

CCCT Presents Beauty and the Beast Jr.

(April 13, 2022) – Be our guest! Cumberland County Children’s Theatre (CCCT) proudly presents Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr., live on stage at Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish, Maine, on April 30, May 1, and May 7–8, 2022.

Beauty and the Beast Jr. tells the story of Belle, an adventurous young girl, and the Beast, her hideous captor who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return—before time runs out. With the help of the castle’s enchanted staff, including a loving teapot, a charming candelabra, and a nervous mantel clock, Belle and the Beast find a beautiful friendship and love that neither knew was possible.

Beauty and the Beast Jr. features classic songs from the Academy Award®-winning film score such as “Be Our Guest” and “Belle,” as well as original songs from the 1994 Tony®-nominated Broadway musical.

Tickets are available by visiting: www.our.show/CCCT

CCCT is a Maine nonprofit organization founded by dedicated volunteers following the closure of Fiddlehead Center for the Arts in Gray, Maine, and their long-standing children’s theater program. CCCT’s mission is to inspire, educate, and empower young people through theater. They offer high-quality, accessible theater programming for kids ages 5–17. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CumberlandCountyChildrensTheatre>.

Gorham Middle School Donates to Westbrook Animal Shelter

GORHAM, ME (April 14, 2022) -- Student Council reps visited the Westbrook Animal Shelter last week to drop off the supplies they collected, as well as visit with all the animals. They learned more about the shelter and how it serves the community. They enjoyed a guided tour and made toys and treats for the shelter pets.



Celebrate Earth Day on Friday 4/22 with Outdoor Films

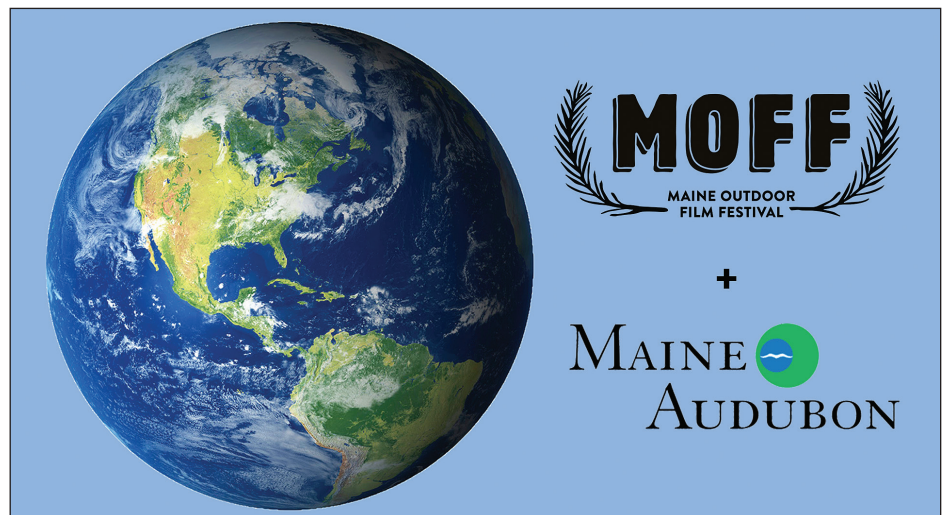
FALMOUTH, ME (April 12, 2022) -- Celebrate with Outdoor Films, Shown Outdoors at Maine Audubon in Falmouth.

Earth Day Film program:
HOME OR HIGH WATER – 11.5 minutes – by Dave Weich – from Portland, Oregon

Short synopsis: Battered by stronger, more frequent storms, residents are faced with an impossible decision: rebuild their home, or abandon their property and find a way to start again somewhere else. This film brings the conversation about the climate crisis into the practical reality of people’s lives. How are communities at risk adapting to these ever-progressing challenges?

BORN FROM JUNK – 14.5 minutes – by Mike Horn, Galin Foley – from CO

Short synopsis: Born From Junk traces the outlaw roots of mountain biking back to



its raw beginnings in Crested Butte, where a crew of unlikely pioneers in pursuit of wild times in the mountains blossomed into

a global phenomenon.
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Maine Wildlife Park Opens April 15

GRAY, ME (April 11, 2022) -- We’re looking forward to opening day at the Maine Wildlife Park and hope you are too! Start planning your visit:

When: We’re opening for the season April 15 and will be open 7 days a week (including holidays)! Our gates are open for entry in the spring season from 9:30am to 4:30pm but visitors can continue enjoying the park until 6:00pm. Check back for

extended summer hours in June.

Cost: Entrance fees can only be accepted in the form of cash or check. Sorry, we cannot yet accept cards. Children 2 and under get in free! \$7.50 for ages 3-12; \$10 for ages 13-56; \$7.50 for 60+; \$5 for veterans and military personnel

Where: The Park is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray, Maine.

Learn more at mainewildlifepark.com

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Spring Hours

Gates open 9:30am - 4:30pm

Park Closes at 6:00pm

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Bangor Savings Bank Foundation

Announces Nonprofit Grant Recipients

BANGOR, ME (April 11, 2022) -- Environmental protection, food security, and crisis support – these are examples of the important services offered by the Maine and New Hampshire based nonprofits selected by the public to receive grant awards through the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation's 2022 Community Matters More program.

With thousands of community votes shared, a total of \$158,000 will be awarded across 45 nonprofit organizations in 11 regions throughout Maine and New Hampshire. The organization with the highest number of votes in each region will receive a \$5,000 grant. Runners up and write-in winners will receive grant awards ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000.

As the signature program of the Bank's Foundation, Community Matters More aims to highlight local nonprofits that are positively impacting their Maine and New Hampshire

communities. It does so by inviting residents of these communities to decide the grant winners through a public vote.

"Community Matters More remains a truly grassroots program that is guided by community input. It's wonderful to see our community members voice their support of so many deserving nonprofits," said Bob Montgomery-Rice, President and CEO of Bangor Savings Bank. "We're proud to continue supporting these nonprofits so that they can further contribute to the economic vitality and common good of the communities in which we live, work, and raise our families."

In honor of its 15-year anniversary, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation also awarded a one-time special grant of \$15,000 to the organization that garnered the most overall votes. That winner is Sarah's House of Maine, an organization that provides temporary lodging in a

comfortable environment for cancer patients and their caregivers.

"Sarah's House is truly honored to be a grant recipient of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Community Matters More program. As a privately funded organization, donations like this mean so much," said Delores Landry, Executive Director of Sarah's House of Maine.

"We are a nine-bedroom cancer hospitality house providing a clean, comfortable home away from home for more than 500 guests and their caregivers to date, who have traveled to the area for their cancer treatments. We have saved our guests more than one million miles of travel already! Like every

home, there are always needs. This year's projects include a new roof on part of the house and repairs to the parking area. With costs of everything increasing, this will certainly help. We appreciate the opportunities this donation

provides and are extremely grateful to all of those who voted for us."

The 2022 Community Matters More grant recipients are:

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Franklin Animal Shelter (\$5,000) / Center for Wisdom's Women (\$4,000) / Androscoggin Land Trust (\$3,000) / Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

PAWS of Milo Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary (\$5,000) / Millinocket Memorial Library – Gear Library (\$4,000) / Greenville Junction Depot Friends (\$3,000) / Halfway Home Pet Rescue (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Cumberland County Make-A-Wish Maine (\$5,000) / WinterKids (\$4,000) / Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine (\$3,000) / MSSPA Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals (\$1,000

Write-in Winner)

Hancock/Washington Counties

Hancock County SPCA (\$5,000) / Camp Capella (\$4,000) / Downeast Horizons (\$3,000) / Bagaduce River Equine Rescue (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Humane Society Waterville Area (\$5,000) / Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center (\$4,000) / Augusta Food Bank (\$3,000) / Jackman Region Community Association (\$1,000 Write-in Winner) Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties Knox County Homeless Coalition (\$5,000), Caring for Kids (\$4,000), Neighbor's Cupboard (\$3,000), Window Dressers (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Southern Penobscot County

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter (\$5,000) / Eastern Area Agency on Aging (\$4,000) / Courageous Steps Project (\$3,000 Write-in Winner) / Bangor

Humane Society (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

York County Center for Wildlife (\$5,000) / Rett's Roost (\$4,000) / Special Surfers (\$3,000 Write-in Winner) / Foundation4Love (\$1,000 Coos/Carroll/Grafton Counties

Coos Animal Sanctuary (\$5,000) / Warriors at 45 North (\$4,000) / Child Advocacy Center of Coos County (\$3,000) / Weathervane Theatre (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Belknap/Cheshire/Hillsborough/Merrimack/Sullivan Counties

Animal Rescue League of NH (\$5,000) / Granite State Dog Recovery (\$4,000 Write-in Winner) / Building Dreams for Marines (\$3,000) / Friends Program (\$1,000)

Rockingham/Strafford Counties

Seacoast Youth Services (\$5,000) / Gundalow Company (\$4,000) / Portsmouth Historical Society (\$3,000) / Our Place Inc. (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Snowlion Announces Premiere of "The Secret Princess"

FREEPORT, ME (April 11, 2022) -- Snowlion Repertory Company, whose mission is to create, develop, and present new theater works of cultural, ethical, and spiritual value, announces the world premiere production of the new musical comedy *The Secret Princess* running April 29 through May 8 at Meetinghouse Arts, 40 Main Street in Freeport.

In the duchy of Klugenstein in 1221, young Duke Conrad has a terrible secret - since birth, he has been disguised as a boy by his scheming mother, even though he - she! - is really

a girl. Romantic complications ensue, and the ultimate outcome for Conrad and those he/she loves depends on the audience, who must vote to decide not only Conrad's fate but also who gets the girl - or guy!

Based on Mark Twain's short story "A Medieval Romance," *The Secret Princess* is a gender-bending, naughty medieval musical romp with a surprise ending - guaranteed!

The Secret Princess was written by MK Wolfe (book & lyrics) with music by Thomas Adams. Adams and Wolfe are the

team behind *The Freaks Club*, which premiered at Snowlion Rep in 2013, and *The Sock Who Lost His Mate*, which was presented by Snowlion Rep at the New York Children's Musical Theater Festival in 2015.

With a comic and lively story, *The Secret Princess* features a traditional musical comedy score. Despite its comic underpinnings, the show actually carries a powerful message - that we are often so bound by the rules of society that we must exhibit immense courage to be "other" in the world. Though we must be fearless when we flout the

"Law of the Land," the resulting freedoms are worth the struggle. *The Secret Princess* is the story of a society bound by strict (and hilariously ridiculous) laws, and how some brave souls challenge the status quo. It is a message right in keeping with Snowlion Rep's mission, and the zeitgeist of 2022.

The Secret Princess will have six performances as follows:

Friday April 29 at 7:30 pm
Saturday April 30 at 7:30 pm
Sunday May 1 at 3:00 pm
Friday May 6 at 7:30 pm
Saturday May 7 at 7:30 pm
Sunday May 8 at 3:00 pm

Performances are at the Meetinghouse Arts performance venue located at 40 Main Street, Freeport. Tickets are \$26 and can be purchased at www.snowlionrep.org or by calling (207) 315-6612. For more information, visit www.snowlionrep.org. Recommended for age 14+.

The show is directed by Al D'Andrea+. The musical direction is by Betty McIntyre, who will lead a three-piece band. Choreography is by Vanessa Winfield Beyland. The production stage manager is Hannah Publicover with Andrew Shepard as assistant stage manager. Set design is by Craig Robinson, lighting design is by Heather Crocker, and costume design (featuring medieval period costumes) is by Brittney Cacace.

The cast is as follows: Mary Johnston Letellier as Conrad, the Duke of Klugenstein and Prince-in-Waiting of Brandenburg Zachariah Stearn as

Maximillian the Gezetmeister (Minister of Law) of Klugenstein

Colleen Katana as Princess Constance of the Kingdom of Brandenburg

Rita Micklus as Guda ("like the cheese only spelled different"), lady-in-waiting to Princess Constance

Nancy Durgin as Duchess Margareta, Conrad's mother and ruler of Klugenstein

Jesse Reich* as Count Detzin, the host of the evening's festivities

Pat Scully as King Ulrich of Brandenburg

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Hannaford Commits To 100% Renewable Energy By 2024

SCARBOROUGH, ME (April 14, 2022) – As part of its sustainability strategy and in recognition of Earth Month, Hannaford Supermarkets today announced its plan to be fully powered by renewable energy by 2024—a commitment that makes the retailer the first large-scale supermarket business to match its bold commitment with such an aggressive timetable.

“Doing what’s right for our business includes doing what’s right for our associates, community, and our planet. Powering Hannaford with 100-percent renewable energy sources will make an immediate, positive impact on greenhouse gas emissions,” said Mike Vail, President of Hannaford Supermarkets. “This is an important leap forward in our sustainability journey—and one that we hope sparks others to join. Prioritizing the health of our communities and the planet is a win for us all.”

Supermarkets are energy intensive due to simultaneous needs of heating and cooling. To reduce energy consumption and make the best use of the energy being used, Hannaford has implemented energy efficiency projects like LED

lights, night shades, doors on cases and state-of-the-art refrigeration systems—and has rooftop solar on 10 of its stores.

“Hannaford is light years ahead of the rest of the industry when it comes to their sustainability efforts—and they’ve been doing so for well over a decade,” said Peter Cooke, cofounder of the Ratio Institute, an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating measurable sustainability and viability in food retail. Cooke has worked with more than 1,000 grocery stores and 15 grocery chains as part of his Grocery Stewardship work. “Hannaford associates continue to rally behind making the company more sustainable and that is an advantage to their current and future success in making the planet healthier and greener.”

Currently, Hannaford operates at 30-percent renewable energy by partnering with over 30 community solar projects across Maine, Massachusetts, and New York.

Since the beginning of the decade, Hannaford has worked to reduce its energy consumption and converted 86.4MW of its remaining electricity usage



to solar—enough electricity to power 16,000 typical homes for a year. Continuing to operate some of the most energy efficient stores in the northeast, Hannaford will couple their efforts of upgrades and conversions with integrating community and large-scale solar projects in Maine and New York to propel stores to the 100-percent-green milestone by 2024.

“Hannaford has always been serious about sustainability—and over time, it’s become an integral business function. But there is a sense of urgency as we witness the planet in the midst of a climate crisis,” said George Parmenter who leads sustainability efforts for Hannaford. “Hannaford wants to lead where we can

make the most impact—and renewable energy is just another step in our journey.”

According to a recent report by the United Nations on climate change, “harmful carbon emissions have never been higher in human history ...[and] scientists are urging ‘now or never’ to limit global warming...”. Report findings indicate that achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions globally by the early 2050’s is the way to stabilize global temperatures and carbon dioxide emissions.

Hannaford, an Ahold Delhaize USA brand, has committed to be a net zero carbon business by 2040. A first step in that journey is to move to 100-percent renewable

energy.

“With Maine already facing the acute effects of climate change, I commend Hannaford for taking action by pledging a move to a 100% clean energy system by 2024. Their commitment will put us closer to achieving net-zero emissions and creating a healthier, more equitable, and more resilient economy,” said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-Maine), Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment and Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition. “I hope their pledge inspires other companies to embrace renewable energy and sustainable practices. Clean energy is the future, it is necessary, and it is the key to fighting climate change. Thank you, Hannaford, for stepping up.”

Already an early and proven leader in sustainability efforts, Hannaford’s prior milestone successes include:

Becoming the first grocery retailer in the nation to introduce reusable bags to its customers in the mid-1980s;

Earning notable distinction with the introduction of North America’s first

LEED Platinum supermarket in Augusta, Maine, for eco-friendly, energy-saving features that utilized approximately half the energy requirements of grocery stores of similar size and character 2009;

Installing a first-in-the-nation refrigeration system using natural refrigerant that is better for the environment and earning Hannaford a “Best of the Best” award from the US EPA Green Chill Partnership in 2013;

Introducing and expanding electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to parking areas for a total of 163 plugs at 31 stores (and growing) throughout the Northeast;

And most recently, becoming the first large-scale grocery retailer in its marketplace to achieve zero food waste-to-landfill by donating or diverting all food at risk of going to waste in 2021.

To learn more about Hannaford’s commitment to 100-percent renewable energy by 2024 and its in-store efficiency efforts, view its video: <https://bcove.video/3rizGof>

Learn more about Hannaford’s sustainability efforts at Hannaford.com/sustainability.

Babysitter’s Training Offered through Red Cross



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Red Cross Babysitter’s Training

In a fun, interactive environment, participants will learn the responsibilities and qualities of being a good babysitter. The class focuses on safety, injury prevention, first aid, basic childcare, decision making, problem solving, and leadership skills. Upon completion of this course, participants will receive American Red Cross Babysitting certification. Full attendance is mandatory to obtain a certificate.

The recommended age for this course is 11-14 years old.

When: Saturday, June 11
Time: 9:30am-4pm
Where: Westbrook Community Center Oak Room

To register, visit:
www.WestbrookCommunityCenter.org
or call 207-854-0676



WESTBROOK, ME (April 14, 2022) -- Red Cross Babysitter’s Training at the Westbrook Community Center!

Ideal for current and future babysitters or young people ages 11-14 years old who find themselves home alone or with younger siblings at the end of the school day.

In a fun, interactive environment, participants will learn the responsibilities and qualities of being a

good babysitter.

The class focuses on safety, injury prevention, first aid, basic childcare, decision making, problem solving, and leadership skills.

Upon completion of this course, participants will receive American Red Cross Babysitting certification. Full attendance is mandatory to obtain a certificate.

Bring snack, lunch, and a water bottle. Class

begins promptly - please be on time!

Date: Saturday, June 11
Time: 9:30am-4pm
Where: Oak RoomA
Fee: \$85

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Instructor: Gail Platts
Questions? Please contact us via e-mail at gpost@westbrook.me.us or call 207.854.0676.

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Spring Reminders from Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife



MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 13, 2022) -- The air is warm but the water is dangerously cold... ALWAYS wear a lifejacket

If you think you will have time to find and put on your lifejacket after you are in the water, think again. A lifejacket can only help save your life when you wear it!

Fifty-five degree water can be deadly... and this time of year, Maine's lakes, rivers, and ponds are much colder than that. Even the strongest of swimmers succumb to the cold water within minutes.

The sudden shock of your body plunging into cold water can cause dramatic changes in breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure. If you survive the initial threats of cold shock, you may start to lose control of your muscles, making swimming and staying afloat nearly impossible without the

help of a lifejacket or other personal flotation device.

Please wear your lifejacket at all times and pay close attention to changing weather patterns. The weather can change in a matter of minutes and you don't want to be caught in poor conditions.

Help us keep it Maine: Protect our waters from aquatic invasive species

Maine has some of the country's most pristine and healthy waters, which support high-quality habitat for fish and wildlife as well as endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Unfortunately, Maine waters, as well as the fish, wildlife, and recreation they support, are threatened each year by introductions of fish, plants, diseases, and other aquatic invasive species that compete with and displace native natural communities.

It is up to everyone who enjoys Maine's waters - boaters, paddlers, and anglers - to protect our waters. Learn how to clean + dry your boat to prevent the spread.

Take steps now to prevent conflicts with black bears

Spring has sprung and wildlife is wasting no time shedding winter's grip

to enjoy the nice spring weather.

For many of these animals, such as black bears, they have lost a significant amount of body weight and are on the move looking for food after emerging from their winter dens. While denning, black bears enter a state of torpor, slowing their metabolism and respiration, breathing only once per 15 to 45 seconds, and dropping their heart rate to 8-21 beats per minute. Even with a lowered metabolic rate, bears still lose significant body fat. Unlike true hibernators, bears don't eat, drink, urinate, or defecate during this time.

Once spring comes and bears emerge from their den, for two to three weeks bears are working to regulate their bodily functions slowly until normal activity ensues. At this time of year, natural foods are limited, and bears may take the risk and wander into backyards in search of easily accessible food.

Take steps now to prevent black bears from coming to your yard: Rake up unused bird seed from the ground; Remove birdfeeders between April 1 and November; Keep pet food and trash inside or in fenced areas; Clean grills thoroughly after use

Spring is in the air, and for many, that means hiking season is almost here!

Before lacing up your hiking boots, the Maine Warden Service has a few reminders:

Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Should something happen, this will be key to helping the Maine Warden Service and other search and rescue personnel help find you.

Know that conditions will vary significantly across the state and at different elevations. It might feel like spring in southern Maine, but in northern parts and at higher elevations, there is still plenty of ice and snow! Some trails are extremely muddy and closed to prevent trail damage - research your trip before you go.

Dress for the weather and in plenty of layers.

Hiking boots with ankle support and tread are ideal. It is best to avoid icy conditions altogether, but just in case, pack a pair of crampons or ice creepers.

Be prepared for no cell phone service. Know your route without the help of your cell phone.

Remember that it gets dark much earlier in the spring than the middle of summer. Plan accordingly, and always pack a flashlight in case.

Pack essential items, including high-protein snacks, water, and a fire starter. Learn more.

Roads may be impassable due to mud, snow, or a combination. Have a plan B, and stick to the places you know in the spring. Save your bigger adventures for later in the season.

Respect the land by picking up after yourself and staying on the trail. 94% of Maine's forest land is privately owned and more than half of that land area is open to the public.

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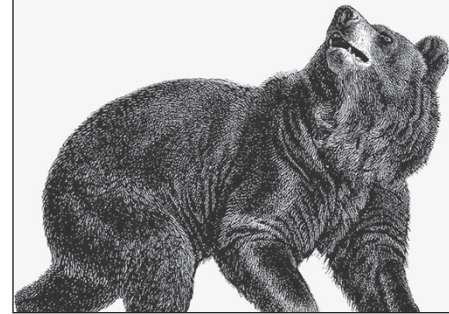
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ALA Announces Route for 2022 Trek Across Maine

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 14, 2022) – Today, the American Lung Association announced the route for the 38th annual Trek Across Maine fundraising bike ride, scheduled for June 17-19. The 2022 Trek Across Maine will now start at Thomas Point Beach and Campground in Brunswick, Maine, while still hitting famous spots like St. Joseph's College, Team Tent City and the potato bar at Bates College. Registration is open for participants to sign up as individuals or as a team for the three-day, 180-mile, in-person cycling adventure.

Those interested can learn more at the dedicated Trek website here.

Since 1985, the Trek has raised more than \$30 million for lung health. This year's goal is \$1 million, with Trek riders and volun-

teers already raising more than \$250,000 to support healthy lungs and clean air. For those riders not able to join in-person, there is a virtual option. Volunteers are needed for the Trek Across Maine weekend. For those interested in volunteer opportunities, see the ALA site.

Trekkers, both in-person and virtual, can download the "Cycle for Air" app or join the Trek Strava Club to stay connected to the Trek community. There will be additional recommended ride routes, scavenger hunts, Trek Bingo and weekly giveaways on the Trek website and social media pages.

Participants can track their miles using activity trackers (i.e. Apple Watch, Fitbit, and Garmin devices), sharing their personal achievements and fund-

raising efforts on social media and within the Trek community. Trekkers, volunteers and the general public can also make a donation to the event to support a participant or team and raise funds for lung disease research, including lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and COVID-19.

"After doing the Trek virtually during the pandemic, we are very excited to welcome home Trekkers, volunteers and sponsors with our in person live event this year. That said, the virtual option is also available for those who are interested in cycling from home and their own neighborhoods during the winter months up until the end of June," stated Gale Auclair, development director. "We have a great lineup of sponsors, includ-



The Trek Across Maine covers a 180-mile route over three days and raises funds for the American Lung Association. PHOTO CREDIT: Karsten Moran for the American Lung Association of Maine

ing our presenting sponsor, VIP Tires & Service, and others such as L.L. Bean, a new route, a mix of tradi-

tional activities and surprises. Many of our riders have begun raising money toward their rides, so I hope people

will join us as a volunteer, cyclist or donor to make this one of our biggest years ever for the Trek!"

Connecting Women to Construction Careers Coming May 4

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 12, 2022)— New Ventures Maine has opened registration for a free, 90-minute workshop designed for women to explore high-wage careers within the construction trades in Maine.

Connecting Women to Construction Careers will be offered on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. online.

This is an opportunity to learn about low-cost or no-cost training programs and job opportunities in a variety of in-demand construction careers in Maine.

"We held two workshops on construction trades last month and had interest from a number of potential participants for an alternate date, so we are planning a new session," said Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau, New Ventures Maine Workforce Development Manager.

Previous participants provided the following feedback:

"I was very interested to hear about the apprenticeship programs, as I was apprehensive of starting a job with which I had little experience. But hearing that employers actively look for people to train gave me a new sense of hope."

"(The presenter) was very respectful and knowledgeable, presenting information in a way that made me feel confident in my goals not in spite of being a woman, but BECAUSE of it. The video interviews were great, too. Thank you!"

"We know there are contractors who are looking to hire this spring," said Senechal-Jandreau, "so we want to provide current information to women, not only about training, education, and earn-while-

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Earth Day

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8.6 minutes – by Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission/North 40 Productions – from Pacific Northwest

Short synopsis: Ten years ago, the world's largest dam removal began on the Elwha River, allowing salmon to recolonize their lost habitat. This is the story of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's connection to that river and the hatchery that kept those salmon runs alive.

PROJECT 20/20 – 9 minutes – by Geoff Nickerson – from Maine

Short synopsis: This film documents an artist's journey along the Island Maine Island Trail.

TREE TO BOARD – 16 minutes – by Torsten Brinkema – from Maine

Short synopsis: This film follows Filmmaker Torsten Brinkema's journey from tree to board as he shapes a surfboard from sustainably harvested North Atlantic Cedar.

THE SEA FARMERS – 9.13 minutes – by Nathan

Golon & Emilie Silvestri, GoodFight Media – from Portland, Maine

Short synopsis: All Amanda did was give Emily one floating line of rope in the ocean, but that action sparked a livelihood. Amanda's small gesture of kindness allowed Emily to imagine a life on the water she hadn't considered before: as an oyster farmer.

UNDERSTORY – A JOURNEY INTO THE TONGASS – 40 minutes

– by Colin Arisman – from VT

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A tandem canoe team descends Magog Chute on the St. George River

Guest Column by Ron Chase

(April 15, 2022) -- For the past five years, the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS) has held the Skip Pendleton Memorial Trip on the St. George River each spring. Skip, who passed away in 2017, was an exceptional outdoorsman who twice crossed the United States on a bike and completed a transatlantic voyage in a sailboat. He was active as a trailblazer in his hometown of Belfast and several trails now exist due to his efforts. Later in life, he found whitewater. Skip joined the PPCS and learned to kayak and canoe in his seventies, the consummate senior not acting his age. The St. George was his favorite river and he assisted with its downriver race for many years. I've had the honor of leading or co-leading all of the memorial outings.

We had high water for the St. George trip this spring. It was a cool, gray morning when twenty-three paddlers in seventeen boats turned out for the event. Nine kayakers, two solo canoeists, and six tandem canoe teams assembled at the takeout next to a bridge on Route 105 in North Ap-

pleton. Since almost half of the group consisted of seniors not acting their ages, Skip would have been impressed. After a safety talk and a remembrance of Skip, the eager paddlers doubled up boats and participants for a vehicle shuttle to the launch site in Searsmont.

The five mile excursion began in a pool of calm water above a bridge on Route 131 on the east side of the village of Searsmont. Boats were unloaded and prepared for navigation. Chowderheads assembled paddles and gear, packed water and snacks, added final layers of paddling attire to protect against the frigid water, and donned life jackets.

We departed through a stand of partially submerged alders before entering the St. George River from the east. High water helped propel us along in a winding sector of flat water where periodic maneuvering around fallen trees was required. The sizeable entourage was spread over a few hundred yards. Participants in the rear encountered a large deer thrashing in the river while it desperately tried to climb a steep muddy embankment without success. Recognizing the futility of

its efforts, Karen Franceour responded to the emergency by using her kayak to gently nudge the struggling animal downstream where it was able to escape the predicament. That was the first rescue of the day but not the last.

A substantial downed tree blocked most of the top of a long rapid that began above Ghent Road Bridge. We entered far left to avoid the hazard. Large waves were encountered, some covered boulders concealing treacherous pour overs that were difficult to identify. I stopped in an eddy just above the bridge to set up safety with a throw bag and take photos. Just after exiting my kayak, I was surprised to observe one of our experienced tandem canoe teams swimming past with their empty capsized canoe trailing behind. Always aware of their surroundings, several dedicated Chowderheads were in hasty pursuit. Unbeknownst to me, a solo canoeist had also flipped just below the bridge. Thanks to the determined efforts of PPCS rescuers, all paddlers, boats, and paddles were soon reunited.

The whitewater continued unabated. Farther along, a kayaker missed

an eddy and was lodged partially upside down in shallow water tangled in brush. Alert Chowderheads hurried into action. Scott Nelson, Dave Boyle, and others quickly assisted the kayaker out of the water while recovering kayak and paddle.

Following more rapids and a stretch of quick water, everyone successfully navigated through substantial waves in Magog Chute, the steepest descent of the day. Some of the more hardy members of our intrepid band surfed in the waves below for several minutes. The teenage tandem canoe crew of Mason Galway and Will Spaulding impressed us seniors with their skills by nailing a difficult wave surf. Indeed, they were acting their ages.

No further problems were encountered during the remainder of our journey as we meandered through farm lands to the takeout located on the right immediately below the Route 105 Bridge. Typical of club camaraderie, Chowderheads assembled in teams to assist carrying boats up a steep bank to the

muddy parking area.

Skip Pendleton would have been proud of the teamwork exhibited during our exciting expedition named in his honor. We were privileged to know him.

Readers are encouraged to attend a book talk on my latest book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in*

Maine at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick on April 21st at 6:00 P.M.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. He previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England." Visit his website at <https://www.ronchaseoutdoors.com> or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

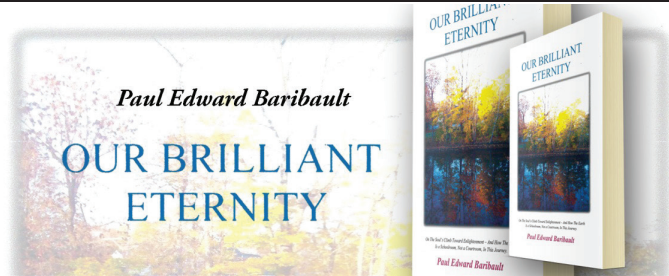
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your favorite young man and let's rock out together at the first annual Mother-Son Dance, brought to you by

Gorham Youth Cheering! **SAVE THE DATE** – May 21 -- more info and tickets coming soon.

Gorham Youth Cheering is also reaching out to see if anyone would like to donate snacks and drinks for the event.

We plan to be selling raffle tickets. Do you or anyone you know have a service or goods that would be willing to donate for the event?

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GHS Offers Free Dance Classes

GORHAM, ME (April 14, 2022) -- Interested in the GHS Musical Mary Poppins next year? Come join us for some free dance classes to help prep for auditions in the fall. These classes are free and open to all GHS (current 8th -12th graders) students. We will meet Tuesdays at 2:15 April 26th-May 31st. Please let us know if you have any questions!

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Chocolate Church Arts Center Presents Spring Musical

BATH, ME (April 11, 2022) -- The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will present the musical *The Last Five Years*, opening on Friday April 22. The production is presented in collaboration with Studio Theatre of Bath, and is the first live theater presented at the venue since March of 2020.

The Last Five Years is written by Jason Robert Brown, and is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical that charts the five-year relationship of Jamie and Cathy, two 20-something New Yorkers who fall head over heels in love. But in a city where professional and personal passions collide, navigating the waters of love and matrimony can

sometimes prove to be too much. Jamie, an up-and-coming writer, struggles to balance his sudden success with his increasingly tumultuous love life, while Cathy, an aspiring actress, deals with the frustrations of her own stalled career while watching her husband from the sidelines.

The show was named one of TIME Magazine's

ten best shows of 2001, and as a testament to the show's longevity, *The Last Five Years* enjoyed an Off-Broadway revival at Second Stage in 2013. A film adaptation was released in 2014, starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan.

This production stars Kyle Aarons and Becca Lewis and is co-directed by Marc Rodriguez and Thom

Watson. Courtney Babbidge provides musical direction, and Ashley Steeves is choreographer. The show runs April 22 through May 1, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2pm.

Tickets for all events at the Chocolate Church Arts Center are available for purchase at [www.chocolate-](http://www.chocolate-churcharts.org)

[churcharts.org](http://www.chocolate-churcharts.org), or by calling the box office at 207-442-8455. All performances will be subject to CCAC's current COVID-19 related policy, which requires audience members age 12 and up to be fully vaccinated or have a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours prior to arriving at a performance, along with a matching photo ID.

Gaslight Theater Announces Auditions for April 24 & 25

HALLOWELL, ME (February 10, 2022) -- Auditions for Gaslight Theater's upcoming summer show, *I Hate Shakespeare*, written by Steph DeFerie and directed by Meg Matheson will be held outdoors at 5:30pm on Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25 at the Vaughn Homestead Pavilion located at 1 Litchfield Road in Hallowell. Please bring proof of Covid-19

vaccination to auditions. Show consists of comedic vignettes with doubling. Roles can be done by any gender and number and ages of cast can vary. Auditions are cold readings. Show dates are July 8, 9 and 10 in Augusta and July 15, 16 and 17 in Hallowell. If you are unable to make one of the audition dates, but wish to audition, please contact Meg at 623-2416 or email



Gaslight Theater rehearsal of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in August 2019, pictured are Emily Fournier, Ray Fletcher and Gregor Smith. Photo by Richard Bostwick

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Founded in 1937 as the Augusta Players, and since doing business as Gaslight Theater, we are the oldest continuously operating community theater in Maine. Productions have taken place in Hallowell City Hall since the late 1970s (until COVID intervened). We hope to return to our regular schedule in 2023

which is normally four shows a year, usually in late winter, early summer, late summer, and the fall, featuring a balance among musicals, mysteries, comedies, classics and new or experimental plays. For each show, we have at least six performances over two weekends, including Sunday matinees. For more information visit [Gaslight Theater online at www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org).

Maine State Music Theatre Looks Towards "Revival" Season

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 12, 2022) -- In preparation for their 2022 summer season at the Pickard Theatre, Maine State Music Theatre will host four special Teaser Tuesdays films during the month of May at 6 PM at Brunswick's Curtis Memorial Library's Morrell Meeting Room at 23 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME. The film series is free and open to the public.

Curt Dale Clark. The series starts with the 1965 film version of *The Sound of Music*, starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plumber on MAY 3 at 6 PM. Based on the real-life story of the Von Trapp Family singers, Julie Andrews plays the tomboyish postulant at an Austrian abbey who becomes a governess in the home of a widowed naval captain with seven children, and brings a new love of life and music into their lives.

2000 and starring Donny Osmond on MAY 10 at 6 PM. The Old Testament tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors gets a splashy, vigorous treatment with an energetic cast, Las Vegas-style glitz, and catchy, eclectic songs.

The third film is 1985's *The Color Purple* starring Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey on MAY 17 at 6 PM. This epic tale spanning forty years in the life of an African-American woman living in the South, is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and

a striking celebration of life. Based on the novel by Alice Walker.

The series ends with *Kinky Boots*, the 2005 comedy/drama starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Joel Edgerton on MAY 24 at 6 PM. After his father's demise, Charlie Price inherits the family business, a shoe factory in Northampton, England, and finds inspiration in the form of a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos.

For more information on these programs please call (207) 725-8769 or visit www.msmt.org.

Corvettes Doo Wop Concert April 30



FRYEBURG, ME (April 11, 2022) -- The national touring Corvettes are returning to the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center for another all out Doo Wop celebration on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 pm.

The Corvettes perform the great music of the Doo Wop era with a fresh, new energy. The band's incredibly entertaining show and comical stage antics have left many a happy audience screaming for more. Some of the timeless hits you might hear at a Corvettes Doo Wop Revue show include *Twistin' the Night Away*, *Earth Angel*, *Rock Around the Clock*, and so many more! And don't miss the Kustom Cruisers Club

of Maine's car show at 5:30, featuring a vast selection of customized classics on display outside on the LHE/PAC patio.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Order online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac, or call the box office at 207-544-9066. The LHE/PAC is located on the campus of Fryeburg Academy at 18 Bradley Street in Fryeburg, Maine.

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As the Omicron variant spreads, be wary of coronavirus cons. Read BBB's alert about COVID-19 testing scams.

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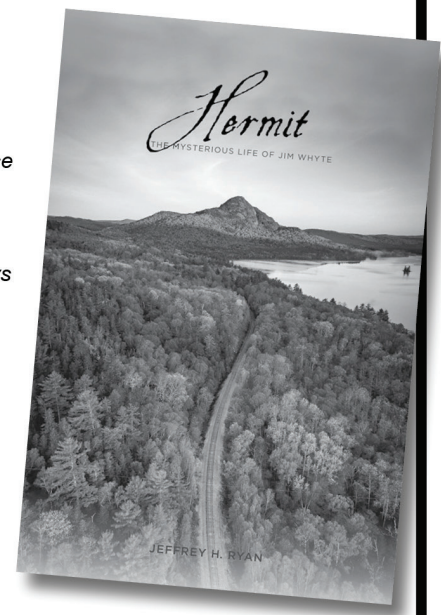
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Frontline Paper Celebrates Anniversary at Monson Arts Gallery

MONSON, ME (April 8, 2022) -- Frontline Arts, a New Jersey based veteran-led art program, is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its Frontline Paper project with an exhibition at the Monson Arts Gallery from April 8 to May 8.

Frontline Paper artists have traveled throughout the northeast with their mobile workshop making paper from military uniforms and then making imagery on the paper. The veterans who

participate in the process cut uniforms (sometimes ones they wore themselves, and others that were donated) into small pieces to be made into paper pulp and then sheets of paper that they draw, write, paint, and print on. While they are working, they engage in conversations with their fellow veterans about their military experience. The imagery and words on the paper often deal with responses to combat and returning home. The exhibit

represents a decade of artwork created by these veteran artists with over 150 pieces of original artwork on display.

Ron Erickson, artist and Program Manager at Frontline Paper spoke at the opening reception. In explaining how the program works he says, "Coming home is hard. When you make a piece of art and hang it on the wall, that gives a little seed to start a conversation. When you talk about it once, you can talk about

it again." The workshops are a place for veterans to come together and speak freely. At the exhibit opening, many residents in the area who attended felt a deep connection to the stories on view, as they are veterans and military family members.

Director of Monson Arts, Chantal Harris said, "It has been amazing to see how impactful this work is. Everyone who walks through feels the emotional power in this room." Monson Arts has

partnered with Frontline Arts to award an artist in residence placement to Mark Oldland this October. Mark is an artist and veteran who has participated in many workshops with Frontline.

Frontline Paper Ten Year Anniversary: The Power of the Collective is on view through May 8th, 2022. The Monson Arts Gallery is located at 8 Greenville Road, Monson Maine and is open Wednesday through Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm or

by appointment by calling 207-997-2070.

Monson Arts is an artists' residency and arts center in Monson, Maine supported by the Libra Foundation. Established in 2018, Monson Arts' programs include residencies, intensive shorter workshops, and educational partnerships with area schools. Located at the edge of Maine's North Woods near the Appalachian Trail, the town is surrounded by areas of stunning natural beauty.

Students in Maine Craft Blankets for Families Without Homes

WASHINGTON, DC (March 28, 2022) -- Children in Maine schools are now participating in the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project by creating blankets made in classrooms to be contributed to families without homes.

The project is a nationwide effort to encourage and compile homemade blankets for distribution to unhoused individuals and families.

"Children are naturally creative and empathetic and drawn to

help others," said Maire Trombley, 5th grade teacher at Wentworth School in Scarborough, Maine. "When they heard about this project, they were all in. And it's been an amazing combination of life skills: kindness first but also re-

sourcefulness, creativity and machinery. The kids learned about the math, art and history of quilting and are designing, cutting and sewing themselves."

Photos and videos of children designing and sewing quilt squares for

group blankets in three 5th grade classes have been posted online: <http://www.tinyurl.com/maine-schoolkids-blankets>

"It's a hands-on group project that is empowering children to do something about an issue that matters to them," said Ms. Trombley. "You can feel the love in their quilt squares and knowing our final product will help humanize and bring attention to people in need is a great feeling — one I imagine will stick with these kids for a long time to come."

5th-graders at Wentworth School expressed their enthusiasm for the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project and their deep concern for the blankets' recipients.

"This project is making blankets for people who need it and it's going to be sent to Washington DC," said Benedita Alberto. "I like doing this because it's helping others and I have kind of experienced this before. I am an immigrant and we had to be in a new place and couldn't work. We would have been homeless but other people helped us."

"I like making this quilt because I get to put my own creativity into something that someone will cherish and love and it will help keep them warm," said Clara Humble.

"The Maine students and I had zoom meetings to chat about homelessness," said Pat LaMarche, founder of the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project. "They were attentive and inquisitive. Kids at 10 or 11 years old understood the

need to change the status quo. They responded with empathy and in the end asked me how they could get more kids like themselves involved."

"That's the attitude that saves the world — one fifth grade math class at a time," said Ms. LaMarche.

The Homeless Memorial Blanket Project is preparing a display of blankets to cover 9,000 square feet of the West Lawn of the US Capitol in Washington, DC on Dec. 21, 2022.

The project has participants in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The most active states are currently Pennsylvania, Maine, Massachusetts, and South Carolina.

Each state is being asked to make at least 100 blankets, providing ten for the Capitol Lawn display and donating another 90 or more to outreach programs in their area. Typical blankets dimensions are 35" x 80" and 60" x 80" with a variety of fabrics, fibers, and colors.

The Homeless Memorial Blanket Project is hosted by the Charles Bruce Foundation (<https://charlesbrucefoundation.com>), which is located in central Pennsylvania. The Dec. 21 display will be an arts installation by this nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. MORE INFORMATION: Homeless Memorial Blanket Project on Facebook (national group)

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contact the Adult & Teen Services department at 207-513-3135 or lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov, or go to lplonline.org/events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/
Ap. 21
GORHAM -- 4pm
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Planning Board Meeting

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Ap. 23
GRAY -- Dine-In as well as Take-Out Baked Bean Supper is now being offered by the First Congregation Church of Gray. Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street. Gray. Take-Out pick up is between 4:30 - 5:00 P.M., Dine In begins at 5:15 P.M. You must make reservations for both Dine-In or Take-Out.
Contact Carol 650-9093 and let her know your name, phone number, how many meals you would like, choice of pie, and whether

you will be eating in or taking out. Cut off for Reservations is Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door. The menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, 2 Red Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Biscuit, and Apple or Blueberry Pie.
Ap. 30
BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. Hand sanitizer

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Franco-American Genealogy Society Elects New Leaders



LEWISTON, ME (March 10, 2022) – The Franco-American Genealogy Society announces its newly elected officers and board members. MFGS Officers and new Board Mem-

bers from left to right; Marie Murphy, Arthur Allard (Vice President), Jeanne Letourneau, Father Robert Parent (President), Simeon Breault (Webmaster), Ann Nadeau.

Murphy was employed for the City of Lewiston for 37 years. She now enjoys spending her time with her granddaughter. She was born and raised in Lewiston and proud of her deep Canadian roots which include the family names of Cloutier, Dostie, Nadeau and Veilleux.
Allard originally from New Hampshire, served 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He also worked for the Lewiston Public Schools system for 31 years. He joined the MFGS

in 1998 and served as VP, President and Research Director.
Letourneau has served as a MFGS Board member for approximately 6 years and is also a Board Member on the Minot Historical Society.
Father Parent has served as a Board Member, Librarian and President for several terms. He brings a wealth of information and many contacts that help to expand the resources at the library.
Breault is a retired

US Air Force officer (25 years) and as a school bus driver for 17 years. He was born in Lewiston but now resides in Brunswick. He joined MFGS in 2018 serving as a board member, librarian, "obituary clipper" and webmaster. He recently completed a ten-generation chart and is still collecting details on the Breault-Bazinnet family ancestors.
Nadeau is semi-retired after working 15 years at Oxford Networks as a Marketing and Human Resource Coordinator. She

also served as a volunteer and Board Member for the Womens' Hospital Association at CMMC. She is currently working on her 10 generation family chart which includes the family names of Miville-Deschaines, Morneault.

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High Peaks Alliance Closes on Perham Stream Birding Trail



Photo of the land newly acquired by the High Peaks Alliance. Photo Credit Taylor Walker

MADRID TWP, ME (February 10, 2022) -- High Peaks Alliance recently closed on an 80-acre parcel called the Perham Stream Birding Trail in Madrid Township. The parcel, which includes half a mile of frontage on Perham Stream and spectacular views of Saddleback Mountain and Mount Abraham, is the first property held in conservation by the Alliance. The Perham Stream Birding Trail is an increasingly popular nature trail

that leads recreaters through a variety of habitats with incredible views. The trail, which is listed on Maine Trail Finder, experienced a 60 percent increase in views from 2020 to 2021. The trail is also listed on Maine by Foot. High Peaks Alliance plans to install an accessible trail to allow anyone at any ability level to enjoy the property in the future.

In addition to recreational opportunities, this parcel includes a half-mile of stream frontage where endangered Atlantic Salmon eggs are stocked by the State of Maine. Perham Stream is listed as critical salmon and native brook trout habitat by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Lloyd Griscom, board president of the High Peaks Alliance and longtime Per-

ham Stream Birding Trail recreator said, "We at HPA are incredibly grateful to Carson Hinkley for his desire to preserve the tradition of stewardship his family has championed for five generations with this land. There is no doubt that Mr. Hinkley could have sold this parcel for top dollar, but he instead prioritized his family's legacy, the local environment and public access. We would also like to thank the funders who made our maiden voyage into land stewardship possible."

Funders for this project include: the Arboretum Fund at the Maine Community Foundation, Davis Conservation Fund, Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Wildeast Action Fund, Kay Gibson, The Wilderness Society with special thanks to Pete McKinley and HPA board members Lloyd Griscom and Ginni Robie. Brent West, the ex-


ecutive director of the High Peaks Alliance said, "Franklin County is an area with incredible wildlife resources and recreational potential, but most of the area is not currently served by a local land trust. The High Peaks Alliance has worked to conserve land and preserve all forms of recreational access in the high peaks region since 2007, and with this property, the organization is evolving to meet the unfulfilled regional need. We look forward to continuing to serve and grow in Franklin County. This property is just the beginning of what we can accomplish by uniting those people who care about our future together to serve the local area's conservation needs."

To learn more about the High Peaks Alliance, or to get involved, visit highpeaksalliance.org or email Brent West at brent@highpeaksalliance.org.


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