

## Conservatory of Music Announces Retirement of Executive Director

**PORTLAND, ME (April 25, 2022)**  
-- The Portland Conservatory of Music announces the retirement of its Executive Director Jean Murachanian, Ph.D. and its search for a new Executive Director. Murachanian will retire this summer after nearly seven years of serving the Portland Conservatory of Music.

Prior to her time as Executive Director of the non-profit Conservatory, Murachanian was an underwriter for a commercial finance company, analyzing the financial performance of companies under consideration for business loans ranging from \$7 to \$120 million. She also worked in the entertainment industry monitoring up to 65 budgets simultaneously for TV animation. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Finance from California State University, Northridge and a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is also an active board member with the Portland String Quartet and the Armenian Cultural Association of Maine. She has a passion for the arts, education, and arts administration.

Under Murachanian's leadership, the Portland Conservatory of Music has achieved many significant milestones in its 25+ year history. The Conservatory is now debt free, working to build a larger endowment, added several new programs, continues to see an increase in its enrollment, and has finally found its own, permanent home in Portland's historic West End.

In addition to these achievements the Conservatory now has two full-time staff members: an Associate Director of Development and Marketing and a full time Registrar/Office Manager.

Murachanian said, "The Conservatory is now perfectly poised to thrive and make a more meaningful impact in music education and performance in Southern Maine. While a lot has been accomplished, there is still much to do in order to take advantage of the new opportunities afforded by our building. As such, we've been exploring offering a traditional music program, partnering with Parks and Rec to provide after school lessons and starting a World Music Concert Series. Not to mention further fundraising for our Building Harmony Capital Campaign to fund the second phase of our renovations. I'm excited to see what lies ahead for PCM."

Building Harmony is a comprehensive, three year capital campaign to increase accessibility to quality music education for everyone through investing in a new space and innovative programming. The \$2.5M campaign was kicked off thanks to a \$1M anonymous donation that allowed for the purchase of the 28 Neal St. building. The fund has reached \$1.7M to date.

Portland Conservatory of Music is Portland, Maine's premier community music education center. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) community music school, the mission of Portland Conservatory of Music is to provide access to quality music education and performance for community members of all ages, abilities, and financial levels. Portland Conservatory of Music offers a wide-range of music educational programs ranging from private lessons and choirs to jazz ensembles and early childhood music.

Phase one renovations included acoustic improvements, insulating and fin-

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## Farmer's Market Opens May 7



**GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2022)**  
-- Join us for the opening day of the Gorham Farmers Market Saturday May 7th! Lots of new vendors along with your favorites from years past. We are excited to see you and have lots of seedlings for planting, fresh spring vegetables, eggs, locally raised meats, honey, delicious baked goods, fudge, apple cider vinegar, cocktail mixers, maple syrup, granola, goat cheese, goat's milk soap, beautiful flower bouquets, alpaca fiber arts, and more! Located behind the Baxter Memorial Library and next to the Gorham Recreation & Municipal Buildings with lots of convenient parking. We can't wait to see you on Saturday mornings!

## Welcome Back to the Movies!

**GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2022)**  
-- When was the last time you've been to a movie? For many Americans, it's been a while. While some theaters stayed open throughout the pandemic and others have been reopened for over a year, Hollywood has finally been releasing the myriad of films that were postponed which gives audiences a reason to return.

People are flocking back to their local cinemas and recent films such as Sonic 2 and Spider-Man: No Way Home prove that people are excited to return to the big screen. The future for Hollywood is looking much brighter.

### What's New?

This week action star Liam Neeson returns in *Memory*, a remake of the 2003 Belgian film. An assassin-for-hire finds he's the target after he refuses to complete a job.

### Coming Soon

*Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* Opening May 6th; early shows May 5th

*Dr. Strange* casts a forbidden spell

that opens the door to the multiverse and a threat to all humanity. Tickets on sale now!

*Downton Abbey : A New Era* May 20th with early shows May 18th & 19th

The *Crawley* family returns to the big screen and goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. Based on the hit TV show. Tickets on sale now!

*Top Gun: Maverick* In theaters May 27th, tickets on sale May 3rd

After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him.

This movie news segment is sponsored by Flagship Premium Cinemas.

## Attention Seniors!

**GORHAM, ME (April 26, 2022)**  
-- LAKES REGION SENIOR CENTER is presenting a special program by the DAYTIME PLAYERS on May 11, at 10:30 AM at our center. The Players are

a group of local senior thespians. They will be presenting their production entitled, "At the Birth of TV". It will make you laugh and be poignant, as well. It is geared toward senior experiences. This

event is open to the public and there is no charge. A light lunch will be served after the performance. We are located in the Gorham Activities Center at 40 Acorn Street, Gorham, Maine.



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## Maine State Music Theatre Looks Towards “Revival” Season

**BRUNSWICK, ME (April 12, 2022) – Teaser Tuesdays:** 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.

Each screening includes a free showing of the movie version of a 2022 MSMT mainstage show followed by a talk-back by MSMT Artistic Director, 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.

Next up is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* released in 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](http://www.msmt.org).

**Mainstage Series Season:** Tickets are now on sale at Maine State Mu-

sic Theatre for a full summer season at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus for the first time since 2019.

The 2022 mainstage series season kicks off from June 8 – 25 with the production of Rodger and Hammerstein’s *The Sound of Music*. One of the world’s most beloved musicals, this family favorite includes the well-known songs “My Favorite Things,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” “Climb Every Mountain,” and, of course, “The Sound of Music.”

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is next from June 29 – July 16. Filled with great music, costumes, laughter, joy, and heart, this sparkling show follows young Joseph as he faces adversity and triumphs through his dreams and his strong, unwavering faith. This magical musical is full of catchy songs from a parody of French ballads (“Those Canaan Days”), to country-western (“One More Angel in Heaven”) and calypso (“Benjamin Calypso”), along with the unforgettable classics “Any Dream Will Do” and “Close Every Door.”

The musical adaptation of Alice Walker’s

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (and the popular 1985 Steven Spielberg film), *The Color Purple*, comes to the Pickard Stage July 20 – August 6. The most inspirational show of the summer season, *The Color Purple* offers a joyous Grammy Award-winning score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues. This intensely moving American classic is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and a striking celebration of life.

The six-time Tony Award-winning *Kinky Boots* ends the mainstage season August 10 – 27 and tells the story of Charlie Price as he reluctantly inherits his father’s failing shoe factory. Trying to live up to his father’s legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola – a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, the unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible... and discover that when you change your mind about someone you can change your whole world.

The 2022 Concert Se-

ries starts with *You’ve Got a Friend* on June 19 and 20. Chicago’s favorite leading lady, Heidi Kettingring, lends her signature warmth to the beloved hits of Carole King, Karen Carpenter, Joni Mitchell and Linda Ronstadt in this hit-filled concert with songs including “Blue Bayou,” “So Far Away,” “A Case of You,” and “Superstar” among many others.

Classic Rock on July 10 and 11 features unforgettable hits by Journey, Pat Benatar, Boston, Heart, Kansas, Stevie Nicks, The Electric Light Orchestra and many more. Featuring a six-piece rock band including two dynamic lead singers, Classic Rock takes you back to the concert arena by plucking some of the greatest songs from your album collection and presenting them in all their anthemic glory.

The third in the series, *Darlin’ Companion* on July 31 and August 1 is an all-new tribute to the lives and music of Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. Starring Scott Moreau (Million Dollar Quartet; Ring of Fire) as Johnny and Allison Kelly (Ring of Fire) as June, these vocal powerhouses recreate

the charisma and energy of Cash and Carter with more than 25 of their best loved songs and duets including “Ring of Fire” and “I Walk the Line” to “Jackson” and “It Ain’t Me Baby.”

The Theatre for Young Audiences series includes *Jack and the Beanstalk* on June 13; the World Premiere of *The Very Fractured Tale of Robin Hood* on July 25; and *Frozen, Jr.* on August 22.

All series are available as subscriptions at discounted rates through June 25.

The off-season Box Office is located at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick until May 30, 2022 when it moves to the Pickard Theater for the summer season. For more information, and to buy tickets for the 2022 season, please visit [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org) or call the Box Office at (207) 725-8769.

All of MSMT’s summer performances take place at the Pickard Theater on the campus of Bowdoin College located at 1 Bath Road in Brunswick.

Maine State Music Theatre’s premier sponsors are Highland Green, Oceanview at Falmouth, and Cumberland Crossing.

## Gray Republicans Host Election Integrity Program

**GRAY, ME (April 26, 2022) —**The Gray Republicans hosted a program about election integrity, titled “Will Your Vote Count in November? Will the Next Election Be Stolen?”

The event was on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bible Believing Baptist Church at 92 Center Road in Gray. The featured speaker was Dorene Lib-

by of New Gloucester, a co-founder of MEAudit.org, a group that has identified voting irregularities in the November 2020 election here in Maine.

Her slide presentation demonstrated that there is enough evidence of mismatches between population numbers and registered voter totals to warrant an audit of the 2020 election and, at the

very minimum, to deal with the potential for fraud going forward.

Jack Wibby of the GRC Executive Committee provided information on voter fraud in November 2020 in six other states: Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. He cited data from two national reports: one by Peter Navarro and the second by Caroline

Reynolds.

The Chair of the Gray Republican Committee, Peter Falkenberg Brown, presented a short talk on “The 2020 Election: Corruption, Intimidation, and Malfeasance.”

He recommended that ballotcounting machines be eliminated completely, stating: “Ballot machines cannot be trusted, and it has nothing to do with

whether they’re connected to the Internet (which, of course, makes them even less secure). The only secure way to count ballots is by hand, with opposing teams checking the work every step of the way.”

David Reed, a Republican Candidate for the Maine House of Representatives in District 105 (North Yarmouth and Gray), wrapped up the

program with his recommendations on what the Maine legislature could do to create election integrity.

The event was the ninth in a series of educational events hosted by the Gray Republican Committee since January 2019. It was the second event in 2022 and is part of their action plan this year to get out the vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Superintendent's Update

**By Gorham Schools Superintendent Heather Perry**

**GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2022)** -- Good afternoon everyone! I hope all are well and enjoying getting back into the swing of things since we have returned from our April break! Just six weeks to go until the end of the 2021-22 School Year! Where has the time gone? What a great time of year for our schools, our students and our families. Engines are firing on all cylinders for our students and staff that is for sure! So much to do...so much to celebrate! I encourage you all to buckle up and enjoy the ride!

As usual, here are a few images from the past week or so in our schools!

Now on to the informational stuff!

**THIS COMING WEEK IS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (May 2 - May 6)**

National Teacher's Appreciation week is a time for everyone to thank the educators who work so hard to make our schools the supportive, caring, and positive learning environments that they are here in Gorham and across the nation.

Whenever I think of Teacher Appreciation Week, I think of a song written by songwriter Barry Lane entitled "If I'd Never Had a Teacher". It's a great classic song that really brings home the point of why our teachers are so important

These past few years have challenged all of us. Parents, teachers, administrators, business owners, EVERYONE. From that infamous day in March of 2020 through now, our teachers have met these challenges by rolling up their sleeves and opening their arms and hearts in even bigger ways than they ever had before! Our teachers are the heart of our school system and WE HAVE INCREDIBLE TEACHERS.

I know not everyone has a chance to send a card or to find a way to more personally acknowledge our teachers. If you can, I'd certainly encourage it next week...but if you can't...I wanted to create a quick and easy way for us all to share with our teachers how much we love and appreciate what they do for our children each and every day in Gorham. So, I created a BRIEF Survey that asks the question:

**"What are the top three qualities that you love most about our teachers?"**

Please go to the link below to respond to the survey. I'll share the results across the district with our teachers on Friday, May 6 so they can see all your responses in the form of one big Wordle. It will only take 5 minutes to respond and it will make all the difference in the world for our teachers to know just how much you care!

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/mWh6iqe9Nt-vdQdnG8>

**COVID 19 PAN-DEMIC/ENDEMIC**

There have been some recent announcements in the national media regarding formal movement away from a pandemic here in the U.S. and towards entering the "endemic" phase of dealing with COVID 19. Experts such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, Chief Medical Advisor to the President, have recently announced that at least in the U.S. we are moving out of the pandemic phase of COVID 19 in regards to new infections, hospitalizations, and deaths and that it appears we are making our way towards the virus becoming endemic. What does this mean? Well, is surely DOES NOT mean that COVID 19 has gone away. An endemic means that the virus is still around but it's at a level that is not causing significant disruption in our daily

lives. In essence, it means we are learning to live with the virus.

As a school system, a lot of what this means is that more and more responsibilities are being placed with families regarding how to navigate the virus itself on an individual basis. We continue to maintain all of our health and safety protocols, but much more of the daily navigation and decision making is on the part of the parents, like monitoring for symptoms and keeping children home who are sick or like if your child tests positive for COVID 19, letting the school know so that we can record and monitor active cases and maintain our website data to help inform other parents so that they can make informed choices. If we have a circumstance where we know of 3 confirmed cases within 7 days within a specific classroom, we will continue to notify parents as well.

Overall, as we move into this endemic phase what should you be thinking about as a parent?

1. Continue to monitor for symptoms and consider getting your child tested if they experience symptoms or have recently been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID 19.

2. If you have traveled and are worried about possible exposure, test upon return.

3. If your child tests positive, follow the isolation and masking guidelines outlined on the CDC website (which still contains A LOT of excellent information to help guide you). Also, let the school know so that we can report the active cases and communicate as needed.

4. If your child has symptoms, keep them home until symptoms have improved and reach out to school nurses with questions.



5. Monitor the school's active cases website and if you see cases start to increase, know that just because you or your child have elected not to wear a mask now, doesn't mean that you can't elect to wear a mask later. In other words, follow the data and make your own informed choices about masking and know that that choice can be a fluid one.

6. Communicate, Communicate, Communicate. Reach out to our school nurses with questions. They are here to help guide you and ensure the safety of your child(ren) and others in our schools.

If we all remain vigilant and mindful of these types of common sense approaches to dealing with COVID 19, we will help one another to stay healthy and to ensure that we continue to move down the path towards a COVID 19 "endemic" where our "little friend" may still be annoying, but is no longer ruling

our lives.

**'TIS THE SEASON FOR SPRING TESTING!**

As we move into the last six weeks of school, we also move heavily into our spring testing mode. It is so very important for us as a school system (now probably more so than ever) to be able to gain insight into how our students are performing in core academic areas so that we can best meet their needs now and into the future.

As a district we use various types of testing results to help inform our instructional practices at many levels. From specific individual classroom instruction levels, to district wide curriculum purchases, staffing, and policy levels and everything in between.

It is important that students are well rested and present to take these assessments. This isn't to put any undue pressure on our students mind you, and I hope parents think of testing in the same way. We simply want our students to try their best so that we have the most accurate assessment of their learning so that we, in turn, can make the best decisions possible about our instructional practices.

The largest of these tests is our NWEA/MEA testing for grades K-11. Testing for NWEA will take place across our schools between May 2, 2022 - May 27, 2022 being mindful to avoid testing during Eid.

As always, if you have questions, please reach out *See Superintendent, page 11*

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

# Spring Paddling is Simply the Best!

Guest Column by **Ron Chase**

(April 29, 2022) --

For over four decades, I've looked forward to spring whitewater paddling. For me, the exciting rapids announce the most dramatic seasonal change of all. Each year, my outdoor club, the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS), provides the opportunity and impetus to realize that aspiration with a comprehensive schedule of whitewater trips beginning in March.

Again this spring, Souadabscook Stream in Hampden was one of our earliest outings. Nick-named the "icebreaker trip" by Trip Coordinator, Eggman DeCoster, there was no ice on the stream, but the water temperature was frigid. Eleven intrepid Chowderheads turned out to test their skills on Class II/III whitewater with a Class IV waterfall, Grand Falls. Substantial age diversity was represented in the group that included three teenagers and one ancient mariner; that would be me.

We consisted of six kayakers, two solo canoeists, a tandem canoe

team, and a single blade paddler in a decked boat called a C-1. All were well-equipped for ice cold water, most wearing dry suits while a handful sought protection with dry tops and paddle pants. Helmets and lifejackets are required on all PPCS whitewater trips.

A painted gauge on the bridge abutment below Emerson Mill Falls indicated the stream was flowing slightly under a medium level, perfect for an early spring excursion. We launched above a pushy Class II rapid a little upstream of Manning Mill Bridge. When I descended the circuitous route in my kayak, an icy wave broke over my head; a frosty reminder that this was not a day for rolling practice.

Soon after, Team Icebreaker arrived at a river wide play wave. Eager participants determinedly practiced their surfing techniques. The C-1 boater flipped and missed his roll, experiencing the first ice cream headache of the day. Following a plummet down the waves of Boy Scout Rapid, we approached a substantial ledge drop, Emerson Mill Falls. Most

paddlers had clean descents but a solo canoeist capsized when attempting a turbulent passage on the left. Safety conscious Chowderheads were quick to affect rescue.

More surfing preceded Crawford's Falls, a technical Class III that everyone successfully navigated on the left. After negotiating through feisty waves in Papermill Rapid, it was decision-making time: to paddle or walk Grand Falls. One kayaker, a solo canoeist, and a father and son tandem canoe team decided to take the plunge. The solo canoeist had a short swim at the bottom before executing a difficult self-rescue, while the others were triumphant. There were more thrills and spills before taking out at Route 1A in Hampden.

Each April, Souadabscook Stream is host to a demanding downstream canoe and kayak race. A chapter in my latest book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*, describes the challenges encountered by a tandem canoe team competing in the Junior/Senior Class.

Three kayakers and two canoeists turned out

for another PPCS favorite, Togus Stream in Chelsea and Randolph. I grew up playing along Togus Stream but never knew anyone who had paddled it until the club organized a trip there a few years ago. This day, we were confronted with a succession of exciting paddling obstacles when navigating the attenuated freshet. Descending through large culverts, ducking under bridges and low hanging branches, navigating numerous rapids, and por-



Members of the Penobscot Paddle Club launch on Souadabscook Stream in Hampden



A boater capsizes in icy water at a play wave on Souadabscook Stream

taging around dangerous impediments were some of the many exploits we experienced. I provided unintended entertainment hand paddling a rapid after accidentally dropping my kayak paddle while attempting to take photographs in a tiny eddy.

A few days later, five seniors not acting their ages met in Henniker, New Hampshire, to paddle the Contoocook River, one of the most popular whitewater excursions in New England. We enjoyed an excellent water level while twice successfully maneuvering through the stimulating 2.5 mile course

that included two difficult rapids, S-Turn and Freight Train.

Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner was the site of another exhilarating PPCS whitewater escapade. The water was high when four Chowderheads launched below a dam to begin the Class III outing. After they had surfed some play waves and portaged around another dam, the excitement began in earnest with about a mile of non-stop action that required a complex move around a bridge abutment. One canoeist took a short swim but quickly completed a self-rescue.

Only a couple of

weeks into spring and Chowderheads have already experienced a multitude of whitewater adventures. There's much more to come!

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is now available at <https://www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco.html>. His 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](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net).

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# MaineCF Scholarships Available For Adult Learners

**PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (April 25, 2022)** — Adults considering career changes or advancement in their field could be eligible for scholarships from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF).

Short-term scholarships are available for adult learners pursuing career changes or earning workplace credentials for programs including Certified Nursing Assistant, phlebotomy, coding, cosmetology, and commercial drivers' licenses.

"These short-term awards are a great way for adults who are pursuing ca-

reer changes or want to earn credentials in their workplace," said Liz Fickett, director of grants and scholarships. "We encourage adult learners to take advantage of these scholarships," said Liz Fickett, director of grants and scholarships.

In 2021, MaineCF awarded a total of \$86,848 in short-term scholarships to 76 applicants throughout the state, including new Mainers, students either returning to educational programs or taking them for the first time, and those who are residents of the state corrections facilities.

Applicants are eligible for a short-term award if the

program lasts less than a full semester and will earn a certificate or credential at the end of the program, not a degree. Short-term awards have a rolling deadline of the first of each month and applicants should apply at least one month before the program begins. Decisions are typically made within three weeks of each deadline. Scholarship amounts will depend on the individual need, but most awards will be up to \$1,500.

Visit [www.maineef.org](http://www.maineef.org) to apply. For more information, contact Jackie Shannon, scholarship coordinator, at 207-412-2004 or [jshannon@maineef.org](mailto:jshannon@maineef.org).



The Maine Community Foundation awards short-term scholarships for adult learners who are pursuing career changes or want to earn workplace credentials, such as commercial drivers' licenses.

## Guest Column: Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month

**Guest Column by Joseph Reagan**

**(April 27, 2022)** — On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued; Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us — all allied nations — to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our broth-

ers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, school-children collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen Truscott and committed their lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation united them and helped them solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective

history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest, open dialog.

This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were

meant to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred by the invisible wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with

the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember "what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life." As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who

made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which they gave their lives.

While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Baxter Memorial Library Activities



**GORHAM, ME (April 28, 2022)** – Baxter Memorial Library is featuring several fun opportunities in the month of May.

**Book Club!**  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain. Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai  
We will meet in person at 10:00am in the Schnei-

der Great Room – Masks optional. No registration necessary. All are welcome!

**Spring Book Sale and Train Show Sponsored by the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library**  
Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-6pm; Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm. Shaw Gym (next door to the Library in the Rec building)  
We have thousands

of books for all ages and interests. All proceeds benefit the activities of the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. Members advocate the importance of library services to the community and provide financial support through membership dues and fundraising events.

The Maine 3-Railers, an O-Gauge model railroad club from all over Maine, will bring trains of all kinds to the library. The Maine 3-Railers is Maine's premier O-gauge model railroad club. This group is currently the largest and oldest club in the state dedicated exclusively to the enjoyment and advancement of the O-gauge, 3-rail model railroad hobby.

Membership in the club is open to adults and children alike. For more information about the club

visit their website at [www.maine3railers.org](http://www.maine3railers.org).

### Author Conversation

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. Join us at 6:30 for a conversation between two local authors! Jennifer Dupree, whose new book *The Miraculous Flight* of Owen Leach just came out in April, and Elisha Emerson — whose poetry, short stories, and essays may be found in a number of publications — will come and talk about writing!

Jennifer Dupree is a librarian, freelance editor, and former bookstore owner. Elisha Emerson's short stories, poetry, and essays have been published in a variety of publications.

This event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library.

### Story Adventures



Tuesdays, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> 10am. Join Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff for an outdoor story time that features stories, singing, dancing and playing! We encourage all participants to come prepared for our changeable Maine weather by dressing for outdoor play, i.e. layers, mud boots, and sunglasses. Ages 2-5.

### Student-Designed Book Crafts

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

12:30pm. Four Gorham Middle School students have helped design a craft program for kids ages 8 to 15. Join us (and bring your parent or other adult in your life) to spend an early release day crafting on the Baxter Memorial Library lawn. We will make scrabble tile necklaces, bookmarks, buttons and magnets. Ages 8-15.

In the event of inclement weather, we will move the program inside.

## MSMT Offers Sensory-Friendly Performances for Kids

**BRUNSWICK, ME (April 29, 2022)** – Maine State Music Theatre is committed to helping young audiences experience the magic of theatre by providing Theatre for Young Audiences performances each season. However, a standard theatrical experience may not always be accessible for children with social, cognitive, or phys-

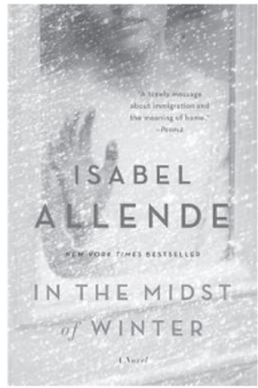
ical challenges. The sensory-friendly performance project gives the theatre the opportunity to demonstrate further its commitment to be an inclusive, supportive community providing theatrical experience for all patrons.

This summer MSMT presents a sensory-friendly 50-minute version of Robin and Clark's Jack and the

Beanstalk on Saturday, June 4, from 6-7 PM and Randall Frizado's *The Very Fractured Tale of Robin Hood* on Saturday, July 16 from 6-7 PM at MSMT's Rehearsal Hall at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick – a performance environment that is safe and accessible for children. Admission is free but space is limited so reservations are required.

To reserve seats, visit [msmt.org/sensory-friendly](http://msmt.org/sensory-friendly) or call 207-725-8769.

The sensory-friendly performance program is supported by generous gifts from The National Endowment for The Arts, The Onion Foundation, The Anna-Maria Moggio Foundation, The Maine Arts Commission, & The Alfred M. Senter Foundation.



The NGPL Book Club will be reading **In the Midst of Winter** by Isabel Allende. Meeting is Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am at the library. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book! Copies are available at the library to pick up.


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# Landry Awarded \$1,000 Scholarship

**LEWISTON, ME (April 28, 2022)** – Leah Landry has been selected as the 2022 Milestones Federal Credit Union scholarship recipient. Leah will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship provided on behalf of the credit union's membership.

Leah is a Senior at Lewiston High School, and plans to study Biomedical Engineering at Union College. Leah is the daughter of Brian Landry and Amy Landry.



# YCCC Announces York County Promise Free College Scholarship

**WELLS, ME (April 21, 2022)** -- York County Community College (YCCC) is pleased to announce the York County Promise Free College Scholarship. The new initiative was passed by the State of Maine Legislature and signed by the Governor making Maine high school graduates from the classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 eligible for a scholarship that covers the tuition and fees of an Associate's degree or one-year certificate at York County Community College.

Last year, YCCC offered the York County Promise to the class of 2021 who graduated from York County high schools. This new opportunity expands on YCCC's York County Promise to all students across Maine with graduation years 2020 - 2023. Now they all can receive a quality, relevant education that will prepare them to enter the workforce.

"The York County Promise Free College Scholarship is another way YCCC is working to supply a trained and educat-

ed workforce to Maine's businesses," said YCCC President Michael Fischer. "Much like the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, the Free College Scholarship invests in Maine residents to help them receive the training and education needed to support long term economic growth in Maine."

The York County Promise Free College Scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship, which will cover tuition and fees of an Associate's degree or one-year certificate at YCCC. As a last-dollar scholarship, eligible students must first accept all Federal and state grants awarded to them. Any remaining costs associated with tuition and fees will be covered by the York County Promise Free College Scholarship.

To qualify, students must:

Have a high school diploma or equivalent from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. This includes homeschooled students, and students earning a GED or Hi-SET during those years.

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Live in Maine at the time of enrollment and while enrolled in the program.

For more information about the York County Promise Free College Scholarship or to APPLY please access

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

# Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home to Open May 7

**RAYMOND, ME (April 25, 2022)** – Kicking-off with a celebratory Open House on Saturday, May 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—to which the public is cordially invited—the boyhood home of the legendary author of *The Scarlet Letter* in Raymond (40 Hawthorne Road) will be transformed into a cozy, inviting events center available for everything from meetings to receptions to small weddings to crafts fairs to birthday parties and more, from May through September each year.

The free Open House on May 7 will feature refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and live music from popular singer-guitarist Gary Wittner from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The occasion will mark the successful completion of Phase 1 of The Hawthorne Community Association's three-year-

long effort to raise \$75,000 to make urgent structural repairs to the building affectionately referred to as "the Hawthorne House." Those funds enabled essential repair of the building's foundation and other critical elements of its structure, as well as an attractive makeover of the interior into a cozy, welcoming meeting place. Phase 2 of the fundraising campaign will seek to raise an additional \$30,000 to cover the costs of a new roof and new siding and painting.

Event rentals at the Hawthorne House will help fund Phase 2 of the fundraising campaign. Rates are

\$25 per hour for nonprofits and Hawthorne Community Association members, and \$50 per hour for non-members (minimum of two hours).

To donate to Phase 2 of the effort to fully repair Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home, please consider a much-appreciated check payable to "Hawthorne Community Association" / PO Box 185 / South Casco, ME 04077. PayPal donations may be made online at: <https://www.hawthorneassoc.com>.

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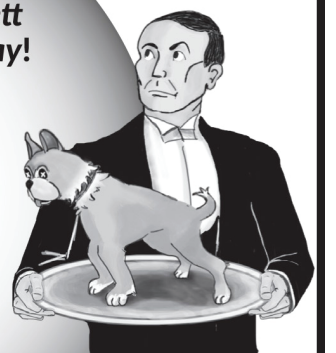
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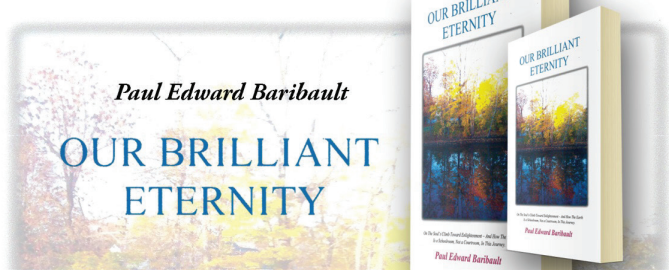
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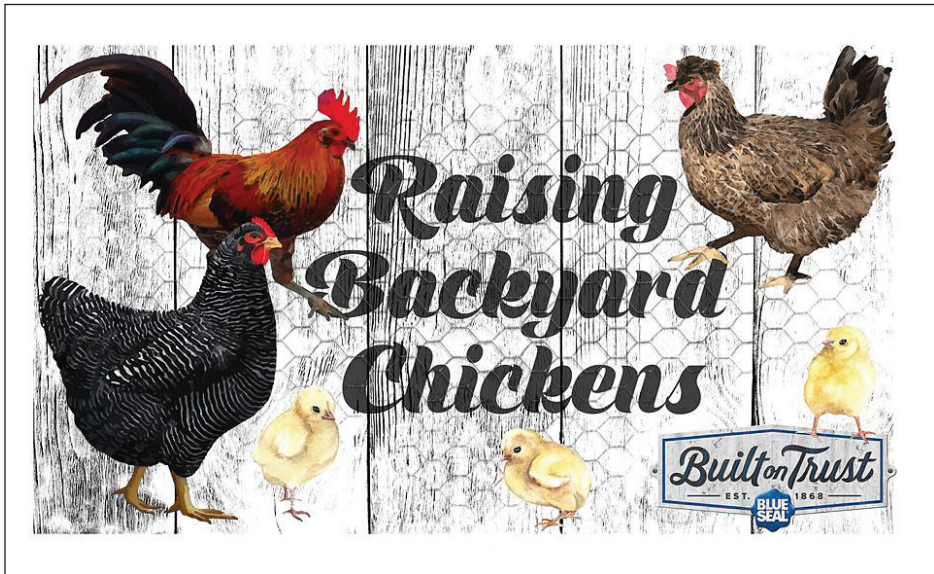
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## Blue Seal Homesteader Series: Back to Basics



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Seal and November's Harvest in this event discussing raising chicks, how to raise chicks and common problems; choosing a breed, where to buy and how many; getting ready for

your chicks; what supplies you need to get started, shelter, nesting boxes and more. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/385102140173181> for more information.

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## Conservatory Raises \$700 for Displaced Ukrainian Families

**PORTLAND, ME (April 21, 2022)** -- On Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at 12:15pm, violinists Margaret Bruziak Hopkins and Bożena Bruziak O'Brien took the stage for the Noonday Concert Series at the Portland Conservatory of Music (PCM). The two sisters revisited their Polish heritage and performed traditional Polish dance songs, such as Mazurek, Polonez and Oberek in addition to leading off the concert with a Ukrainian folk tune.

Margaret Bruziak Hopkins is a violin instructor at the Portland Conservatory of Music and performs around the New England area with various groups, including the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra, Maine Pro Musica and more.

Her sister, Bożena Bruziak O'Brien, is a violin instructor and freelance violinist who works throughout New England.

Because ties between

Ukraine and Poland, where the sisters were born, are so close, Margaret and Bożena partnered with the Portland Conservatory of Music to help those impacted by the ongoing conflict. All donations made at the performance, which normally fund the Noonday Concert Series, were donated to the UNICEF Ukrainian Relief Fund along with both Margaret and Bożena donating their performance earnings as well. This amounted to \$700 which will provide aid to those most affected by the conflict.

Margaret said "Ties between Ukraine and Poland are very close. We can't be there in person to help, but monetary donations can go far in assisting the procurement of supplies needed. The perfect opportunity to raise some funds is through sharing our music and educating people in the culture of Poland which is so closely linked to Ukraine."

Additional contributions can also be made directly to the UNICEF fund at [unicefusa.org](http://unicefusa.org)

The Noonday Concert Series presented by the Portland Conservatory of Music is a free community concert series that highlights the award winning faculty at PCM. An integral part of the PCM's mission, this series is provided free of charge to the public through individual donations (matched by the David Nichols Charitable Trust) and thanks to series sponsors, Norman Hanson Detroty Attorneys at Law and the Portland Rossini Club.

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## Forbes Names Camden National Bank One of "World's Best Banks"

**CAMDEN, ME (April 21, 2022)** – Camden National Bank has been named to Forbes magazine's list of "World's Best Banks" for the second consecutive year, ranking in the top 15 of 75 U.S. banks being recognized. As of March 2022, there were 4,839 commercial banks and savings institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The recognition results from a collaboration between Forbes and Statista to conduct a consumer survey that evaluated feedback from 45,000 banking customers across 27 countries. All brick-and-mortar-banks, along with online-only banks, offering a checking and/or savings account were considered, with questions spanning topics including trust, terms & conditions, customer services, digital services and

financial advice.

"We're passionate about listening to our customers in order to provide the guidance and stability they need, along with personalized services to make their financial lives that little bit easier" said Greg Dufour, President & CEO of Camden National Bank. "We're grateful for this recognition from Forbes and for the confidence and trust our customers continue to place in our organization."

The award builds on Camden National Bank's 2021 recognition as a Customer Experience Leader in U.S. Retail Banking for the 4th year in a row, and in U.S. Commercial Small Business Banking for the 2nd year in a row by Coalition Greenwich, a division of CRISIL. Camden National Bank was also honored to be named one of the 2021 Best Places to Work in Maine.

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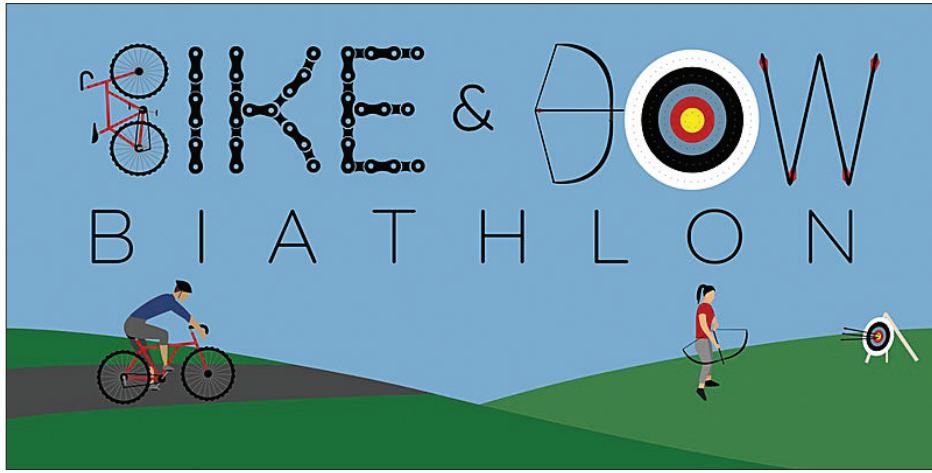
# Bike and Bow Biathlon Coming Up

**GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2022)** -- Looking for some competition or just a fun activity to do outside, well, go no further as you can join us for the Bike & Bow Biathlon. This event challenges the participants with an off-road course on a mountain bike then asks them to use a recurve bow and arrow to hit a target.

Registration will go from 8am until 8:45am.

This is open to anyone who can independently and safely ride a bike and pull back a bow.

An individual or two person relay team can com-



pete in which one member would be required to bike a loop on the trail before taking four attempts with a

bow to sink an arrow in the target. Once they complete their shots, the individual or next member of the

team repeats the process. There will be waves of ten participants competing at given times.

Note... the recurve bow, arrows and targets will be provided at the event. You will need to bring your own bike and helmet.

The event will be held on the Shaw Cherry Hill Farm Trails next to the Sebago Brewing Company Tasting Room on Saturday, May 22nd. The race will go from 9:30am until approximately 1pm. There will be waves of people over the course of the morning with each wave taking approximately 30 minutes to complete all the biathlon rounds.

There will be a kids

fun race at 9am. They will start with the bow and get four shots then proceed to the bike course, do one lap, return for one more round with the bow and then ride one more lap.

It will cost \$15 for each competitor ages 11 and above and \$5 for the kids race participants ages 10 and below. The proceeds from this event will support the Gorham Outdoors club.

Thanks to our sponsors: Sebago Brewing Company, Gorham Rec Department, Greater Portland NEMBA, and Gorham Outdoors.

## ALT Announces Fundraiser to Purchase Camp Gustin

**AUBURN, ME (April 22, 2022)** -- The Camp Gustin Campaign will permanently protect 95 acres in Sabattus, Androscoggin County, along Loon Pond and Curtis Bog. The property has freshwater vulnerable forested and bog wetlands, upland wetlands, and forested upland buffer. Resource protection is the primary management goal for this project. There are approximately 1,800 feet of shore frontage on Loon Pond, several flowing and intermittent streams, vernal pools, and wetland including 15 acres of Curtis Bog. This property gives ALT the opportunity to protect the undeveloped character of a substantial section of shoreline providing water quality benefits. The property is a key component in

protecting and preserving a 429-acre connective undeveloped habitat corridor with abutting conserved land. This property is at significant risk for development.

Use of the property would include low-impact recreation including hiking, hunting, biking, skiing, fishing, birding, and carry-in carry-out camping. Camping on this site has been established for decades and ALT would continue to maintain this site for camping. Camping will be open to the public and sites will be available by reservation.

ALT has raised a sizable portion of the funds needed to conserve the property but must raise the final \$228,000 by May 1, 2022, to permanently protect the land from de-

velopment. ALT will finance the purchase of Camp Gustin with a combination of approaches: conservation funding from Land for Maine's Future Program, conservation funding from other organizations, and funds from private individuals.

"The Gustin families are more than thrilled to know that their legacy will live on through the acquisition by Androscoggin Land Trust. This purchase will preserve the property for outdoor recreational use in its wild and undeveloped nature by the Boy Scouts and the public. It has always been a source of immense pride that our Grandfather, Great-grandfather, and Great-great grandfather, Charles W. Gustin, made this charitable land donation

in 1948. It was very important to his two sons, George W. and Lewis A. Gustin, that the land continue to be used for the purpose their father intended, and for his legacy to live on for generations.

We thank Androscoggin Land Trust and Pine Tree Council for working together in providing permanent conservation of Camp Gustin. Truly, this is a great outcome and will allow Camp Gustin to be appreciated and used for years and years to come by all." – Shareen Gustin Thompson and the Gustin family

"This is a tremendous opportunity to conserve a

very important property not only for its conservation values, but its historical ties for local people, the Gustin family, and the scouting community," said Aimee Dorval, ALT Executive Director. "We are grateful to the Pine Tree Council for agreeing to sell and conserve this land, and we are thrilled to extend the acreage in the Loon Pond/Curtis Bog watershed. The contiguous wildlife habitat and wetlands are irreplaceable. And we are extremely grateful to have the full support of the Gustin family in protecting a piece of land that is sentimental to their family."

For more information about ALT or to donate please visit [www.androscogginlandtrust.org](http://www.androscogginlandtrust.org)

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**REMINDER - DISTRICT & SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

As I mentioned earlier, these next six weeks are going to FLY BY and will be filled with MANY activities as we celebrate the end of another successful school year here in Gorham! I know lots of information will be coming out to families and sometimes it may be hard to keep up. I want to remind families that you can view the district's calendar of events on our main web page at [www.gorham-schools.org](http://www.gorham-schools.org). But ALSO, don't forget to click on [each school's page](#) for their individual calendar of events as a great way to try and keep track of everything. Finally, when in doubt...just reach out with an email or a quick phone call to your school. We know you are all busy and are doing the best you can to juggle all you need to

juggle as parents - give us a call with questions anytime!

**EXCITING GRANT AWARD FROM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR!**

The Gorham Schools just today received exciting news that our grant application to the Maine Department of Labor to strengthen and expand apprenticeship programs in our schools (both at GHS level and at Adult Education Levels) was approved! The Gorham Schools will be receiving a total of almost \$1.4 million dollars over the next three years to build out Apprentice programs in the following areas: Learning Facilitator/Educational Technicians; CNA; Early Childhood Education; CDL Licensure.

We will work with our already strong partnerships with our Gorham Business Roundtable, our Aspire Gorham Steering Committee, our Adult Education Program and CTE partnerships, and with our incredible partners at SMCC to conduct this important work

over the next 3+ years. We are hoping to serve at least 120 students by December of 2024 in apprenticeship programs. This grant will allow us to build capacity and internal processes and procedures which we will then use to sustain and grow these programs over both the short and longer term!

More to come...stay tuned!

**FY 23 PROPOSED GORHAM SCHOOL BUDGET FACT #1**

As we move forward in our budget approval processes for FY 23, I will include a "budget fact" in each of my blogs between now and the June 14 validation referendum vote. Please know these are just little pieces of a much larger puzzle. You can follow all the information by going to our budget development webpage. Or you can always reach out to me to ask any questions by emailing me at [heather.perry@gorham-schools.org](mailto:heather.perry@gorham-schools.org).

Did you know that the Gorham Schools has one

of the LOWEST Per Pupil Costs in Cumberland County (#12 out of 13 school systems).

**UPCOMING DUNK & DISCUSS MEETINGS WITH SUPERINTENDENT PERRY**

As the year winds down, as we work to gain approval for our FY 23 Proposed School Budget and as we reflect and think ahead to goals for the coming year, I wanted to offer up an opportunity to just simply sit down with folks who might be interested to chat! In the past, I've held these meetings early in the morning and have had some feedback that isn't the best time, especially for parents who are working to get their children ready for school. So for these I'm going to try an after school time. I realize that time can also be hectic and busy for folks, but perhaps a little more available. We'll see.

There are NO AGENDAS for these meetings. I simply show up. Individuals who participate

can come with specific questions you may have, or you may share ideas or information you think is important for me to be aware of and to consider in my role as Superintendent of Schools here in Gorham. These meetings are really more of just a conversation and an opportunity for me to LISTEN and for you to get any questions you may have answered. The only "norm" I will insist upon is that all conversations are respectful and civil. This is not a meeting to air your political beliefs or for me to air mine.

Dates/Time/Location for three of these meetings are listed below. I welcome anyone who cares about the community of Gorham to attend!

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Aroma Joe's - Gorham ME.

Monday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. at Aroma Joe's - Gorham, ME.

Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Aroma Joe's - Gorham, ME.

**Hope to see you there! COMMUNITY RESOURCE - VOICES OF HOPE...THE RUGGED ROAD TO RECOVERY**

For those of you who have ever been impacted by addiction and/or who are currently seeking resources associated with this important topic for you or others you may know and love, I wanted to share this resource.

This website is dedicated to Reducing stigma associated with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). It is focused on people telling their stories as a way of letting people know they are not alone and that there is indeed hope for recovery. These are stories from right here in Maine and they are powerful. Worth the time to check it out for sure.

Here's the link: <https://voicesofhopeandrecovery.org/>

That's it for this installment! More on my next blog scheduled for May 13th!

**Ongoing Commitment to Service Earns Roy L'Italien, CENTURY 21 Advantage, 2021 Quality Service Pinnacle Award**

**LEWISTON, ME (Grassroots Newswire) (February 24, 2022)** -- Jamie White, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Advantage announced today that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized sales

affiliate Roy L'Italien with the CENTURY 21 2021 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award.

"The Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award is an integral part of our brand's commitment to

excellence and recognizes Roy's dedication to making each and every client interaction a positive one," said Michael Miedler, president and CEO, Century 21 Real Estate.

The annual award

is based on results from the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Survey (QSS) which is e-mailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home. To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer

Award, an agent must receive completed customer surveys for at least 80 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1 - December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percent or better

for two consecutive years.

"Roy provides clients with knowledge and advice related to their real estate transaction and offers them confidence during what may be the

*See Award, page 14*



# GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

## *Field Funding Campaign*



The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

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# BDA Hosts Behind-the-Scenes Event

**BRUNSWICK, ME (April 29, 2022)** – The Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) Speaker Series will go “on the road” to Maine State Theatre’s rehearsal space at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick as they continue to support the arts in downtown Brunswick

Discover the excitement that goes on Behind-

the-Scenes of a theatre production at Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick Maine! From set design, costume creation and lighting to auditions and choreography, we’ll learn how it all comes together! \$35 per person includes: Refreshments: Heavily house-made appetizers by OneSixtyFive, Inn at Park Row, including char-

cuterie with Lakin’s Gorges Cheese Award Winning Rockwell Cheese, delicious house-made onion dip, chicken satay and much more!

Cash bar available with wine, beer, cocktails and mocktails.

Live music.

Q & A with Curt Dale Clark.

Tours! This is your

chance to see MSMT’s prop shop, costume shop, scenery room, welding, and paint decks. See where the magic happens! Plus, tour the recently renovated apprentice quarters.

Date: Thursday, May 12

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Registration and net-

working begin at 5:00, program: 5:45 – 6:30, Tours: 6:30 – 7:00

Cost: \$35 per person (+ processing fee)

Registration Link: [brunswickdowntown.org/events/bda-speaker-series-behind-the-scenes](https://brunswickdowntown.org/events/bda-speaker-series-behind-the-scenes)

The BDA Speaker Series is generously sponsored by:

Atlantic Federal Credit Union; Avita of Brunswick; Sunnybrook Retirement Community; Mid Coast Parkway Health.

The BDA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. BDA’s Mission Statement: To promote Downtown Brunswick as a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, play and do business.

# Vivid Motion Dance’s Spring Show Returns

**PORTLAND, ME (April 26, 2022)** - After a pandemic hiatus, Vivid Motion Dance will once again welcome audience members to see its spring production in the St. Lawrence Arts Center. Tickets for *Flowers and Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* are on sale now and performances begin Friday,

May 6<sup>th</sup>. Exploring the themes of love, dedication, and fate, *Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* is a reimagining of the stories of Persephone and Hades, Eros and Psyche, and Orpheus and Eurydice. Featuring ballet, lyrical, disco, and contemporary dance, this is the Greek

Myths done VivMo style. *Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* features Jessica Jane Means and Venus Murphy as Aphrodite, Alison Odlin and April Kurtz as Persephone, Brigitte Paulus as Eurydice, Trevor Bean as Orpheus, Caelistus Paulus as Eros, Maren Root as Psyche, and Matt Begin as Hades.

Vivid Motion provides opportunities for dancers with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. This year’s cast includes dancers from Freeport, Bath, Portland, Scarborough, Westbrook, Brunswick, North Berwick, Saco, Standish, Readfield, Auburn, Durham, and Dover, New Hampshire.

Vivid Motion is proud to be a fully vaccinated company and is requiring all patrons to present proof of vaccination and photo ID prior to entering the theater. We are not accepting negative test results as a replacement for being vaccinated.

Patrons must wear masks while in the theater and refunds will not be given for unvaccinated patrons. Concessions, if they are sold, will not be allowed in the auditorium this year. The full COVID policy is available at [vividmotion.org/audience-covid-policy](https://vividmotion.org/audience-covid-policy).

WHO: Vivid Motion Dance, Portland’s innovative and kinda quirky dance company

WHAT: *Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance*

WHEN: Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th, at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress Street, Portland

Tickets are available at [vividmotion.org](https://vividmotion.org).

*Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* is sponsored by BIS Tools, Rudy Ferrante of Guild Mortgage, Petit Jete, WJZP 107.9, Letterpress Books and Beneath the Bark Woodworking.

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## Guest Column

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problems that we face.

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott’s apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have an obligation to choose resilience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question “why do you do so much to help Veterans?” he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, “for the one I couldn’t save.” By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose – he found his own.

It’s often said that for those who have served “every day is Memorial Day,” a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran’s mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself,

after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this Memorial Day.

*Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans’ Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is the recipient of multiple awards and decorations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.*

*To view resources for service members, veterans, and their families, please visit [learn.wreathscrossamerica.org/veteranresources](https://learn.wreathscrossamerica.org/veteranresources).*

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

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**May 4 and every Wednesday**

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

**GORHAM – 10:00am**  
Weekly story time has resumed at the North Gorham Public Library! Storytime is open to children & their caregivers. Join us weekly for stories, songs and crafts every Wednesday at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd, Gorham ME.

**May 7**  
**GORHAM – 4:30-5:30pm** Take Out Bean Supper (Pre-order Required) White Rock Community Clubhouse; 34 Wilson Road, Gorham

Saturday, May 7, 4:30-5:30pm. Last Dinner of the season! \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Meal includes kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and a dessert bar. Please, pre-order by Wednesday, May 4. Call Fran at 892-9521.

**May 10**  
**GORHAM -- 6:30pm**  
Town Council FY 2022-23 Budget Workshop with School Department Council Chambers

**May 13**  
**GORHAM --** Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD'S next meeting will be May 13 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Police Dept. All are welcome. The guest speaker will be Lynda Adams. She is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach who helps people become aware and make changes in all areas of their lives (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) to improve their overall health. Lynda will guide us to review these areas of our lives and help us come up with ways to make some simple changes that will have long term, lasting positive results.

**May 15**  
**BUXTON --** AGE FRIENDLY BUXTON SPRING CLEAN UP DAY MAY 15, 2022, 9-11 AM, RAIN OR SHINE. Help our community and be part of our first annual Buxton Clean-up Day! Our project will begin at 9am at the Buxton Transfer Station. If possible, bring your own trash bag; some will be available. We will then disperse to clean our own neighborhoods, leaving the bags at curbside for the regular pickup day. Sponsored by the newly formed AARP Aging in Buxton Team. Spread the news and bring a friend!! Aging-inbuxton@gmail.com for details.

**June 4**  
**AUBURN --** The Maine Iris Society announces its upcoming Iris & Spring Flower Show being held on Saturday, June 4th from 130pm to 4pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr, Auburn. Admission is free and will feature

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**Award**  
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most significant purchase of a lifetime,” said Jamie White, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Advantage.

“The power of the CENTURY 21 brand rests on the shoulders of the relentless sales professionals like Roy L’Italien who always elevate and give 121%

to their clients throughout the entire client relationship,” said Michael Miedler. “So as we celebrate their accomplishments we understand that delivering extraordinary experiences is what homebuyers, sellers and property investors deserve, and they should be demanding from their real estate company and agent of choice.”

L’Italien will receive a customized glass trophy, in addition to being recognized at the CENTURY 21 Global Conference.

## Maine Healthcare Executive Named Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice



Ken Albert RN, Esq. – President + CEO – Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice.

**LEWISTON, ME (January 26, 2022)** – Ken Albert, R.N., Esq., President and CEO of Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice (Androscoggin) has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC).

Located in Washington, D.C., NAHC is a non-profit organization that represents the nation’s 33,000 home care and hospice organizations. The Association advocates for the more than two million healthcare professionals that provide in-home services to more than twelve million Americans each year.

“I am incredibly honored to serve in this capacity. Today more than ever, Americans desire expanded

options to receive health care where they reside” said Albert. “I intend to work with the Association, members of Congress and with the Biden Administration for necessary enhancements to Medicare and Medicaid that will improve access to quality health care at home.”

Albert’s background is rich in medical experience, including seventeen years of clinical practice in emergency and intensive care settings. In that time, Albert served as Director of Emergency Services at Central Maine Medical

Center, and as the Lewiston Site Manager for LifeFlight of Maine. Additionally, Albert spent five years as a traveling critical care nurse working in metropolitan, rural and tribal communities across the United States. He also served for several years as an adjunct faculty member at New England College where he taught Legal Issues in Health Care Administration. Prior to joining Androscoggin in 2016, Albert served as the Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the

Director of the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Before joining the Department in 2012, Albert practiced law in Maine, specializing in health law, professional licensing, and regulatory and compliance law.

Albert also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Maine College of Health Professions and was recently appointed by Lewiston’s Mayor, Carl Sheline, to serve on the City’s Economic Development Committee.

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Facebook /Gorham White Rock Grange #380 Web/ [mainestategrange.org](http://mainestategrange.org) The White Rock is called Subordinate grange. Use right column to locate.

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### Conservatory

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ishing walls, adding emergency exits, new handrails, a fire alarm system, lighting upgrades, a fresh air system, new roof and security system. The second phase of renovations will include installation of an air conditioning system, new electrical service, a wheelchair

lift between levels, window replacements, a sprinkler system and a new stage.

“Jean has had an enormous impact on the Conservatory. Her leadership and management skills have made it possible for us to thrive despite all the challenges of the last few years. The Portland Conservatory of Music is in a much better

place due to Jean’s tenure.” - Steve Clayman, Board President.

“She has put her whole heart into this job. She grew into the role and helped to provide stability and help PCM to grow into the future. As a team member she helped to make the board vibrant, worked hard to develop relation-

ships - with the faculty, the students, the board and the community – and worked tirelessly to move us into our new home at 28 Neal Street.” - Mark Braun, Past President and Board Mem-

ber.

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Thursday, May 5, 2022

and performance who can lead the thriving organization.

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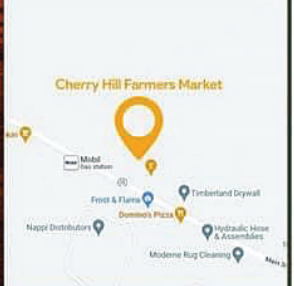
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