

Law Enforcement Torch Run kick off



Participants in the Gorham, Windham, Westbrook and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office run. More photos at facebook.com/GorhamWeekly.

Last week a condensed version of the Maine Law Enforcement Torch Run has kicked off at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to Kittery. Eight runners ran in formation up route one, singing in cadence the entire way to South Portland and then to Brunswick.

There were shorter runs taking place as well. Participating officers were from Gorham, Windham, Westbrook and Cumberland County Sheriff's department. Bridgton, Lewiston and Auburn Augusta

Due to many issues brought on by the pandemic, this year's annual run is much smaller than usual. It is also not a

completely connected run this year. A normal year will see 650-800 members of law enforcement starting in Northern and Southern Maine and then making their way to the University of Maine Orono for the annual Special Olympics Maine State Summer Games in June. This year, approximately 300 members of Maine Law Enforcement were determined to carry on as official Guardians of the Flame (the flame of hope) in hopes of raising some much-needed funds for Special Olympics Maine. A virtual component of the run is being offered to the entire public and will "run" through Thanksgiving.

Gorham's 5th Annual Tree Festival 2021

Gorham is holding its 5th Annual Tree Festival this holiday season. Any business or resident can participate.

Just come up with a theme, color scheme or any creative idea to decorate your Holiday Tree. All trees will be judged on creativity and theme. Place a Holiday Tree outside of your residence or business by November 28th at 4pm the date of the Light Parade through Gorham Village. If you want your holiday tree judged email gorhamstreefestival@gmail.com to let us know you want to participate.

We will be judging trees in early De-

cember. Two winners will be announced in each division, business and residential for most creative and best theme. The winners will be announced and published in Gorham Weekly.

Look for the event page on Facebook and be sure to share. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cindy 207-839-2744 or email cindy@greatfallsinc.com

If you are too busy but would like to participate let us know and we can help. We are looking forward to a great Tree Festival! Happy Holidays!!

Flag football in Gorham



The Gorham Recreation Department sends a big thank you to Coach Andrew Barry and the parents of the participants for assisting the flag football players for the first and second graders. They love to see all the smiles and energy from these athletes.

Collins introduces bill to block IRS Snooping Proposal

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Susan Collins joined a group of her colleagues in introducing the Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act, legislation that would prevent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from implementing Democrats' plan to give the agency access to Americans' bank transaction information.

"Allowing the IRS to monitor hard-working Americans' bank accounts is not only an invasion of privacy, but also a vast overreach by the federal government," said Senator Collins. "This intrusive measure would grant the IRS access to essentially every American's financial information. Our legislation would block the Administration from implementing this terrible proposal."

One of the proposals included in the partisan reconciliation bill currently

under consideration would require financial institutions to report to the IRS every withdrawal and deposit if the total of all transactions for the year is more than \$10,000. Under this reporting regime, a family whose monthly transactions total just \$834 would still be reported to the IRS. The Joint Committee on Taxation has analyzed the proposal and found that it is likely to impact taxpayers in every income bracket.

The Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act would bar the IRS from instituting any new requirements that would force financial institutions to report on the account activity of Americans. It would allow individuals and small businesses to make normal financial transactions without fear of increased and unnecessary scrutiny from the federal government.

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Maine Music Society starts Online Auction Nov. 6



A Bass Harbor Head Light quilt is one of the items on Maine Music Society's online auction beginning on November 6.

Looking for a the Maine Music Society's unique shopping experience? Look at the amazing assortment offered on the site beginning November 6. You'll find everything

from fishing flies tied by a local expert fly fisherman to homemade breads to a brand-new bike, vacation rentals, gift certificates from a variety of local businesses, beautiful artworks, photography, fashions and gift baskets crafted by local artisans, and dinner for four prepared by a local chef.

You'll be able to preview everything on November 5 so that you're ready to start bidding when the site goes live at noon November 6. The Auction will close 10 days later at 9 pm on November 17. Winners will be notified and given the location to pick up items.

Details on bidding procedures and a link to the auction website are available on the MMS website www.mainemusicsociety.org.

MMS is pleased to announce that performances are back! The Chorale is gearing up to



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present three exciting concerts in the 2021-22 season: A Season of Celebration, The Greatest Hits of the Past 400 Years, and Elle Chante – She Sings featuring female

composers from Medieval music to gospel to contemporary artists like Carole King, Carly Simon and others.

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Red Cross blood donors entered to win Hawaii trip until Nov. 12

Blood and platelet donors who answer the call to help from November first through the twelfth are entered to win an incredible trip. All donors from November first through the twenty-third will receive \$10 Amazon.com gift card.

With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching, the American Red Cross urges donors to continue to make and keep appointments now and in the weeks ahead to help overcome the ongoing emergency blood and platelet shortage that has significantly impacted the nation's blood supply. In fact, the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this

time of year in more than a decade.

Since declaring an emergency need for donors last month, thousands of people have come to Red Cross blood drives across the country to roll up a sleeve and help patients who are counting on lifesaving transfusions. The Red Cross is incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of these blood and platelet donors, but hospital demand remains strong. At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs – ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or call-

ing 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last Summer, those who come to give November 1 through 12, will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. (Restrictions Apply). The trip will transport you to where the series was filmed and includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, \$1,000 gift card for expenses and on-trip transportation with four stops from Honolulu to Maui. Plus, those who come to donate Nov. 1-23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. (Restrictions Apply).

Blood drive safety. Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows

the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: November eleventh, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Auburn, 14 Great Falls Plaza. November seventeenth, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Auburn Baptist Church, 560 Park Ave. November fourth, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road in Gorham. November nineteenth 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., St. Annes Church, 299 Main Street in Gorham.

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Baxter Memorial Library

November Story Adventures begin on Tuesdays, starting this week at 10am. Each Tuesday event will include a different book, movement break and activity, all held outdoors. It will be cancelled if weather is extreme. This is geared towards children aged 2-5.

During the month of November, Youth Services will be handing out a variety of take-home crafting kits intended to create gifts for loved ones. Author and retired park ranger, Tim Caverly, will be speaking at the library on The Challenge of Wilderness Living on November 9 at 6 p.m. This is an indoor event geared toward adults.

During the month of November, the library will be promoting their outdoor literacy spaces as activities to do with the family. These include the newly installed Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden outside the library; the Maine Birthday Book Story-walk at Cherry Hill Farm and the Literacy Scavenger Hunt on the Claire Drew Trail.

The library has ukuleles to check out, along with video tutorials online by our own Mr. Jeff. They also now have a metal detector and telescope available for checkout.

Community Development

Town Staff and Skate Park Advisory members are completing final interviews for the skate park design build RFP. Town staff are hopeful to have a company selected for endorsement by the Town Council at the December 7th meeting.

Towns of Gorham and Windham have received two submissions for the RFP update of a Plan for the Revitalization of South Windham/Little Falls Village. Gorham and Windham staff will be reviewing the RFPs and conducting interviews in the next week or so.

The Town recently hired a new Assistant Code Officer, Christopher Poulin. Chris' first day was on Monday, November 1st.

Public Works

Public Works Director Bob Burns has accepted a position as the Town

of Windham's Assistant Town Manager and will be departing the Town of Gorham after 18 years. Congratulations, Bob, on this exciting new chapter and role!

As of Monday, November 1, Public Works will begin observing their winter operating hours. They will be open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please contact Public Works at (207) 892-9062 with any questions.

Recreation

The Burn Off the Turkey 5k Run/Walk is just a few weeks away - Saturday, November 27, starting at 8:30am. To register and learn more, please visit GorhamRec.com/info/activities then under Programs select Community Events then click on Burn off the Turkey 5K.

Mark your calendar for the annual Light Parade and Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 28. The parade will start 4 p.m. on Main Street and wrap up with a tree lighting at Robie Park.

Town Clerk's Office

This past week, the Clerk's Office took 362

tax payments and registered 267 vehicles.

One thousand, four hundred and fifty absentee ballots were issued at the Town Manager's, Human Resources Office.

Town Manager's/Human Resources Office

The winners of the 2021 department pumpkin carving contest were announced earlier today, with Baxter Memorial Library placing first with their "anglerfish" pumpkin, followed by the Finance department's "turtle," and the Recreation department's "Gary Poppin' Out" pumpkin. Thank you to the departments that participated!

Upcoming Meetings/Events

November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Town Council Meeting Council Chambers 4.

November 10 at 7 p.m. School Committee Meeting Council Chambers.

November 11 Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Veterans Day Holiday

November 15 at 6 p.m. Optional Planning

Board Meeting Council Chambers.

November 16 at 8 a.m. Ordinance Committee Meeting Conference Room A.

November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop Council Chambers.

November 17 at 8:00 a.m. Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting Conference Room A.

November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Board of Appeals Meeting Council Chambers.

November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Recurring Capital Improvements Committee Meeting TBD.

November 25 & 26 Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 27 at 8:30 a.m. Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K hosted by Gorham Recreation Around Robie Park.

November 28 at 4:00 p.m. Annual Light Parade and Tree Lighting hosted by Gorham Recreation. Main Street to South Street to Morrill Avenue to Gorham High School

Parking Lot.

November 29 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Joint Town Council Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) & School Facilities Committee Meeting TBD

December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting Council Chambers.

December 7 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Town Council Meeting Council Chambers.

December 8 at 7:00 p.m. School Committee Meeting Council Chambers.

December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Recurring CIP Meeting TBD.

December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Board of Appeals Meeting Council Chambers.

December 21 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop Council Chambers.

December 24 Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Christmas.

December 31 Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of New Year's Day.

Christmas Craft Fair at Grange in Gorham on Nov. 20

White Rock Grange is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be over two dozen crafters with handmade items including goat soap, soy candles, ornaments,

home decor, wreaths, jewelry, handbags, crochet sewn and knitted items and much more. There will also

be a bake Sale and lunch items available. Fundraiser to support Gorham High Senior Scholarship. There will

be a chance to win themed gift baskets. Check event out on Facebook @whiterockgrange380. White Rock

Friendship Club is hosting the Christmas Craft Fair across the street at 34 Wilson Road, Gorham.

37th Annual Tree Lighting in Gorham on Nov. 28

The White Rock Friendship Club is hosting the 37th Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Clubhouse at 34

Wilson Road on Sunday, November 28 at 4:30 p.m. Listen to the reading of the Christmas story. Sing Christmas carols while sip-

ping hot cocoa around the Christmas tree. Santa will arrive on a White Rock Fire Station fire truck! Outdoor event only this year.

What do you think?

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

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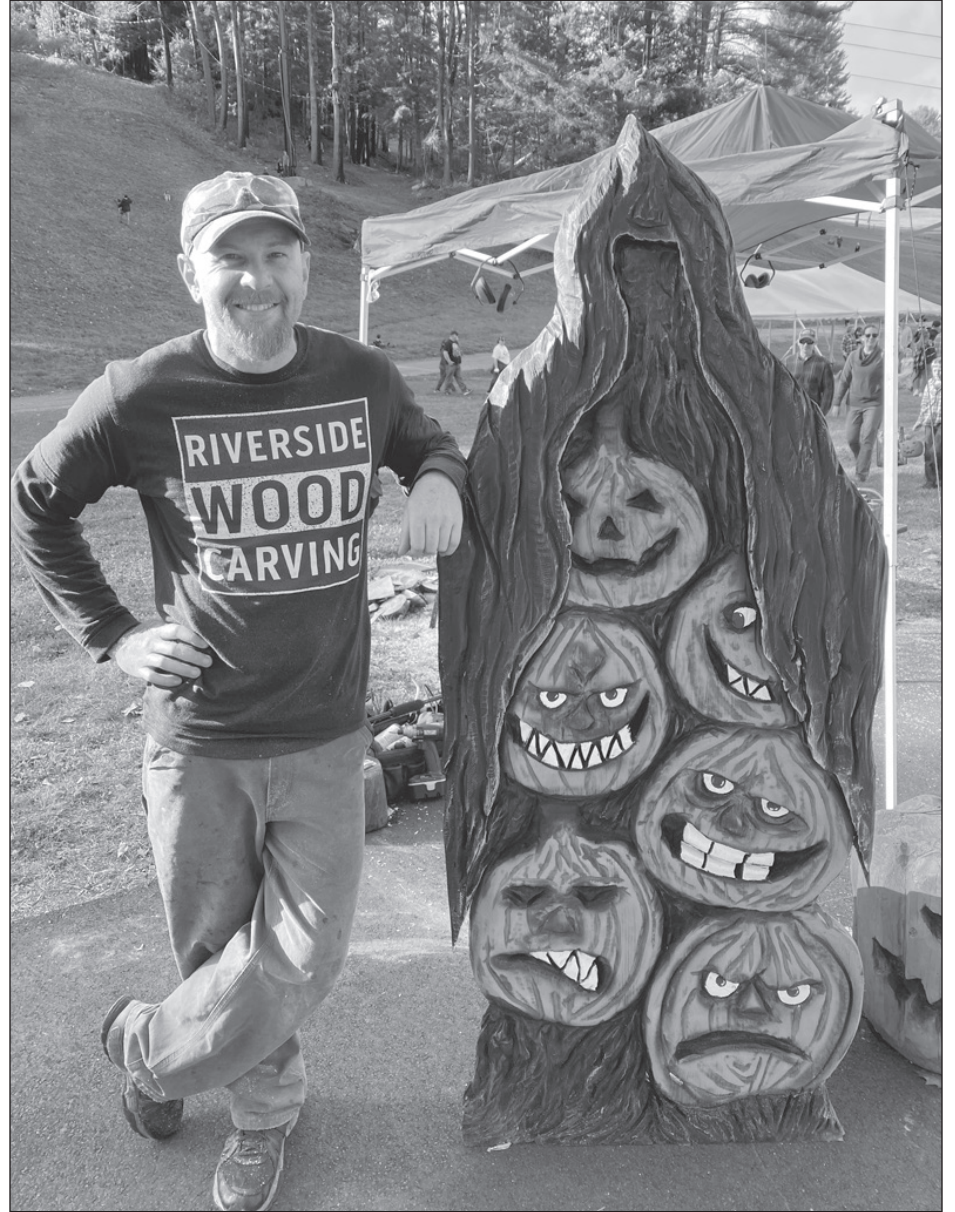
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Fall Fest at Lost Valley

Lost Valley in Auburn held a trunk or treat event on Halloween where participants passed out candy to trick or treaters from their decorated vehicles. Photos by Michelle Gosselin



Lost Valley Fall Fest lift



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Arts & Entertainment

League play continues at Junction Bowl

<p>From Junction Bowl in Gorham</p> <p>Monday Night League Right Lane Def. Pin Me Please, 3-1 Just The Tip Def. Split Happens, 4-0 Big 3 drew Ham-</p>	<p>mond Eggs, 2-2</p> <p>High Game: Male: Romeo Jalbert, 192 Female: Erica Jackson, 142</p> <p>Tuesday Night Strikes: 3 Men & A Lady def.</p>	<p>Splits & Giggles, 4-0 Miss Splits def. Spare Balls, 3-1 Ball Breakerz def. Spl!tz, 3-1 Dolls w/ Balls def. Shiny Balls, 4-0 Bumper Babes def. The Gutter Rats, 4-0</p>	<p>High Game: Male: Shaun Sullivan, 182 Female: Amy Sullivan, 168</p> <p>Thursday Night Dynamite: Babes & Buds def. The High Rollers, 3-1</p>	<p>Crows & Turkeys def. Goodfellas, 3-1 Minds In The Gutter def. Up Your Alley, 3-1 Gutter Ballers def. Split Happens, 4-0 Here For The Beer def. Pin Pals, 4-0 Emotional Bowler</p>	<p>Coaster def. Gutter Gang, 4-0</p> <p>High Game: Male: Matt Ferrante, 196 Female: Lisa McDermott, 234, and onto the Junction Bowl Wall of Fame!</p>
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Allain named player of the week in Women's Soccer in Gorham

Alex Allain Named Little East Conference Player of the Week

GORHAM, Maine. Senior captain Alex Allain (Carmel, Maine/Hermion) of the University of Southern Maine Huskies' women's soccer team has been named the Little East Conference co-Offensive Player of the Week. Allain is earning the accolade after helping the Huskies to a 2-0 week, including a 4-0 shut out victory over Little East Conference opponent Keene State College on the road.

In a critical Little East Conference win, Allain scored her third and fourth goals of the season, including the game-winner, as USM defeated Keene State for just the third time in the 26-game history between the two schools. Allain has been part of the Huskies' roster that has two of the three wins over the Owls, dishing out a pair of assists in the 2018 win.

Allain broke through for the game-winning goal in the 16th minute of the game, and then doubled the Huskies advantage at 2-0 two min-

utes later to give USM a comfortable lead before halftime. With the two goals, the Huskies' midfielder now has four goals and four assists for the 2021 season. Allain has 16 goals in her career, which is tied for 11th in USM career records, and is seventh all-time in points with 47 (16 goals, 15 assists). Al-

lain's 15 career assists are presently ranked second in USM women's soccer record books.

Southern Maine is on the road for its next contest Tuesday for a non-conference matchup with Lesley University. The Huskies are 11-2-3 overall and 5-2-2 on the road.

Students celebrate Halloween in costumes



Last week students of Miss Courtney's class celebrated by attending dressed in their Halloween costumes. The Music, Movement and Mindfulness class is held at Gorham Recreation Department.

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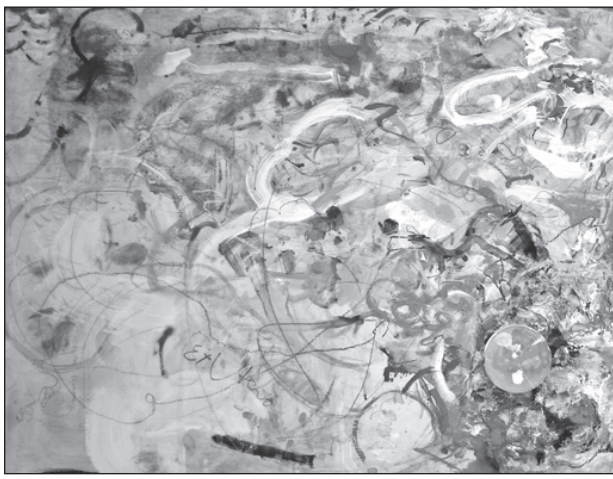
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Bouchard exhibit at LA Arts in Lewiston Nov. 5



Renée Bouchard artwork will be in exhibit at LA Arts in Lewiston from November 5 through December 17. More photos at facebook.com/TwinCityTimes.

The LA Arts gallery at 221 Lisbon Street in Lewiston will exhibit paintings by Renée Bouchard from November 5 through December 17. The exhibition title *Allegory of Prudence*, is a reference to the painting of the same name by the Venetian Renaissance painter, Titian, in which the Latin inscription *ex praete/rito / praesens pruden/ter agit / ni fvtrv/ actione de/tvrvpet*, written above the figures in the painting, can be translated as, “from the past / the present acts prudently / lest it spoil future action.” Bouchard says of her

paintings: I work in spurts on several paintings simultaneously in a journalistic manner, documenting clusters of daily life. Language, media, music, and studio detritus intertwine with memory and the present act of painting. I paint using colors without prejudice. The experience of color is one of a constant state of coming and going. I investigate the transitions between complementary colors and view them as opportunities to change the habit of language knowing one color can't exist without the other. As a single moth-

er who received her MFA during the pandemic while homeschooling her young child, a renewed focus to a public discourse about the relationship and responsibilities of caregiving made it more relevant than ever. I am constantly exploring human security and aim towards a gesture of repair. Since my son was in the womb, I began intersecting mothering with my home studio practice. In the studio, I am envisioning the possibilities of a common world. I find it interesting that painting is considered a “high art.” I am constantly playing

with this idea by allowing non-traditional materials like natural and human made objects into my paintings. Aiming to transcend the materials, I walk over them to flatten them, staple and glue them on the surface. During a collaborative series, I invited other women in my community in a tracing project out in my backyard. We took turns tracing each other on large sheets of Arches paper while lying in resting poses. Their participation served as an act of resistance, and a symbol of becoming. For me, the images once hung on a wall became a representation of a life-force growing from the ground up. I see collaboration as a means to interrupt my own gaze on the work and widen my visual vocabulary. On many occasions, my young child has participated in the paintings. Born in 1976 to French Canadian parents, Renée has lived throughout New England most of her life. She studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art and graduated from the Maine College of Art in 1999. She received her MFA in visual art from the Vermont College of Fine Arts in 2021 when she was

nominated for fellowships from the Dedalus Foundation and the College Art Association. Renée has received grants, awards, and residencies from institutions including the Maine College of Art, the Vermont Arts Council, the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, the Cooper Union, the Kate Millett Art Colony for women, and the Vermont Studio Center. Since 1973, LA Arts, the arts agency for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn Maine, has pursued a mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. The agency works with governments, businesses, schools and local arts and cultural organizations to create opportunities for community members across the generations to experience, learn, and participate in the arts. LA Arts organizes arts programs and initiatives, supports the work of local artists and arts organizations, and highlights the essential role the arts play in shaping an economically vital, socially integrated, and forward-looking future for its community. Learn more at www.laarts.org.

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Brake system. In the cold and snowy months to come, you'll be relying on your brakes in a variety of driving conditions. Be confident that they are up to the task. You should have them inspected before heading into the icy months of winter, but you should also have the brake linings, rotors, and drums inspected at each oil change.

Exhaust system. If your vehicle has an exhaust leak, it could be potentially dangerous to drive as exhaust contains carbon monoxide. Have your exhaust system inspected for rust, holes, leaks, or other damage. Signs you may have an exhaust problem include unusual noises, poor fuel mileage, strange fumes or smells, a vibrating gas pedal, and rumbling when idle.

Check the HVAC. It might not seem necessary to have a working AC when the temperature is below zero, but the HVAC system cools, heats, cleans, ventilates, and dehumidifies the interior of your vehicle. Not only is it essential for the comfort of you and your passengers, but it's critical for defrosting and keeping your windows clear of ice, fog, and snow.

Steering and suspension. The back roads of Maine can be harsh on your suspension and steering systems. Get them checked annually including shock absorbers, struts and chassis parts like ball joints, tie rod ends, and other related components.

Check the tires. Before the first snow is the time to check your tires to be sure they're ready for harsh winter driving conditions. Your tires should have adequate tread for traction. If you need new tires, VIP guarantees the lowest price every day. Be sure to check your tire pressure regularly. Tire pressure drops 1-2 pounds for every 10 degrees in temperature. You should inspect your tires for any bulges and bald spots. Signs of uneven wear usually means there's a need for a wheel alignment.

Check wipers and lights. When the weather turns bad, you'll want to be able to see and be seen. Check to make sure that all interior and exterior lights are working because the days are only getting shorter. If your wipers are squeaking or leaving streaks, it's time to replace them. Consider investing in a pair of winter wipers made for the snow, ice, and colder temperatures of a Maine winter.

Wax on, wax off. While not as crucial as some of the other tips on this list, giving your vehicle a good wash and wax will clear away the sum-

See **Tips**, page 16

UME offers online holiday recipes with pressure cooker Nov. 18



Cooking for the Holidays with an Electric Pressure Cooker is a cook-along webinar that will feature bread stuffing and pumpkin pie

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer an online class using an electric pressure cooker for winter holiday dishes on November 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cooking for the Holidays with an Electric Pressure Cooker is a cook-along webinar that will feature bread stuffing and pumpkin pie. Participants can select a recipe to make, shop for and prepare the in-

gredients beforehand, then cook along with instructor Lisa Fishman, UMaine Extension nutrition education professional.

The \$5 fee includes recipes and registration is required. Register on the program webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sharon Paradis, 207.834.3905; sharon.paradis@maine.edu.

What do you think?

We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor, Op/Eds, columns or any other submissions from our readers. Agree with us or another columnist? Disagree? Write to us and let us know! Email all submissions, including name, address and phone number, to the editor.

Fall is officially here in Maine—and before we know it, falling leaves will soon become falling snow. As Mainers prep for another winter season ahead, there's more that needs to be done besides breaking out the shovels and ice salt.

October was Fall Car Care month, which means now is the perfect time for Mainers to give their cars some special attention before the harsh winter weather sets in. To help make this seasonal transition a little easier, VIP Tires & Services is fully stocked with winter tires, and even put together a car care winter checklist outlining what exact steps Maine car owners should be taking so they can stay safe on the roads this winter. VIP's 10 tips for safe winter driving are as follows.

Check your fluids. Your vehicle is a finely tuned machine, much like the human body, that needs fluids to run. You should check all fluids, including your oil, power steering fluid, brake, and transmission fluid. It's not a bad idea to check your windshield washer fluid to keep your windshield clear and your antifreeze/coolant to keep your engine from freezing up.

Hoses and belts. These are vital to keeping your vehicle running smoothly. Summer heat can do a number on belts. Be sure that they won't fail you when you need them most by checking for leaks and tightening them, or inspecting belts for signs of excessive wear, cracks, brittleness, fraying, or looseness.

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Maine Arts Commission grant applications due Nov. 18

The Maine Arts Commission has announced two new grants to support job creation and the strengthening of the state's creative workforce. Individual artists and nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply for an Art Jobs Grant, with maximum awards up to \$15,000. All applications must be submitted to the Maine Arts Commission by November 18.

The goal of the Arts Jobs Grant is to support public projects that develop opportunities for Maine artists and encourage employee retention. The Arts Jobs Grant is made possible through funding by

the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

"The Covid pandemic has affected creative workers in nearly every aspect of the cultural life of Maine. Our use of Federal ARPA funding is aimed at providing some positive steps as many of our institutions and individual artists rebuild their practices following 18 months of uncertainty," Arts Commission Executive Director David Greenham said, "but it's just a start. More needs to be done and we are working to encourage our partners in the state and

federal government, and in the private sector to join us in this work. Maine's cultural life is something we all cherish, and our creative workers deserve our continued attention and support as we discover what life looks like in a post-pandemic world."

There are two grant opportunities available—one for ARTISTS, and one for ORGANIZATIONS. Non-arts organizations are welcome to apply if the organization can demonstrate their mission is connected to the purpose of the grant and aligns with the established activities of the applicant.

The Arts Commission encourages applications from a variety of eligible organizations including those that serve populations whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability. Projects with small and medium-sized budgets and from rural to urban parts of the state are encouraged to apply. Those applying to the Arts Commission for the first time are encouraged to speak with a program director before beginning their application process.

The Maine Arts Commission staff is working to ensure that all applicants receive the support they need to navigate every step of the application and grant-fulfillment process. We recommend contacting a staff person a minimum of two-weeks prior to submitting your application.

For specific questions, contact: Executive Director, David Greenham David.Greenham@maine.gov. For general questions, contact Grants Director, Kerstin Gilg at Kerstin.gilg@maine.gov.

The Maine Arts

Commission supports artists, arts organizations, educators, policy makers, and community developers in advancing the arts in Maine. For more than 50 years the Commission has encouraged and stimulated public interest and participation in the cultural heritage and programs of our state; has worked to expand the state's cultural resources; and has encouraged and assisted freedom of artistic expression for the well-being of the arts, to meet the needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state.

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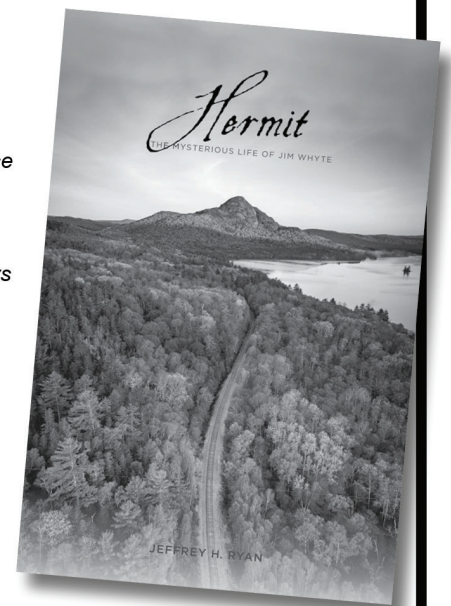
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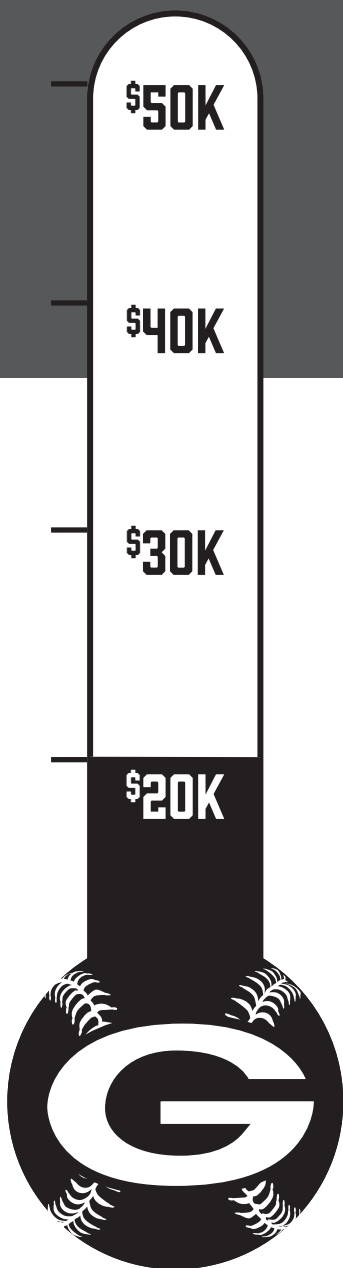
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All November

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. During the month of November, Youth Services will be handing out a variety of take-home crafting kits intended to create gifts for loved ones.

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GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. During the month of November, the library will be promoting their outdoor literacy spaces as activities to do with the family. These include the newly installed Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden outside the library; the Maine Birthday Book Story-walk at Cherry Hill Farm and the Literacy Scavenger Hunt on the

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Claire Drew Trail.

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Every Tuesday in November

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. November Story Adventures 10am. Each Tuesday event will include a different book, movement break and activity, all held outdoors. It will be cancelled if weather is extreme. This is geared towards children aged 2-5.

Every Wednesday

SABATTUS - Sabattus Rec free group runs.

The Wednesday night runs start and end in the Sabattus Mini-Mall parking lot, in front of Mixer's Nightclub. The social workouts head out at 6:00 p.m. each week, and usually last 30-45 minutes. The group runs are open to all abilities, from walkers to experienced runners. Distances can range from 2 miles to 7 miles, depending on participants' abilities. These are no-pressure, non-competitive runs, focusing on fitness improvement and support for each other's challenges and goals. There is no attendance commitment or competition requirement. Attendees should dress accordingly and wear reflective clothing or lights. For more information go to the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program page on Facebook, or email running@sabattusrec.com.

Friday, November 5

AUBURN - Card making basics workshop at Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring Street Auburn, ME 04210 in the Androscoggin Community Room. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants will review the components that make up a card, and how to build the cards. Each participant will be able to build two cards to take home. Registration is required. Visit the Events page at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org. Contact Donna Wallace 207-333-6640, extension 4.

Saturday, November 6

TURNER - 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 207-225-3945.

Saturday, November 6

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Saturday, November 6-10

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Sunday, November 7

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Tuesday, November 9

AUBURN - Financial literacy workshop. At the Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring Street Auburn, ME 04210 in the Androscoggin Community Room from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This workshop on managing your debt will include how to build a budget and how to manage your debt once you have a budget. All participants will be provided a 50/30/20 budget worksheet and will be working on their budgets during the workshop. Registration is required. Visit the Events page at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org. Contact Donna Wallace 207-333-6640, extension 4.

Tuesday, November 9

GORHAM – Regular Town Council Meeting Council Chambers 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

GORHAM – School Committee Meeting Council Chambers 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

AUBURN - Red Cross blood drive. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Auburn, 14 Great Falls Plaza Auburn, ME.

Thursday, November 11

LEWISTON - Exhibits at Museum L/A on Veterans Day. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Museum visitors will be able to see the "Veterans Memorial Board" created by Bates Mfg. to honor its veteran employees who served in World War II. Other veteran memorabilia will be on display that day only. The museum is in the Bates Mill at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Admission is free to all veterans and their family with some form of ID. Contact Jerry D. 576-0376 or Denise 333-3881.

Thursday, November 11

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ipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Veterans Day Holiday

Friday, November 12

AUBURN - The L/A Community Little Theatre will present Music Theatre International's "All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre". Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and \$12 for students, can be purchased online at www.laact.com, by calling the Box Office at 783-0958, or at the door. Located at 30 Academy St, Auburn, ME 04210 info@laact.com, boxoffice@laact.com.

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Tuesday, November 16

GORHAM – Ordinance Committee Meeting Conference Room A at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, November 16

GORHAM – Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17

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mer grime and prepare it for the extreme conditions to come. Waxing is the best way to protect your vehicle's exterior from the harshness of snow, ice, and salt. Remember to occasionally rinse the undercarriage of your car during the winter to remove harmful chemicals that can rust or damage brake lines and the frame of your vehicle.

Make sure to follow this road map, and you'll be ready for winter in no time! Need some extra assistance? Turn to VIP for everything from tires to timing belts and everything in between.

Safe Voices seeks donors for holiday outreach

Safe Voices, the domestic violence and sex trafficking resource center based in Lewiston, invites businesses and community members to participate in its annual holiday programs Feed-a-Family and Adopt-a-Family.

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

This annual program serves more than 100 families across Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties each

year. Similar to 2020, advocates anticipate greater need as survivors continue to struggle with increased risk and instability brought on by COVID-19 and social distancing. For parents and children who are struggling with isolation brought on by abuse, or who have had to flee a dangerous situation at home, donors can help provide a happy holiday in difficult times.

The Feed-a-Family program matches donors with a family to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Donors purchase

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


If you would like to participate as a donor,

please call or email Emily Mitchell at 207-795-6744 x222 or emitchell@safevoices.org. Donors may also complete a participation form online at www.safevoices.org.


If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence situation, please call Safe Voices' 24-hour helpline at 1-800-559-2927.

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