER CHART						
From July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 and July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021						
	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2020	2021	%Change	2020	2021	%Change
STATEWIDE	6554	6126	-6.53%	\$265,000	\$315,000	18.87%
Androscoggin	404	387	-4.21%	\$216,805	\$251,920	16.20%
Aroostook	267	300	12.36%	\$110,000	\$121,250	10.23%
Cumberland	1370	1286	-6.13%	\$375,000	\$449,950	19.99%
Franklin	177	173	-2.26%	\$194,000	\$215,000	10.82%
Hancock	342	312	-8.77%	\$260,000	\$326,000	25.38%
Kennebec	614	575	-6.35%	\$209,650	\$260,000	24.02%
Knox	249	232	-6.83%	\$265,000	\$369,500	39.43%
Lincoln	254	185	-27.17%	\$303,000	\$360,000	18.81%
Oxford	307	291	-5.21%	\$202,000	\$258,000	27.72%
Penobscot	618	601	-2.75%	\$175,000	\$210,000	20.00%
Piscataquis	153	111	-27.45%	\$155,000	\$190,000	22.58%
Sagadahoc	132	137	3.79%	\$282,250	\$355,000	25.78%
Somerset	249	208	-16.47%	\$153,000	\$188,250	23.04%
Waldo	203	190	-6.40%	\$231,000	\$285,000	23.38%
Washington	194	182	-6.19%	\$165,500	\$160,000	-3.32%
York	1021	956	-6.37%	\$355,000	\$400,000	12.68%

Maine Real Estate Statistics from September 2021 and Housing Report from October 21, 2021.

Demand for single-family existing homes across Maine continues to be steady, exceeding pre-COVID numbers. According to Maine Listings, while sales statistics decreased 9.74 percent in September, prices increased 16.92 percent. The median sales price (MSP) for the 2,067 homes sold last month was \$320,000, which is considered a balanced market.

“There continues to be strong demand for Maine real estate,” says Aaron Bolster, Broker/Owner of Allied Realty in Skowhegan and 2021 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS. “Buyers are rapidly purchasing for-sale inventory as it comes on the market, and we’re experiencing a 2.1-month supply of for-sale single family properties that is much lower than a six-month supply,

which is considered a balanced market.

“Sales volume for September 2021 is 9.7 percent below September 2020 but is 10.7 percent above the pre-COVID September 2019, which is a better comparison since the third quarter of 2020 began the steep recovery from the COVID shutdowns. Overall, 2021 is strong for single family home sales. For January to September 2021, sales are 8.37 percent higher than January to September 2020, and sales are 11.19 percent higher than January to September 2019.”

Nationally, single-family existing home sales across the country dipped 3.1 percent over the past year. The National Association of Realtors today reported a national MSP of \$359,700 which is a jump of 13.8 percent. Sales across the regional Northeast eased 8.3 percent and the regional MSP of \$387,200 reflects a 9.2

percent increase.

“The dynamics of the tight market are challenging for buyers and for sellers,” says Bolster. “Begin working with a REALTOR® early in the process for seasoned knowledge of local market conditions to help guide success with your real estate transaction.”

Maine Listings, a subsidiary of the Maine Association of REALTORS, is a statewide Multiple Listing Service with over 5,600 licensees inputting active and sold property listing data. Statistics reflect properties reported as sold in the system within the time periods indicated.

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Novel Jazz Septet Kicks Off UUCB Concerts for a Cause



works of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, who together wrote some 3000 compositions over their musical careers.

During Covid, the band has kept busy practicing and doing arrangements of new Ellington and Strayhorn tunes, some collected from the Smithsonian Museum of American History as well as the Library of Congress.

The band has recorded 3 CDs. Several two-hour programs dedicated to Novel Jazz have been broadcast on Maine Public Radio’s jazz show, “Jazz Tonight.”

Two-thirds of the proceeds from all this season’s concerts will benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

Masking and proof of covid vaccine or negative test will be required at the door.

Tickets for Novel Jazz are \$15 in advance for adults and \$18 at the door. Students & Children are

\$10. Tickets are available at the Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books, or online at ticketstripe.com/noveljazz.

Novel Jazz Septet reopens Concerts for a Cause series at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. Portion of proceeds benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

Saturday, November 13

Novel Jazz Septet kicks off the reopening of the Concerts for a Cause series 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance for adults and \$18 at the door. Students & Children are \$10. Tickets are available at the Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church office 729-8515, Gulf of Maine Books or ticketstripe.com/noveljazz. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street, Brunswick. Portion of proceeds benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

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Saturday, November 6

Holiday Craft Fair at the Turner Universalist Church vestry, Turner Center, Route 117. From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Crafts, attic treasures, lunch and bake sale. Table rentals are \$15.00 Call Mary at 225-3945.

Saturday, November 6

Art and Nature Walk 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Weather permitting). We will walk and create a mini art journal using collage methods as seen in the book, Daniel Finds a Poem. Led by Serena Sanborn, Waterville Creates. Free for all ages. Adults welcome. Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org or call the library at 207.872.5433

Sunday, November 7

Free program "Honoring Veterans in Word and Song." At Court Street Baptist Church, 129 Court Street, Auburn, ME. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Local talent provides music and readings of a patriotic nature. Call 207-784-6661.

Thursday, November 18

Home school Hub 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Weather permitting). Meet Mrs. Liz to walk the StoryWalk® trail followed by writing gratitude poems. Feel free to bring a snack to enjoy with each other after the

program. Free for youth and their caregivers! Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org or call the library at 207.872.5433.

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ARPA funding creates historic opportunity for Maine counties

An unprecedented level of funds are available with the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act earlier this for Maine counties and localities to address COVID-19 impacts and foster a stronger, more equitable recovery.

Effective allocation of these funds will aid recovery, address inequities, and improve prospects for individuals and businesses. To support these efforts, the Maine Center for Economic Policy (MECEP) released guidance for counties to help ensure funds adequately respond to local data-demonstrated needs and reduce inequality in Maine communities.

This is a moment when county commissioners, municipal officials, nonprofit service providers, and residents have an opportunity to work together toward a vision for how best to

use these funds to advance shared prosperity now and in the future. Most counties are currently accepting public comment from residents and community organizations on how these funds are used.

Maine counties will receive federal ARPA funds in two installments — one beginning in May 2021 and another within 12 months. Counties have until 2024 to make plans for using the money and until 2026 to spend it. In total, Maine counties will receive \$261 million. Maine cities will receive an additional \$121.5 million, and the state will receive another \$119.2 million to funnel to municipalities. The federal government will also provide funding for Tribal governments, a total of \$20 billion across all states, and is determining those amounts through a separate application process.

Compared to other states, Maine counties

perform relatively fewer functions. The purview of Maine counties includes corrections and law enforcement (e.g. running county jails and sheriff's offices); emergency management; registries of deeds; dispatch services; probate courts; regional public health services; staffing for district attorney offices. Because counties have minimal capacity to implement programs, MECEP is recommending they prioritize partnerships with local municipalities and nonprofit organizations in allocating ARPA dollars.

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