

Discover Downtown Westbrook Presents Westbrook Winterfest



WESTBROOK, ME (February 11, 2022) -- Please join us for our 2022 Westbrook Winterfest on March 5th, 2022 at Riverbank Park 10am – 2pm. For links, sign-up forms, downloads and more details on events and activities visit downtownwestbrook.com/events/winterfest

EVENTS:

Pony X-Press Petting Zoo – 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Pony X-Press is a family-owned and operated traveling petting zoo based in Maine and has been delivering education, live animal shows and amazing memories since 1991. So come hangout with some great goats (and their babies!), a mini horse, a mini donkey and some friendly alpacas! These lovely animals love to be fed, but be sure to come by early to give them their grains before they get too full!

Face Painting and Caricature Artists – 10:00 AM 1:30 PM

A team of Face Painting and Caricature Artists will be available to turn your face into a work of Art! First come first served!

Snowman “Heart of Fire” S’more

Station – 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Come check out John Stenquist’s wooden snowman, and his heart-shaped chest cavity in which people can roast marshmallows and make s’mores! (S’mores kits available while supplies last!)

Giant Inflatable Slide and Kids Bounce Houses – 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

All during the day people of all ages can enjoy the rush of sliding down on our giant inflatable slide! There will also be multiple bounce house castles for the kids! (10 and under only)

Jumbo Games – 10:00 - 2:00 PM
Enjoy all the fun of the Classic Games, but bigger! Featuring Jumbo Ring Toss, Jumbo Jenga and Jumbo 4-To-Score and Classic Corn Hole

Live Music at the Pavilion Stage – 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Enjoy sets of live music by local artists such as the renowned Maine Middle Eastern Ensemble, singer songwriter Dave Godowsky, Ned deBary and more! There also be “open mic” opportunities to sign up to perform, as well as join in an open Jam session!

Westbrook K-9 team Demonstration – 11AM

Please join us at Riverbank Park for an outdoor K-9 team demonstration. You get a chance to see our two K-9 teams in action. K-9 Officer Colby Clark and his partner Tony and K-9 Officer Jeremy Smith and his partner Cal will be on hand to showcase the impressive talents of our two canine all-stars. Officers Clark and Smith will be available to answer questions about our K-9 program and what it’s like to hit the streets with a 4-legged partner.

Horse and Wagon Rides – Schedule on Website

Enjoy free horse drawn wagon rides around Riverbank Park! Available times and sign-up will be on our website <https://www.downtownwestbrook.com/events/winterfest/>

Fire Dancing and Hula Hopper Amelia Aglow – TIME TBD

Amelia loves to introduce (or reintroduce) people to the hula hoop! She has been adding lights, flames and flair to all
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Portland Conservatory Announces Dimensions in Jazz Lineup

PORTLAND, ME (January 28, 2022) -- The Dimensions in Jazz concert series, sponsored by the Portland Conservatory of Music, is bringing significant names in contemporary jazz to Portland this year! The winter/spring lineup includes seven concerts running from February through April.

The performances will be held at the Portland Conservatory’s new building at 28 Neal St. in Portland’s West End, unless otherwise noted.

The series kicks off on February 5th, at Cove Street Arts with “Nihco Gallo and the Bad-Year Society” for an evening of improvised music with influences from around the world. Vibraphonist Nihco Gallo is joined by tap dancer Ayan Imai-Hall, drummer Zak King, and bassist Ross Gallagher.

On April 22nd, 2022 South African jazz musician McCoy Mrubata (Tenor Saxophone) returns to Portland, Maine in his fourth tour of the US and will be performing in quartet alongside his friend Gary Wittner (Guitar), Shakeel Curtis (Bass) and Lumanyano Mzi (Drums).

“I never studied music formally as we (black people) did not have music schools and music colleges before our independence in South Africa. I learned from family records, getting odd lessons from older musicians. Music always plays a great role in our communities . . . music education is important,” says McCoy Mrubata. Today, he has been featured on NPR Live Sessions and also won the South African Music Award for Best Jazz Album.

Each year, PCM is proud to present the “Steve Grover Memorial Concert” celebrating jazz musician Steve Grover’s compositional brilliance and his many contributions to the cultural landscape of the state he loved.

Other exceptional performances include the “Brian Shankar Adler Band” presenting a new program of electro-acoustic music for improvisers, “Travels in the Electrosphere” with R.J. Miller on Drums and Sampler and Jeremy Udden on Lyricon, the “Titus Abbott Collective” featuring PCM Jazz Studies director Titus Abbott performing original jazz compositions alongside percussionist Michael Sarin and bassist Sean Conly.

In addition to the Dimensions in Jazz Concert Series, PCM’s innovative Jazz Studies Division teaches students how to improvise and to understand contemporary and classic jazz.

Visiting jazz artists host workshops for students and the public that bring this American musical art form to life. Doors open at 7:30pm, show starts at 8:00pm.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$15 for seniors, \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. Face masks and proof of vaccination, or negative COVID test within the last 48hrs, are required for all PCM concerts and events.

To learn more visit: www.portlandconservatoryofmusic.org/dimensions-in-jazz/

Gorham Recreation Department Offers New Programs and Opportunities



GORHAM, ME (February 8, 2022) – The Gorham Recreation Department has several exciting opportunities coming up.

New Programs Posted to the Website

Music, Movement, and Mindfulness with Miss Courtney 2/17-3/10
Half Pint Hoops 3/9 to 3/23
Pillo Hockey 3/12 to 4/9
Babysitting Training 3/18
Rock Climbing (1 time) for early release 3/16
Co-Ed Volleyball 3/15 to 4/28
Floor Hockey 3/12 to 4/9
Ultimate Frisbee Dates: TBA

To learn more about these programs and to register, visit gorhamrec.com

Fitness with Theresa

Theresa Labrecque is one of our fabulous fitness instructors at Gorham Recreation Department. She has created a series of 15-minute fitness classes for you to try-out at home. The first one in the series is Pilates: <https://youtu.be/RZ92WVKJKh4>

If you like this and want to continue, visit gorhamrec.com for more information!

Day Trips

We have several fun day trips planned. Visit gorhamrec.com or call 222-1635 to register.

February 17th International Cryptozology & coffee/donuts at Tony’s \$17 + Tony’s on your own

March 16th Saint Patrick’s Day luncheon & music at Old Robie School \$28.00 pp

March 21st Red’s Shoe Barn and Lunch \$10.00 +lunch on your own

May 4th, Maine Classic Car Museum and Lunch \$17.00 +lunch on your own

July 18th, Maine Maritime Museum & River Cruise \$43.00 +lunch on your own

July 20-22nd: The County trip to northern Maine See website for details
Hope you can join us!

Newsmakers, Names & Faces

133rd Engineer Battalion Receives National Supply Award



Story by Staff Sgt. Sarah Myrick
BRUNSWICK, ME (February 9, 2022) — On Jan. 9, 2022, the Army Chief of Staff's Supply Excellence Award (SEA) to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Peter Houghton, Brig. Gen. Dean Preston, Maine's land component commander, presented

Sgt. 1st Class Shannon Trepanier and Staff Sgt. Patrick Purcell, all members of the 133rd Engineer Battalion at the Brunswick Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Houghton, Trepanier, Purcell, former property book officer Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jennifer Paradis, and other key logistics staff members worked tirelessly towards this recognition of having the top program in the organizational level property book officer category.

"The 133rd Engineer Battalion is proud," said Lt. Col. Shanon Cotta, commander of the 133rd. "It is a testimony of the S-4 team's commitment to excellence and the support of our Maine Army National Guard leaders."

The SEA program was established in 1984 by the U.S. Army Quartermaster School to recognize supply excellence at the various unit and organizational levels. It is open to active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve units nationwide.

The objectives of the program are to enhance logistical readiness of all Army units, enforce supply discipline, provide a management tool to ensure system standardization, perpetuate group competition and increase public awareness of supply excellence within the U.S. Army.

"The engineer community hopes to continue the momentum with the SEA evaluation, phase II, in 2022 with the 133rd's

Forward Support Company," said Cotta. "The leadership team believes this program enhances readiness of our Maine Army units and improves the command supply discipline program."

The 133rd Engineer Battalion continues the long line of success the Maine Army National Guard historically has in the SEA competition. Maine units have placed in the regional or national level several times since 2010, including the 133rd's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the 488th Military Police Company, Joint Force Headquarters, the 286th Combat Support Sustainment Brigade and Charlie Company 1-126th Aviation Regiment.

Red Cross Needs More Than 125 Maine Volunteers

PORTLAND, ME (February 10, 2022) — Winter weather has arrived and with it an increase in the number of home fires. The American Red Cross

Northern New England Region is recruiting new volunteers to help respond to these local emergencies by supporting people in their time of greatest need.

Since July, trained Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) members have responded to at least 165 home fires in Maine, helping 603 people.

"Volunteering with the Red Cross is far and away the most satisfying, heartwarming and compassionate work I have ever done. To be at the ground level, helping people out when disaster strikes, is so very rewarding. I am able to make an immediate difference when someone is unexpectedly having the worst day of their life," said Denise Martin, Maine DAT volunteer.

LOCAL RESPONSE HELP NEEDED DAT volunteers help families with their immediate needs after a fire in their home and offer support during a very difficult time. As a DAT team member, you will provide emotional sup-

port, access to financial assistance and information to help families begin to recover. DAT team members respond to emergencies to provide immediate compassion and care. Training will be provided.

"Our Red Cross volunteers support their community and neighbors in need each and every day by responding to local emergencies," said Aaron McIntire, Regional Disaster Officer, American Red Cross Northern New England Region. "We need more help so no one faces this heartbreaking situation alone."

In Maine, we are seeking 19 disaster volunteers in the following areas to meet the current need:

Androscoggin (4), Franklin (3), Somerset (1), Hancock (1), Lincoln (2), Waldo (3) Aroostook (1), Piscataquis (4)

BLOOD SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED The Red Cross also needs volunteers to support blood collections as the country faces an ongoing critical need for blood products and platelets. Blood donor ambassadors play an important role by greeting, registering, answering questions and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process.

In Maine, we are seeking 116 blood donor ambassadors in the following counties to meet the current need:

Androscoggin (11), Aroostook (3), Cumberland (45) Franklin (3), Knox (6), Hancock (2), Lincoln (2), Penobscot (18), Piscataquis (3), Oxford (2), Sagadahoc (8), Somerset (10), Waldo (4), Washington (1)

COVID-19 AND STAYING SAFE The need for volunteers is constant

and continues to evolve as the Red Cross navigates the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The safety of everyone is our top priority and our guidelines reflect the latest CDC safety recommendations. COVID-19 vaccination is required for in-person volunteer roles beginning February 15, 2022. When considering volunteer opportunities, review the CDC guidance for people who are at higher risk for severe illness, consult your health care provider and follow local guidance.

Please consider joining the Red Cross as a volunteer today and bring help and hope to people in need. Vaccination verification required for in-person roles. Note: this does not apply where contrary to current state or local regulations. Find out more at redcross.org/volunteertoday.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Ware-Butler Building Supply Donates \$25,000 to Help Snow-Making Efforts in Greenville



GREENVILLE, ME (February 2, 2022) -- Ware-Butler Building Supply has donated \$25,000 to the Friends of the Mountain in Greenville. This donation has helped with the

non-profit's snow-making efforts on the mountain, allowing recreational skiing to continue.

The Friends of the Mountain became a non-profit corporation with

the goal of sharing the Squaw Mountain experience. Squaw is a community mountain for skiers to ride affordably, as well as learn how to ski, ride and race. The group is work-

ing together to embrace the history of the mountain and securing its future.

The mountain is located in Piscataquis County on the shores of Moosehead Lake. Squaw Mountain's lower mountain area is open for business.

You can learn more about the Friends of the Mountain here: <http://skibigsquaw.com>

Ware-Butler Building Supply demonstrates a passion for giving back to the communities that have supported its business for more than 95 years. The company is proud to provide building supplies and financial contributions to a variety of Maine non-profit and educational organizations. Ware-Butler Building Supply now has thirteen stores across the state of Maine. Visit www.warebutler.com for store hours and locations.



Baxter Memorial Library Offers Virtual Programs for Teens and Tweens



GORHAM, ME (February 11, 2022) – Baxter Memorial Library offers great opportunities for teens and tweens, including:

Beginning Ukulele with Mr. Jeff

Learn how to play the ukulele on Facebook with Mr. Jeff. Check out a ukulele at Baxter Memorial Library or just dust off

the one you have hiding in your closet! We have added 8 ukuleles in plethora of colors for you to borrow for up to 3 weeks. Check back here to see what other lessons Mr. Jeff has in store for you. See https://www.facebook.com/BaxterLibrary/videos?ref=page_internal for more information.

Virtual STEAM



Time with Ms. Deb

Join Ms. Deb on Facebook for a virtual STEAM activity. Activities are geared toward K-5 learners and require minimal supplies that you'll likely have right on-hand at home. See https://www.facebook.com/BaxterLibrary/videos?ref=page_internal for more information.

Book Bites

Are you ready to grab a book from Youth Services but having trouble deciding what to pick up? We are here to help! Check out our new series called Book Bites on our YouTube channel. Don't miss out on our great reviews! See <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVrtN-FeAmbPSCDo3YwDXpg> for more information.



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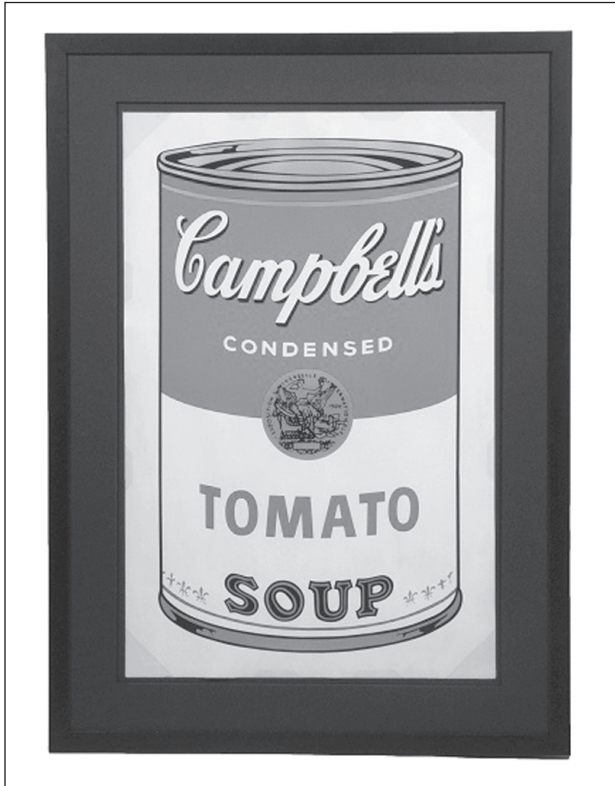
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Enchanting Winter Weekend Sale at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries



Andy Warhol 1968 limited edition serigraph, Campbell's Soup I (Tomato)

THOMASTON, ME (February 8, 2022) – On February 25, 26 & 27 at 11:00 a.m., Thomaston Place Auction Galleries will present “Winter Enchantment”, a magical auction of rarities and fresh-to-the-market finds. The sale will include enticing collections of paintings, folk

art & country Americana, fine pottery & glass, Asian antiques, and designer & custom decorative accessories. Thomaston Place owner and auctioneer Kaja Veilleux said: “This auction presents an interesting balance of traditional and modern objects that

will appeal to virtually all collecting and design interests.”

Leading the painting category is a beautiful and delicate work by Jessie Arms Botke (CA/IL, 1883-1971) depicting two white peacocks among amid a garden of exotic flowers. “Spring Tide” a dynamic oil on canvas seascape by Frederick Judd Waugh (NJ/MA, 1861-1940) will also be featured, along with paintings by James Edward Buttersworth (NJ/NY/UK, 181-1894), Thomas Moran (PA/CA, 1837-1926), Ralph Eugene Cahoon, Jr. (MA, 1910-1982), and Karl Albert Buehr (IL/VT/France, 1866-1952).

Two Andy Warhol (NY, 1929-1987) Campbell's Soup limited edition serigraphs from 1968 will be offered – Campbell's Soup I (Tomato) and Campbell's Soup I (Green Pea) will be offered along with three outstanding “outsider art” watercolors by folk artist Bill Traylor (AL, 1854-1947).

There will be a great selection of early American folk art portraits, including a Prior Hamblin

School work of a young brother and sister, an infant child with cat by Aaron Dean Fletcher (VT/NY, 1817-1902), and a pair of husband and wife portraits by E.E. Finch (ME, active 1832-1850). Other folk art items include five weather-vanes, six carousel animals (including rare moose and sea monster figures), plus groups of ship models, decoys, theorems, early signs, baskets, and treenware.

The sale will present a mid-19th Century British soldier-made quilt composed of thousands of wool geometric pieces, probably from military uniforms, centered by UK and US flags and assorted symbols. Another historic treasure to be sold is a 1795 appointment signed by President George Washington.

Featured among the over 200 lots of fine furniture will be: a round walnut dining table purchased by Marilyn Monroe for her Brentwood, CA home; a circa 1700 red painted Deerfield blanket chest; a rare maple William & Mary drop-leaf butterfly table; New England rampant tiger maple chest on stand; plus many other early painted and inlaid pieces, and custom designer items by Thos. Moser, Mies Van Der Rohe, and Nils Jonsson.

The large pottery and glass collection will include: two lots of 18th Century German free blown stemware; pottery by Brother Thomas Bezanson (Canada/VT, 1929-2007), Martin Brothers, Pablo Picasso, and Doulton Lambeth; early porcelain by Coalport, Derby, Wedgwood, and Worcester; plus selections of early stoneware, redware and mocha



Mid-19th c. British soldier-made quilt with British and American symbols

ware.

There will be over 130 lots of Asian antiques and artifacts, led by a Chinese inlaid rosewood pedestal display table from the 1939-40 New York World's Fair, a set of 18 Chinese late 18th Century carved ivory Buddha disciple figures, multiple lots of early Japanese tsuba, and an early Thai gilt cinnabar Buddha figure.

Other items of interest include: a men's 2005 Rolex Submariner wristwatch, an early 20th c. Italian micro-mosaic portrait of a standing musketeer from the Vatican Studio, a circa 1800 tall case clock by Nathan Hale (son of the Revolutionary War pa-

triot), selections of early barometers, and a large group of fine boxes and tea caddies.

The auction will begin at 11:00 a.m. EST each day. All lots can be viewed at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries' website, www.thomastonauction.com.

The gallery will be open for previews from Monday thru Friday, February 14 through 18 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.); Saturday, February 19 (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.); and Monday through Thursday, February 21 through 24 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.). Pre-viewing will also be available on auction days, Fri-

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Walnut dining table originally purchased and owned by Marilyn Monroe

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18-Piece set of Chinese Qing Dynasty carved Buddha disciples

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Thomaston Place Auction Galleries is Northern New England's premier

international auction company located on U.S. Route 1 in Thomaston. Thomaston Place is a leader in discovering antique and fine art treasures by offering Free Appraisals each Tuesday at the gallery, creating fundraiser events for civic and charitable organizations, and providing house call appraisal services. Their expertise in researching and marketing antiques and fine art has earned Thomaston Place the respect of buyers, collectors and experts worldwide.

Maine Author Re-Releases Maine Mystery Book

MILO, ME (January 26, 2022) -- Author John Balsler of Milo, Maine has re-released his book, *Mystery On Macomber Hill*. The book is set at Macomber Hill in Jay, Maine with a time period of 1957. This book is written to appeal to an age group from 10 to adult.

This book reflects some of John's childhood on Macomber Hill. The area and locations are authentic but the MYSTERY is fiction. It involves two brothers who find infor-

mation that turns their summer into fun, frustration, intrigue and discovery. It is a very fun and enjoyable read with a surprise ending!

With help from their Uncle they are slowly able to decipher the "MYSTERY ON MACOMBER HILL".

The book can be found on Amazon Books or on Kindle ebook reader.

If anyone would desire more information they can email John at mdbals@charter.net.

Maine Air National Guard Supporting Afghan Allies

AUGUSTA, ME (February 10, 2022) (re-adMedia) -- For over five months members of the Maine Air National Guard have supported Operation Allies Welcome at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The airmen are there as part of Task Force Liberty, which supports housing, medical, transportation, and logistical operations for vulnerable Afghans as they arrive in the United States. A number of these Afghans worked alongside U.S. forces in Afghanistan for the past 20 years.

Operation Allies Welcome, the name of the overarching efforts at multiple locations across the country, was established by the Department of Homeland Security on Aug. 29, 2021. A key factor in OAW's mission includes screening and vetting of the Afghans and completing the Special Immigrant Visa process for resettlement in the U.S.

Task Force Liberty is a team of DHS and Department of State personnel, Department of Defense service members and civilians, resettlement partners and affiliates and non-governmental organizations united for a common purpose. The task force makes various accommodations and services available to the Afghans arriving at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst after departing Afghanistan.

"This mission is very important to the Maine National Guard," said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine's adjutant general. "Afghans and their families resettling through Operation Allies Welcome personally helped Maine National Guard members during their deployments in Afghanistan."

The first members of the Maine Air National Guard joined Task Force

Liberty in mid-September. Several other rotations have followed. In all, about 20 MAINEiacs have assisted during tours lasting 6-10 weeks. The airmen have worked at various levels throughout Liberty Village, the area at the base supporting the Afghans.

"We arrived on Sept. 16 and there were about 9,000 Afghans already on the base," said Capt. Joseph White, who served as the Joint Operations Center Liaison Officer to the non-Department of Defense agencies. "In addition to the Afghans, there were about 2,000 U.S. personnel there and it was amazing to see what a large-scale effort this was by all agencies."

White, from Brewer, joined Task Force Liberty with two other Maine Air National Guard members including Tech. Sgt. Nisajith Welikadage, originally from Colombo, Sri Lanka, and now residing in Alton.

"I volunteered for this mission because I witnessed enough wartime strife on the civilian population during the 1983-2009 Sri Lankan civil war," said Welikadage, who supported safety efforts a Liberty Village. "I saw an opportunity to assist another community facing a similar issue and wanted to help."

Welikadage likely saved an infant's life while working in Liberty Village. The infant was choking on a piece of plastic and the airman quickly jumped into action, successfully performing back blows and chest thrusts to dislodge the plastic, reestablishing the child's airway.

"That's an experience that I will never forget," said Welikadage, who works full time as a logistics plans specialist for the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor. "We were there to do the best we could to support these people, and that was just something I was able to help with."

As Operation Allies Welcome continues, so does the Maine Air National Guard's support. The MAINEiacs currently have 12 airmen working in various capacities within Task Force Liberty.

"I'm amazed at the scope of the mission," said Lt. Col. John Kayser, who served as the task force's engineering branch chief. "At one point there were over 13,000 guests and support personnel there, which would make it one of the largest towns in Maine. Being a part of this operation in helping these families begin their lives in the United

States is something that we all know makes a difference."

Kayser, of Scarborough, arrived at Liberty Village in November and completed his mission this week. His civilian experience as a professional engineer and project management professional were quickly put to use by working with contractors and agencies to provide vital services to the small city.

"The National Guard is an incredible resource for operations like this as many of us carry additional skills and training we acquire in our civilian careers," said Kayser. "It isn't your typical military mission, but walking down the street after a 12-hour shift while being greeted by smiling Afghan children is something I'll always remember."

The Maine Air National Guard plans to provide more airmen to the mission in several weeks, with those currently there returning in February. Eventually, Operation Allies Welcome will draw to an end through the transitioning process for the Afghans. For thousands, the support provided by the Maine Air National Guard will be remembered as creating a warm welcome to their new home.

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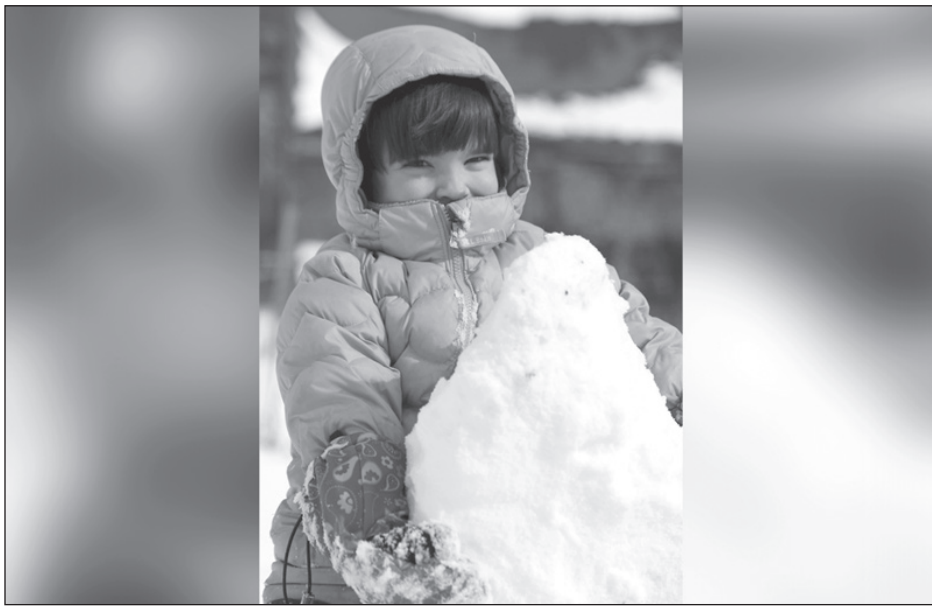
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Arts & Entertainment

Maine Audubon Presents Winter Carnival



FALMOUTH, ME (February 11, 2022) -- Don't miss our annual celebration of winter weather and wildlife! At the outdoor family festival, attendees will learn, create, and play at a variety of outdoor activity stations, including a win-

ter wildlife touch table, tracking activities, snow science and art, and more! Food trucks on site too! No pre-registration required. Maine Audubon members: FREE. Non-members: \$9, Children under 2 free This event is made

possible by L.L. Bean. Winter Carnival will be held at Gilsland Farm, Falmouth, which is located at 20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105. See <https://maineaudubon.org/news/events/winter-carnival/> for more information.

Gorham House Residents Create Valentines Crafts and Participate in Drumming Circles



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Maine Beer Company Gift Creates “Brewing Up Opportunity” Program at the University of Southern Maine

PORTLAND, ME (February 8, 2022) -- The University of Southern Maine (USM) Foundation has received a \$100,000 gift from Maine Beer Company to create a unique Brewing Up Opportunity Internship & Scholarship Fund. The gift establishes a pilot program for USM students that includes a paid internship with Maine Beer Company and a scholarship award of up to \$5,000 per academic year upon completion of the internship. The program’s goal is to promote diversity and inclusion within the craft beverage industry by providing access to education, on-the-job training, and mentoring to help de-

velop a new generation of beer industry professionals.

“The craft beer industry has done a lot in terms of creating jobs and being a driving force in our economy. We have a lot of work to do to make this industry a better reflection of our actual community,” said Maine Beer Company co-founder and USM alum Daniel Kleban. “Our hope is that this collaboration with USM creates an access point into craft beer and expands the understanding of what a career in this industry can be, while at the same time cultivating the industry’s next generation and changing the narrative of who makes

up that community.”

This pilot program will give students the opportunity to be fully immersed in the brewing industry in Maine, while helping support their financial needs.

The Brewing Up Opportunity pilot program will launch this spring, with the first USM student beginning their Maine Beer Company internship this summer.

Jeanne Paquette, Vice President of Corporate and Workforce Engagement at USM, said, “We are thrilled to partner with Maine Beer Company on this important initiative. This direct investment to our students not only of-

fers a powerful opportunity to fulfill USM’s promise of enhancing education through real-world experiences, it also supports the development of talent for a critical industry in Maine.”

The Brewing Up Opportunity fund will be used to support USM students who wish to pursue careers within and connected to the craft beverage industry, with internship-scholarships awarded to individuals from traditionally underrepresented populations, first-generation college students, or students coming to Maine from an international location.

Paquette said, “This collaboration showcases the growing capacity of

USM’s Career & Employment Hub, led by Director Andy Osheroff, to deliver on critical programs for employer partners and students alike. Through the Brewing Up Opportunity program, more of our students will have the ability to consider these powerful learning opportunities. As the most diverse institution of higher learning in the state, this is of critical importance.”

The program looks to broaden the definition of beer studies and training to be inclusive of all the fields represented within the brewing industry. Maine Beer Company and USM hope to open up opportunities to those who might

not have considered a career in beer thus expanding the number of experiences and voices represented. Internship-scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in or connected to relevant USM programs including, but not limited to, Tourism & Hospitality, Food Studies, Marketing, Engineering, Finance, Design, and those working with the Quality Control Collaboratory (QC2).

For program information about the Brewing Up Opportunity Internship & Scholarship, please contact Andy Osheroff, Director, USM Career & Employment Hub at andrew.osheroff@maine.edu or 207-780-4695.

Severe Winter Weather Intensifying Red Cross Blood Crisis

PORTLAND, ME (February 8, 2022) — As severe winter storms continue to move through the country, the American Red Cross asks those in areas unaffected by weather to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointments in their community.

Dangerous snow and ice conditions have contributed to over 500 blood drive cancellations since the beginning of the year, resulting in about 17,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations.

Since the Red Cross issued its first-ever blood crisis in January, thousands of generous donors have come forward to give, but patient care remains at risk. The threat of winter weather continues – as well as ongoing complications posed by the omicron variant – and could further complicate efforts to rebuild the blood supply.

More donors are needed to make appointments now for the weeks ahead to help ensure accident victims, cancer patients and new mothers experiencing complicated childbirths have access to lifesaving blood product transfusions without delay. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive an Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon.*

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the

Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

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.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor

card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

National Resources Council of Maine Calls for Mainers to #StandWithWabanaki



AUGUSTA, ME (February 8, 2022) -- Next week, the Maine Legislature will hold a hearing on LD 1626, a bill to restore the rights of the Wabanaki people to self-govern and to self-determination.

The Wabanaki have stewarded the lands and waters of the area we now call Maine for millennia. Recognizing their inherent rights and securing the tribes’ future is the right thing to do and long overdue.

The Wabanaki Alliance has a goal of 500 people submitting testimony in support of LD 1626. Will you join us and submit testimony?

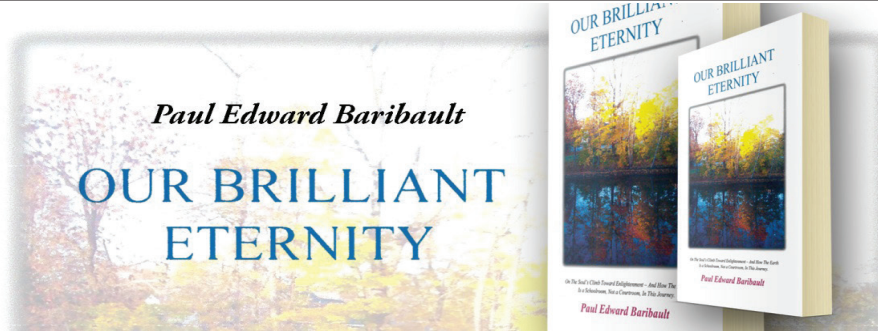
To testify or submit testimony, visit NRCM’s Take Action Toolkit for instructions that include a short video to walk you through the testifying process, as well as tips for writing effective testimony.

For talking points, an FAQ, and more, visit

the Wabanaki Alliance’s Take Action page.

Passing LD 1626 would restore the tribes’ rights and give them the same ability to govern their land as all other 570 federally recognized tribes. It would also bring about fairness and equity because Wabanaki tribes have been unable to benefit from the more than 150 federal laws that have passed since 1980 to improve their wellbeing. The Wabanaki should have the right to determine the future of their communities and to conserve the land and wildlife that is their heritage.

If you have any questions about the testifying process or LD 1626, please contact Melanie Sturm at melanie@nrcm.org.



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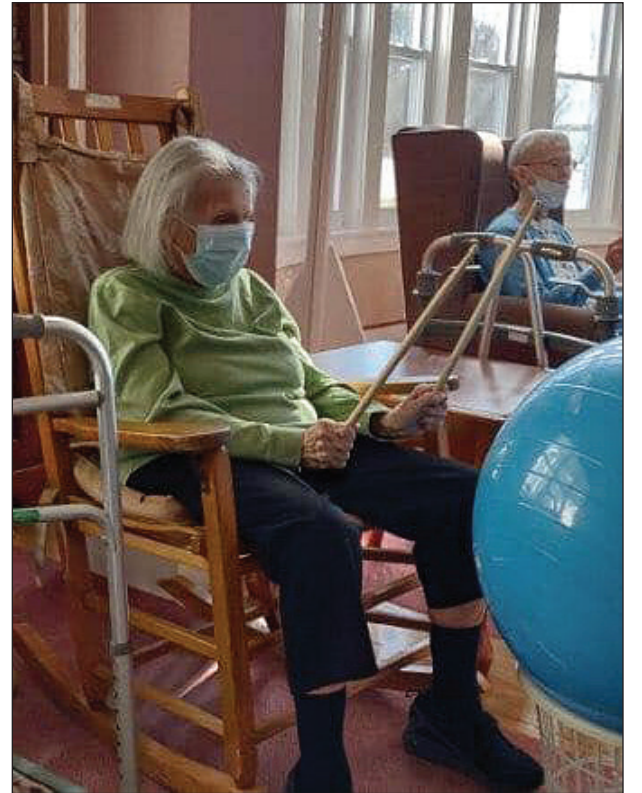
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Winterfest

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kinds of events since 2010. Her show, which includes spinning multiple hoops and playing with fire, is sure to leave audiences mesmerized! Waiting for Amelia to confirm start times of 15-minute sets with a break in between

Performance by "Showtime Steve" Stephen Corning – TIME TBD

Dubbed as "The Human Variety Show," Showtime Steve is a one-of-a-kind variety performer, harnessing his signature off-the-cuff comedy and show-stopping stunts to create a high-energy show unlike any other! Audiences across the US and beyond have seen Steve juggle everything from shoes and car-keys, to machetes and balloons, as well as re-create a 100-year-old Houdini rope escape, contort his entire body through a folding chair, manipulate LED light props in the dark, and balance a ladder (and other dangerous items) on his chin. All this mixed with a healthy dose of physical comedy and audience participation makes this show an unforgettable experience for the whole family!

River Rescue Demonstration – TIME TBD

Join us at the river for an opportunity to see how the Westbrook Fire

Department trains for river rescues!

Off Site Winterfest Activities

Winterfest Portland Trails Walk - Portland Trail's Westbrook High School Trail connects the Skate Park and dog park (near Hannaford) to the City's Middle and High Schools and athletic fields, allowing students and the public to use active transit to commute between campuses. Dates: Thursday March 3rd @ 3:30 pm and Sunday March 6th @ 2 pm

Meeting Location: Westbrook Dog/Skate Park parking lot by Westbrook Hannaford

Trail Walk Length: 4 miles (roundtrip)

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Gorham Fire Department Thanks Hydrant Heroes

GORHAM, ME (February 1, 2022)-- Thank you to those who have kept the hydrants cleared of snow! We really do appreciate it! If you see a hydrant covered, be a hydrant hero and clear that snow!



New Ventures Maine to Offer Online Career Exploration Sessions: Connecting Women to Construction Trades

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (February 7, 2022)—New Ventures Maine has opened registration for free, 90-minute virtual sessions designed for women to explore high-wage careers within the construction trades. Connecting Women to Construction Trades will be offered on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 online; participants can choose a

daytime or evening session: Daytime session: Wednesday, March 16, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Evening session: Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about low-cost or no-cost training programs and job opportunities in a variety of high-wage and in-demand construction careers in Maine.

“Our experience is that women do not often consider careers in the trades because they haven’t seen female role models working in these areas,” said Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau, New Ventures Maine Workforce Development Manager. “We want to provide current information to women not only about training, education, and earn-while-

you-learn opportunities, but also good-paying trade jobs with benefits that currently exist in our state.” For more details and to sign up, visit bit.ly/NVMEBuildYourCareer or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092. Connecting Women to Construction Trades sessions are supported by the Maine Department of Transportation.

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Innovate for Maine Fellows Opens 2022 Applications for Students, Companies

ORONO, ME (January 27, 2022) — The University of Maine Foster Center for Innovation is seeking Maine students and Maine companies to participate in the 2022 Innovate for Maine Fellows internship program. Applications are now open.

Innovate for Maine connects the best and brightest Maine college students with Maine's most exciting growing companies for paid, meaningful, hands-on internship experiences. The program is looking for both student fellows to join the 2022 cohort and a variety of for-profit companies developing innovative products, services or processes to

host them.

Emphasizing innovation and entrepreneurship, Innovate for Maine prepares student fellows to collaborate with companies on innovation projects that accelerate company growth. Innovation projects can include work on new products or services, process improvements, market research, prototyping, sales forecasting and more.

"Over the past two years, Maine businesses have faced incredible adversity," says Renee Kelly, UMaine assistant vice president for innovation and economic development. "Finding talented employees is even more

challenging now. Innovate for Maine introduces companies to new talent and helps students see their future opportunities in Maine's workforce."

Eligible students include those enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs at any college or university in Maine, as well as Maine residents enrolled in degree programs at colleges or universities outside of the state.

Host companies can range in size from small startups to major corporations. Fellows can work full time or part time during the summer, with the possibility of continuing part time during the academic year.

Trained innovation experts guide and mentor both the fellow and the company for the duration of the internship. UMaine recruits, screens, matches, hires and trains fellows to work on projects for companies selected to participate in the program.

Since Innovate for Maine Fellows was established in 2012, student participants have gained exposure to innovative Maine companies and built strong networks that help them find opportunities to stay in Maine. A recent survey of Innovate for Maine Fellows alumni revealed that 70% of respondents were living in Maine and another 10% currently live

outside of Maine, but plan to return as their careers progress. Nearly 20% of program alumni have started their own companies.

To apply or learn more about Innovate for Maine Fellows, visit the program website.

The application deadline for both students and companies is March 7, 2022.

Send all items for Names and Faces to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

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Senators Collins, King Announce More Than \$1 Million to Support Entrepreneurs Across Rural Maine

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 7, 2022) — U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced that six organizations in the State of Maine have received a total of \$1,089,479 to support rural microborrowers and potential microborrowers. These grants and loans were awarded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program.

"These investments will provide Maine entrepreneurs with the seed capital they need to start or grow their businesses and create opportunity across our state, particularly in our rural communities," said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. "We welcome this funding that will help support local businesses, create and sustain quality jobs, and help grow our state's economy."

The funding will be allocated as follows:

Northern Maine Development Commission received a \$500,000 loan and a \$200,608 grant to support microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Aroostook and Washington counties.

Sunrise County Economic Council received a \$250,000 loan and a \$10,525 grant to support microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Washington County.

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments received a \$34,540

grant to support microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation received a \$80,544 grant to support microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Hancock, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties, as well as portions of Waldo County.

Community Concepts Finance Corporation received a \$13,262 grant to support microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, and York counties, as well as the Town of Thomaston.

The USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program provides business-based training and technical assistance to rural microborrowers and potential microborrowers. Technical assistance is an essential part of the microlending process. It often makes the difference between the success or failure of a new business, affecting the ability of the microborrowers to repay its debt in a timely fashion.

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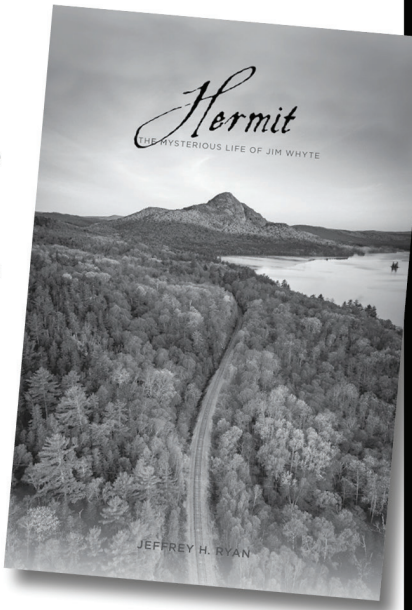
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NASHVILLE SHOW TRIP - JUNE 11-19, 2022

Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights -

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MACKINAC ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 10 - 18, 2022

Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Visit to Mackinaw City. Visit to Mackinac Island including a guided Carriage Tour. Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sightseeing in Sault Sainte Marie. Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac. Price is \$899.00 per person

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This year, as we mark Yom HaShoah at the

HHRC, we will focus on individuals even as we acknowledge the vast numbers of victims. We want to hear your personal stories—to remember and honor the dead in a very personal way and invite you to share with us. Do you have family members or friends who perished in, or survived, the Holocaust whose story you would like to tell? Or have you been affected by the Holocaust in another way, perhaps by a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, through a film or book?

What connects you to the Holocaust? How has knowing about it changed you? Please share your thoughts, feelings and stories. Submissions must be original work, not exceed 8.5 x 11 inches, and are due before March 22nd. To participate, fill out the google form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7u-L0ANJGcSSCdqi-wCuFB0rTXhJ8cjTI-wxIKwbsuP2fqXw9g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0> or find it on HHRC's website.

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