

Madison Prize for Written Excellence Essay Winners Announced



Arabella Bradley (Gr 7), the winner of the Madison Prize for Written Excellence.

GORHAM, ME (June 3, 2022) -- The Gorham Republican Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the eighth annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence. This essay contest was open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who live in the Town of Gorham. This year there were entries from 52 very talented and thoughtful students. The question this year was, "Why is capitalism a better economic system than socialism?"

Entries were scored anonymously on knowledge, clarity of ideas and persuasiveness, with one winner and two runners up selected by the Committee. The essay awards each runner up a scholarship of \$100. There were many strong contenders, but this year the runner up prizes were awarded to Sophie Giberson (Gr 8) and Stella Moores (Gr 8). The first place winner is awarded a \$250 scholarship. This year, the Committee is very proud to announce Arabella Bradley (Gr 7) as the winner of the Madison Prize for Written Excellence. Congratulations Arabella!

The Committee judges included Barry Hadlock, Carole Hadlock, Jamie Douglas, Susanne Roberge, Judy Falk, James Falk and Liesl Turner. The Committee would like to thank the Gorham Middle School staff for its support, and all the students who participated for their hard work and their passion for knowledge. You make Gorham proud!

Maine Community College Students Awarded Scholarship

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME (May 25, 2022) — Ten Maine community college students were awarded full tuition scholarships in honor of Leon A. Gorman for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. The students were celebrated Monday, May 23, 2022 in an online event with Gorman family members and L.L.Bean leadership.

This is the seventh year the Leon A. Gorman Scholarship has been given. The scholarship supports three students at Southern Maine Community College, two students at Central Maine Community College, and one student at the other five colleges. Each of the ten Leon A. Gorman Scholars will receive an award equal to a full year of tuition at a Maine community college.

The Leon A. Gorman Endowed Scholarship was established in 2014 by the children of Leon and Lisa Gorman in honor of Mr. Gorman's 80th birthday. The scholarship supports Maine community college students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, financial need, and a commitment to community service, a hallmark of the scholarship's namesake.

"This year's ten Leon Gorman Scholars are simply amazing. They have families, jobs, and personal challenges, all while excelling in their academics. My family and I are honored to recognize their hard work, commitment, and dedication to their community with the Leon A. Gorman Scholarship. I know Leon would have been proud of them and proud to have these students represent his legacy," said Lisa Gorman.

The 2022 Leon A. Gorman Scholars are:

Robert Martin (Prentiss Township, ME), Criminal Justice, Central Maine Community College;

Andrew Severson (Rockland, ME), Business Administration and Management, Central Maine Community College;

Elizabeth Gagnon (Brewer, ME), Nursing, Eastern Maine Community College;

Allison Pease (Belgrade, ME), Physical Therapist Assistant, Kennebec Valley Community College;

Darrell Adams, III (Caribou, ME),
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New Career Exploration Resource for Students Launches

AUGUSTA, ME (June 1, 2022) -- The Maine Department of Labor (DOL) and Maine Department of Education (DOE) have launched a new student career discovery dashboard that presents data on in-demand jobs and wages in a manner that is accessible to students in grades 6-12.

Students can explore these data in a variety of ways, such as by geographic region, career clusters of occupations with similar features, and the typical educational requirement of the career. Students can find information about the role of each career cluster in Maine's economy with a specific data point, like how many jobs there are today, what Maine workers earn in the career, and how many job openings are projected in the next ten years.

"It is exciting to see the Maine Departments of Labor and Education collaborate to bring the Center for Workforce Research and Information website online," Maine Legislature Representative Paul Stearns said. "The site features a wonderful exploration tool to give students, parents and educators the information that they need to make sound, data driven career decisions."

MDOL's Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI) collaborated with the Maine Department of Education and a group of Maine educators in the design of the student-friendly dashboard. The dashboard includes a video for help navigating the webpage and an introductory guide for counselors, teachers, and students with an overview of available

data on jobs and wages in Maine.

"It is never too early to explore your career options and interests," Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman said. "This new tool gives students and their teachers a user-friendly way to look at potential careers, which jobs are currently in-demand, and what steps they can take to foster the skills they would need to reach their goals."

"Career exploration tools like this help students see what kinds of careers match their passions and interests, learn valuable insights and information about possible careers, and plan for their futures," Education Commissioner Pender Makin said. "We're excited to offer this interactive dashboard to students and

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Collins Pushes to Assist First-Generation, Low-Income Students

Washington, D.C. (June 2, 2022) – U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jon Tester (D-MT) led a bipartisan group of 56 Senators – including Senator Angus King (I-ME) – in advocating for robust funding for Federal TRIO Programs in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. Senators Collins and Tester are the

Co-Chairs of the Congressional TRIO Caucus.

Nationally, there are more than 3,100 TRIO programs serving more than 800,000 students. In Maine, 30 TRIO programs serve almost 7,600 students all over the state.

TRIO programs help to ensure that underserved students have equal access to a college education and the support they need to prepare for, succeed in,

and graduate from higher education. These programs provide crucial support to low-income students, first-generation students, students with disabilities, homeless youths, students in or exiting foster care, military veterans, English learners, unemployed adults, and students in rural communities.

“Congress created the TRIO Programs because it recognized that

low-income, first-generation students often face significant financial and societal obstacles to accessing and achieving success in higher education. Without TRIO’s individualized counseling, advising, and support, many of these students may lose opportunities for a better life,” said Senator Collins. “When we lend a hand to those who have the motivation to pursue higher ed-

ucation but lack the means, they give back to their communities. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I am proud to be an advocate for these important and often life-changing programs.”

“Investing in our first-generation college students is one of the best ways to guarantee these young Montanans are equipped to compete in a 21st century econo-

my,” said Senator Tester. “This TRIO funding will not only help shape the next generation of leaders, but it will support the working families who have already given so much to ensure their success. I’m glad to join Senator Collins and a bipartisan majority of our colleagues in the Senate in supporting funding for this critical program and the diverse students it supports.”

Governor Mills Promotes Free Community College

BANGOR, ME (May 30, 2022)—Governor Janet Mills today visited Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor to promote her recently-passed plan to provide two years of free community college to pandemic impacted students.

During her visit, Governor Mills surveyed construction of EMCC’s nursing simulation lab, which is being funded in part by the Mills Administration and will help provide training to future nurses. The Governor then visited two of EMCC’s workforce classes – one on surgical tech and the other on commercial driving – that are supported by investments through the

Governor’s Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan.

Overall, the Governor’s Jobs Plan includes some \$300 million in workforce investments, including \$105 million for programs at Maine schools, community colleges, and universities; \$50 million for affordable and workforce housing; \$20 million to expand Pre-K and childcare infrastructure, and more.

“With the strong bipartisan support of the Legislature, we are ensuring that high school students whose aspirations for higher education were impacted by the pandemic have the opportunity to get a tuition free education and enter Maine’s

workforce with a reliable, good-paying, and in-demand job,” said Governor Mills. “From nursing and surgical tech programs, like those I toured today at EMCC, to construction and commercial driving and more, students will be able to obtain the skills and credentials they need to help solve Maine’s biggest workforce challenges. I want young people to know that the future belongs to them, and that we will help you embrace it.”

“These key investments from the state are meeting a tremendous need for students at Maine’s community colleges. Free college in particular is a game changer, and expanding nursing

and short-term workforce training will significantly boost the number of skilled workers in the state for these high-demand jobs,” said David Daigler, president of the Maine Community College System.

Approximately 8,000 young Maine people are expected to be eligible for free community college — and as college graduates, they will have higher earning power, enter a career track faster, be more “recession-proof,” and earn significantly more money over their careers than high school graduates. Many of these students will enter the workforce in their early 20s, now with high value degrees and

certificates and with specialized skills and abilities in high-demand areas.

More information about free community college can be found by visiting www.freecommunitycollegemaine.com.

Governor Mills today also visited AIT Bridges, an engineering and manufacturing company that supplies advanced composite materials developed by the University of Maine for bridges while providing sustainable, low-cost solutions to the aging and deteriorating transportation infrastructure industry. The MaineDOT has utilized AIT’s innovative technology on the Grist Mill Bridge in Hampden, which has been complet-

ed, and the Twin Bridge in Hampden, which is currently under construction.

The Governor also visited Compotech, Inc., a leader in the design, development, manufacturing and commercialization of composite blast and ballistic resistant structures for defense industries, and Somic America, a leading manufacturer of ball joints for suspension and steering systems for the automotive manufacturing market.

The Governor’s visit to Penobscot County come as she travels across the state. The Governor has visited Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Cumberland, Kennebec, York, and Somerset counties.

Special Olympics Maine Athletes Head to USA Games

MAINE (June 3, 2022) – On Friday June 3rd 35 Special Olympic Maine athletes, their coaches, unified partners, caddies and 1 head of delegation will gather for an official send-off celebration at Embassy Suites at the Jetport at 5PM and then travel to Orlando, FL for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games on Saturday morning.

June 4-12, the 2022 Special Olympics USA

Games will unite more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean and expects 125,000 spectators during one of the country’s most cherished sporting events.

The Maine athletes will be competing in Bowling, Bocce, Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, and Golf. We will also be sending two Unified pairs (an athlete with an intellectual disability and one without)

to attend as Unified Youth Leaders and Youth Ambassadors.

Special Olympics Maine is very excited about their recent partnership with the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation through their MAC – Masons Assisting Communities initiative to ensure the Maine delegation is fully funded for their trip to the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

“Fundraising has



been a major challenge these past 2 years and there were certainly concerns as to how we were going to make this happen” said Lisa Bird, PR Director for Special Olympics Maine. “We are so incredibly thankful for this new partnership and thrilled to be working with the Foundation”. We have also partnered with our local Jersey Mikes restaurants who held an entire month of fundraising in March to also assist the Maine athletes. We are incredibly thankful for their dedication and generosity.

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In her free time, Fran enjoys spending time with her family & friends and her pride & joy is her grandson, Caiden.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Yarmouth Ad Agency Hires Four

YARMOUTH, ME (June 2, 2022) — For the past few months, advertising agency owner, Rich Davies, has been on a bit of a hiring spree. The 44-year old firm, based in Yarmouth, Maine is leveling up for growth. “We have uncommonly long-term relationships with clients and staff we believe in and enjoy being around. In addition to retaining our deeply rewarding relationships with our existing clients, our goal is to attract New England businesses who are eager to partner with a full-service agency. It’s exciting to add staff with this depth of experience and matching core values.”

Vreeland has hired Daria Cullen to fill the role of Media Director. Cullen is responsible for the planning and placement of broadcast, streaming, and print media advertising for all clients. She’s enjoyed



Colby Gray

a distinguished 30-year career in media buying — including stints with Ethos Marketing and Burgess Advertising — where she’s served the banking, finance, education, health-care, and retail industries, as well as state agencies and non-profit organizations.

Elizabeth Hogan has joined Vreeland as Executive Coordinator, responsible for supporting the



Daria Cullen

CEO and assisting the team with accounts payable, accounts receivable, media billing, and vendor communication. She’s quickly become the agency’s most sought-after proofreader and “cruise director,” organizing fun, team-bonding activities. Hogan has nearly 20 years of advertising agency experience and hails most recently from NL Partners.

Colby Gray has come



Elizabeth Hogan

aboard as Account Executive to support one of the agency’s largest clients. She’s an even-keeled problem-solver, who plans and executes marketing campaigns, print collateral, and events. Since earning a BA in communications and media studies, Gray has pursued opportunities that allow her to harness her communication skills. Prior to joining Vreeland, she held the role of Op-



Lisa Hallee

erations Manager at Tide Smart, and Relationship & Business Development Strategist at Strategic HR.

Lisa Hallee has joined the Vreeland team as Account Executive and Content Strategist. Her holistic approach to building out strategic multi-channel marketing plans and digital content helps clients identify and connect with target audiences in meaningful ways. Lisa’s natural cu-

riosity and willingness to explore “what if” scenarios, pragmatic style, and professional integrity shine through in her service to clients. Hallee most recently held a leadership role at a Maine-based public relations firm. She’s built a career in advertising and communications, with over decade in bank marketing.

Vreeland is an independent brand and advertising agency located in Yarmouth, Maine and founded in 1978. The agency helps New England businesses and organizations create and cultivate their brands to authentically engage with all constituents—customers, employees, and stakeholders. Vreeland delivers a wide range of marketing support to clients in the retail, tourism, financial, and energy industries. For more information, visit <https://www.vreeland.com>

2100+ Mainers Helped Through Healthy Living for ME Workshops

MAINE, STATE-WID (May 20, 2022) -- Since 2019, Healthy Living for ME and partners of its statewide network have reached over 2100 Mainers through nearly 200 workshops held to support the prevention and reduction of falls in Maine.

“Falls are a serious health concern for many Mainers. Worries about falling, as well as injuries resulting from falls, can seriously impact a person’s ability to remain living independently in their home and community. We are so pleased that over the three years of this grant that we were able to reach so many Mainers and help them improve their quality of life through these workshops,” said Jennifer Fortin, Training and Fidelity Manager at Healthy Living for ME.

According to the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC), each year one in four adults over the age of 65 experiences a

fall. One in every five falls causes a serious injury and three million older adults receive emergency room treatment because of a fall annually.

The three-year Administration for Community Living falls prevention grant was awarded to Healthy Living for ME in 2019 and ran through April 2022. Healthy Living for ME and their community partners exceeded the grant goals. Through the grant, four different workshops were offered: A Matter of Balance, Bingocize, Tai Chi for Health and Balance, and EnhanceFitness.

The workshops were offered both in-person and online by fifteen different community partners throughout the state. These partners were: Aroostook Agency on Aging, SeniorsPlus, Spectrum Generations, Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, Eastern Area Agency on Aging, MaineGeneral, Central Lincoln County YMCA,



Boothbay YMCA, Kennebec Valley YMCA, Region 9 Learning Center, Franklin County Adult Education, All the Difference, LLC., Central Maine Healthcare, Holli Nicknair, and Vitality+. Many of these organizations remain as active partners with the HL4ME network, offering workshops on topics other than falls prevention.

Overall, participants reported significant satisfaction with their experience and positive lifestyle changes due to the HL4ME workshops.

- 98% of participants confirmed they will increase activity due to education from a falls prevention workshop

- 98% of participants confirmed they have made positive changes due to taking a falls prevention work-

shop

- 96% of participants feel more satisfied with life after taking a falls prevention workshop

- 94% of participants feel more comfortable talking to their healthcare provider about falling after completing a falls prevention workshop

- 87% of participants felt less fear of falling

- 86% of participants would recommend the workshop to a friend

One participant of a Tai Chi for Health & Balance workshop stated, “They did an excellent job, very dedicated to helping us... provides excellent resource and instructions and personalizes instructions.”

Another participant said, “As we progressed I felt more secure doing other physical activities that require energy and balance. Also the ability to relax physically actually improved my mental outlook.”

In addition to Falls Prevention workshops,

Healthy Living for ME offers numerous other workshops that are offered for free, or at a low-cost, and are open to adult Mainers of any age. Other workshop topics include chronic disease self-management, support for caregivers, diabetes prevention and management, and support for individuals living with acquired brain injuries or intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Healthy Living for ME welcomes referrals from healthcare providers. Our evidence-based programming can help patients manage and prevent conditions before they become more serious or result in emergency situations.

To learn more about Healthy Living for ME and the workshops offered through the network, visit www.healthylivingforme.org.



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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Navigating the Iconic Machias River Part Two: Little Falls to Machias



A paddler navigates one of the Wigwam Rapids on the Machias River

Guest Column by Ron Chase

(May 30, 2022) -- Ken Gordon and I were beginning the third day of our five day outing on the Machias River in Washington County. Paddling expedition kayaks, two seniors not acting their ages had completed a little less than half of the 55 mile journey and were camped at the foot of Little Falls.

We awoke to bluebird skies and light winds. The paddling day began with a stretch of flatwater to Mopang Stream which entered on the right. Around the bend was the two mile sector of whitewater called Wigwam Rapids.

The protracted first

Wigwam began with a steep pitch replete with unappealing holes. After scouting, we successfully navigated left before proceeding through the rollicking runout. Stimulating rapids introduced second Wigwam which entailed cautious maneuvering around two ledge drops. A horizon line indicated our approach to third Wigwam. After careful scrutiny, we plunged down the left side while managing to avoid breaking waves, boulders, and a wide powerful hole at the bottom. Our exhilarating visit with the Wigwams finished with a Class II descent through large waves in the final pitch.

The three mile flatwa-

ter paddle to Holmes Falls was delightfully interrupted by a deer swimming in the river. The portage around the hazardous falls began by catching a tiny moving eddy just above the onset that required precise execution to safely land. We broke up the demanding carry by camping about halfway through the portage trail at a site overlooking the turbulent cataract.

Day four began with sunshine and warmer weather. A short paddle through easy rapids brought us to Deadman's Island located a short distance above Little Holmes Falls. We stopped on the island to visit a stone monument dedicated to the memory of Obadiah Hill, an early Machias River pioneer, and to scout the entrance to the falls. Little Holmes is a complex rapid that isn't easily reconnoitered and concludes with a Class IV descent left of an island and a technical Class III to the right. After proceeding through an approach rapid, we ferried hard right to an eddy to investigate the right side and set up safety. The technical twisting descent was negotiated without incident.

The excitement of

Little Holmes behind us, a long expanse of flatwater followed. Near the confluence with Old Stream, we enjoyed an entertaining encounter with a young bear foraging next to shore. The startled little bruin scurried into the woods when we were detected.

Following lunch at Getchel Riffles, we battled a strong headwind while persisting to Great Falls, the longest rapid on the river. From the portage trail, it was apparent the waves were more substantial than most of my prior visits. The best location to view the falls is from the top of gigantic boulders high above the extensive rapid. After careful inspection, we decided to portage gear and carry kayaks around the top half of the falls. A spirited plummet dodging rocks in the lower section followed. We ended our day enjoying sunshine and a warm gentle breeze at an idyllic campsite next to the falls.

We were up early for our final day hoping to avoid rain forecasted to begin mid-morning. Despite our hurried efforts, showers started while breaking camp. We launched in light rain.

The precipitation subsided during our six mile paddle to the old logging community of Whitneyville. The ubiquitous open banks of that circuitous section of river are the result of a former lake created by a dam since removed. The view of a church steeple announced our arrival in Whitneyville where a rousing Class II rapid carried us under a bridge at Route 1A.

Shortly after, we



A kayaker begins a tricky descent of Little Holmes Falls on the Machias River



A memorial to Obadiah Hill on Deadman's Island is a must stop on the Machias River

passed the site of the former U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) river gauge. Inexplicably, it ceased operating several years ago. Why the USGS continues to maintain a gauge for the minor tributary of Old Stream but neglects one for the largest watershed in the area is bewildering.

The remaining five miles to Machias consisted of flatwater with sporadic easy rapids to more substantial whitewater in a gorge beginning shortly before entering town. The long feisty rapid was the perfect way to end our journey on one of Maine's finest tripping rivers.

More tales of adven-

ture and misadventure on the Machias River can be found in my book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is 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 www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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Girl Scouts of Maine Awards \$22,500 in College Scholarships

MAINE STATE-WIDE (June 1, 2022)—Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) held their Annual Celebration at Messalonskee Performing Arts in Oakland, where they honored Girl Scouts and adult volunteers for their significant accomplishments. Achievements celebrated include the Girl Scout Gold and Silver Awards, the two highest honors a Girl Scout can earn, GSME Future Leaders Scholarships, with a total of \$22,500 in scholarship funds awarded, the Class of 2022 graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors, and volunteer awards honoring the many dedicated adults that are at the core of the Girl Scout Movement.

The Gold Award Girl Scouts honored include Hannah Robertson of Acton, Nora Spratt of Castine, and Madelyn Buzza of Mapleton. From saving bees to adulting seminars, and addressing the lack of Emergency 911 signs, these incredible girls have made significant, sustainable impacts in their communities through their Gold Award projects. To learn more about their projects, visit www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/girlstories

“The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Gold Award Girl Scouts are the seekers and the doers who take the Girl Scout mission to “make the world a better place” to the next level. To earn this unique award, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts tackle issues dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities,” said Joanne Crepeau, CEO, Girl Scouts of Maine. “The Girl Scout Gold Award is the proof that not only can she make a difference, but also that she already has. In addition, the Gold Award is a key that can open doors to scholarships, preferred college admission, and

amazing career opportunities.”

While the Gold Award is the highest award for Girl Scouts in high school, the Silver Award allows Girl Scout Cadettes in middle school to focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, while gaining the confidence and skills that will catapult them to lifelong success. Nineteen Girl Scouts from across the state earned their Silver Award and were recognized at this year’s celebration.

Silver Award projects included community action against food insecurity, college care packages, hygiene kits for the homeless, flag boxes, and a reading fun club. Silver Award Girl Scouts honored include Maggie O’Rourke of Calais, Acadia Dorgan, Adelaide Schroeck, and Abigail River of Kittery, Ashley Roy, Michaela Harrington, and Isabella Westman of Greene, Elizabeth Smith of Bangor, Carly Climo of Bradley, Catherine Lajoie of Gardiner, Ella Glover of Lewiston, Viola Perkins of Lisbon, Alexyss Baird of Lisbon Falls, Delia Hartley and Celia Kehl of Kittery, Laura Taylor and Lily Raleigh of Hermon, and Arianna Priest and Katherine Rockwell of Kittery. Each Silver Award Girl Scout and their projects are highlighted at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/girlstories.

Beyond the highest award recognitions, 14 Girl Scouts graduating high school from across the state were awarded GSME Future Leaders Scholarships. The \$22,500 in scholarship funds were awarded to Grace Goodwin of Brewer, Ayla Clark of Biddeford, Devin Geisler of Farmingdale, Kayden Haylock of Hartford, Elizabeth Stefaniak of Sebago, Kathleen Dean of Auburn, Kimberly Spears of Sid-



Girls and their mothers celebrating after Girl Scouts of Maine Annual Celebration event at Messalonskee High School in Oakland on May 7, 2022.

ney, Emma Gaecklein of Searsport, Erica Johnson of Nobleboro, Kathryn Clay of Cape Elizabeth, Megan Brewer of Orono, Emma Landry of Fort Kent, Darby Kline of Cape Elizabeth, and Rebecca Hatt of Biddeford. In the 5 years since this scholarship fund was created, a total of \$77,500 has been awarded to 47 Girl Scout recipients.

“Girl Scouts of Maine is dedicated to preparing girls for a lifetime of leadership—in their own life and in the world. As women, we often face unique challenges, but we also have an unparalleled reach to make positive impacts,” said Joanne Crepeau, CEO of Girl Scouts of Maine. “These young women demonstrated that Girl Scouts is a place where a girl can find her voice and build leadership skills that will carry her into her adult life. We are very proud to award each of them a Future Leaders Scholarship.”

In addition to the scholarship recipients, more than 100 high school Girl Scouts from across the state were recognized as a part of the Class of 2022 Girl Scout Ambassadors.

Adult award recognitions included the President’s Award, Appreciation and Honor Pins, and the Thanks Badge. These prestigious adult Girl Scout awards recognize adult volunteers who have gone above and beyond expectations to pro-

vide outstanding service to GSME.

“There is no way we could provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to thousands of girls in our communities, without the generosity of time and heart of our volunteers in this room and across the state,” said Julia Munsey, GSME Board of Directors President. “Without their fierce commitment to these girls—to their present and to their future— Girl Scouts wouldn’t follow their own convictions, take the lead in their own stories, and explore all the extraordinary things they’re capable of. We’re so grateful for their contributions, and love honoring them at our Annual Celebration.”

The celebration continues throughout June virtually at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/annualcelebration and on Girl Scouts of Maine’s YouTube channel and Facebook.



Alexyss Baird being awarded her Girl Scout Silver Award by GSME CEO, Joanne Crepeau, and GSME Board of Directors President, Julia Munsey at Messalonskee High School during Girl Scouts of Maine’s Annual Celebration in Oakland on May 7, 2022.



The Girl Scouts of Maine Annual Celebration stage at Messalonskee High School in Oakland on May 7, 2022.




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PORTLAND, ME (June 2, 2022) -- From June 24th to the 26th the Portland Conservatory of Music will present "Piano Palooza", a weekend of concerts featuring renowned professional and local pianists coming together to raise funds for the Building Harmony capital campaign at PCM. Tickets are \$45 per event, or \$125 for a three-concert weekend pass. Tickets are available

at www.PortlandConservatoryofMusic.org and include complimentary refreshments. The Portland Conservatory of Music is thrilled to welcome renowned pianists George Lopez, Dr. Gulimina Muhamuti, and Diane Walsh as well as local pianists Sue Schmitt, Greg Sferes and award winning PCM student Michael Bostock. Complimentary food and refreshments will be

available at each event which have been generously provided by our sponsors Flatbread Pizza, Allagash Brewing and National Distributors of Portland. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided. All funds raised from this weekend of concerts will go to support the Building Harmony capital campaign at PCM. Building Harmony is a comprehensive, three year campaign to increase ac-

cessibility to quality music education for EVERYONE through investing in a new space and innovative programming. More information at: <https://portlandconservatoryofmusic.org/building-harmony/>
Piano, Pints, and Pop Friday, June 24th at 6PM
Join us for an early evening of popular favorites and ragtime piano performed by Board Member

Greg Sferes, award winning PCM student Michael Bostock and pianist Sue Schmitt. Enjoy cold Allagash Beers, soft drinks and lots of Flatbread Pizza!
Piano and Prosecco Saturday, June 25th at 7PM
George Lopez, Artist in Residence Bowdoin College, and his colleague Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, the first Uyghur from China to receive a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano

Performance in the U.S. will perform a full two piano program. Prosecco will accompany the concert, courtesy of National Distributors.
Pianist Diane Walsh Sunday, June 26th at 3PM
Pianist Diane Walsh, an international performing and recording Steinway artist will perform a solo concert with a post concert English Tea reception.

2nd Annual Gorham Lions Craft Fair Held June 25



GORHAM, ME (June 2, 2022) -- Please join us at our 2nd annual Gorham Lions Craft Fair in the grass next to Baxter Library on SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 AT 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM at 71 South Street, Gorham, Maine.

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More Than 617,000 Meals To Feed Mainers

PORTLAND/BANGOR, ME (June 2, 2022) – NEWS CENTER Maine and our partner Good Shepherd Food Bank held NEWS CENTER Maine’s fifth annual Feed Maine Telethon to raise more than \$205,900 to help feed Mainers in need.

On May 5, NEWS CENTER Maine’s Feed Maine Virtual Telethon enabled volunteers to remain at home while receiving hundreds of pledge calls. To date, Feed Maine has raised \$205,900 to help provide meals to Mainers. That number includes proceeds from NEWS CEN-



TER Maine’s merchandise store and incorporates Hannaford’s Matching Mainers hour during which Hannaford matched up to \$25,000.

The funds raised from this event will provide food for 617,700

meals. The need to help hungry Mainers during this Covid pandemic is still present. In fact, the rise of people needing nutritious food in Maine is greater than ever. An estimated 13.5% of Maine’s population, that’s 182,000 people,



experienced food insecurity in 2021. This compares to about 167,000 before the pandemic, a number still too high which is why NEWS CENTER Maine’s Feed Maine program runs all year long.

Good Shepherd Food

Bank’s Farm Fresh Food Rewards program aims to get fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables into the hands of Mainers in need. Several food co-ops across the state say it’s working.

“Our mission is to

be a support to our entire community,” John Crane, general manager at Portland Food Co-op. “We’re a business with a mission which is to support the local food economy and to provide nourishment to our community,” Crane said.

The opportunity to donate and help feed a Mainer in need is still open at FeedMaine.com.

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

2022 Moose Lottery Festival Set for June 11 in Jackman

JACKMAN, ME (June 2, 2022) – The first-ever Jackman Region Moose Lottery Festival has been set for June 11, 2022, from 10AM-6PM after being named to host the festivities prior to the canceled 2020 in-person event. The moose lottery gives qualified hunters the chance to enter to win a Maine moose hunting permit from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. While the lottery is closed to applicants as of May 12, the drawing will take place at the June 11 festival starting at 2PM.

In conjunction with the lottery drawing, the one-day event will celebrate the region’s outdoor sporting and forest products heritage. Activities and events include demonstrations, instructions, competitions, comedians, live music, children’s activities, food vendors, crafts, food trucks and more.

On hand to present Tales and Tips from the Maine Moose Woods will be Maine moose hunting guide, Roger Lambert, author of “The Great Maine Moose Hunt,” a compilation of Lambert’s moose hunting

stories. Other highlights include a moose hunting seminar by Big Woods Bucks, ax throwing and crosscut sawing with Timber Tina of the Great Maine Lumberjack Show, a moose antler field judging contest as well as a moose calling contest.

The Jackman Region Moose Lottery Festival is sponsored by the Town of Jackman, 201 PowerSports, Bishop’s Store, Jackman Powersports, Trailside One Stop, Cozy Cove Cabins, Mountain Country, Skowhegan Savings, Bishop’s Motel, C. Haggan Excava-

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UMaine Extension Food-Preserving Webinar Starts June 16



ORONO, ME (June 1, 2022) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension is offering a new series of monthly webinars about preserving Maine foods starting June 16, from noon–12:45 p.m.

“Common Home Food Preservation Ingredients and Equipment” topics include recommended equipment and ingredients for canning and freezing, as well as how to resolve common problems. UMaine Extension instructors will lead each workshop in an interactive format.

Registration is required; a \$5 donation per session is optional. Register on the event webpage to receive the link and resources. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Kate McCarty, 207.781.6099; kate.mccarty@maine.edu.

Information about more upcoming workshops is available on the Extension food preservation website at <https://extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/hands-on-workshops/>

Jonas Werner Joins Balsam Realty As Realtor



FREEPORT, ME (May 26, 2022) -- Freeport’s former restaurateur Jonas P. Werner has joined the family business, Balsam Realty. Jonas moved from Florida to Maine in 1991. After graduating from University of Southern Maine’s School of Business, he joined Morgan Stanley’s team of Financial Advisors. As a serial entrepreneur, he answered his calling 5 years later when he and his wife, Kate, opened Freeport’s Azure Café, op-

erating for 18 years. The restaurant and staff have won many culinary, wine and cocktail awards including Lobster Chef of the Year, Maine Restaurant Association’s 2015 Chef of Year and Cocktail of the Year for their Basil Gimlet which has been imitated but never replicated.

Jonas has been recognized for his dedication to his community: receiving the Freeport Community Service’s Carol Kaplan Award for Service and Maine Disability Rights Center’s Business of the Year Award, and has also been awarded Freeport USA’s 2015 Person of the Year. Jonas is also passionate about acting. He has appeared in short films and theater productions in Maine, including *Damnationland*, the 48 Hour Film Project, and the very popular play *Almost Maine* for the Freeport Community Players.

Jonas lives in Freeport with his wife, two fluffy cats and spends his free time gardening, writing poetry, and walking quietly amongst Freeport’s beautiful flora and fauna.

Town of Gorham Announces Planning Board Opening

GORHAM, ME (June 2, 2022) -- The Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill an opening on the

Planning Board.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the Planning Board, or for more information, please visit the Town

Clerk’s office or go to the town website at www.gorham-me.org and under Boards & Committees, click on committee volunteer application. Fill

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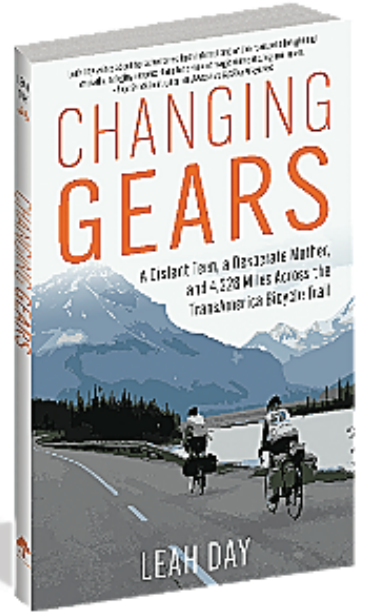
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Baxter Memorial Library Announces June Happenings



GORHAM, ME (June 2, 2022) – Baxter Memorial Library will be offering many exciting opportunities to enjoy summer this month.

Spring Into Summer

Tuesday, June 21st 2-6pm

Rain Date: June 23rd

This year BML will be centering summer programs around our pollinator friends! We will kick off the 2022 Summer Reading and Discovery Program with our “Spring into Summer” event. We have so many fun activities planned! At 2:30pm, we will have a ribbon cutting of our new Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden, located near the municipal parking lot. From 3:00 to 4:00pm, we will have Matt Loosigian of Earth Jams providing live music for the kids to dance and sing. As always, we will have our perennial favorites, such as Touch-a-Truck, hot dogs, snow cones, summer reading materials, and more.

BEE a Reader with Baxter Memorial Library’s Summer Reading and Discovery Program!

Youth Summer Reading 2022

Visit the library to get your reading game sheet anytime starting June 13th or grab it at Spring Into Summer. The goal is to complete 16 hours of reading by the end of August. Listening to audio books or podcasts, reading graphic novels, reading stories together aloud, and doing any other activity involving the written word will count as “reading time.” Most of all, have fun with your reading! For every four hours of reading, we reward you with prizes including bookmarks, pins, a Subway kid’s meal, a book of your choice from our prize table, and a pizza from Domino’s or Otto. Thank you to Gorham Subway, Gorham Domino’s, and Gorham Otto for donating these awesome prizes in support of our Summer Reading and Discovery Program.

Parents and children two years old and younger also can participate with our Wee Readers program that incorporates early literacy activities to do with your child. Participants receive a free board book

and a nursery rhyme key tag.

Adult Summer Reading 2022

Adults should be rewarded for reading, too! For every book you read, fill out a raffle ticket in the library or online. Everything counts - beach reads, serious reads, audiobooks, books you read aloud to kids. Every week, we will draw winning entries to win great prizes from local businesses! At the end of the program, we will also draw a grand prize winner from all the entries. The Adult Summer Reading Program lines up with the youth program, so expect to see raffle tickets starting June 20.

Learn on the Lawn will return for the summer, as well! If you missed it last year, Learn on the Lawn is a series of outdoor fitness class samplers for all ages taught by local instructors. It’s a great way to try something new and connect to fitness classes being taught locally!

Summer Reading will finish strong with the

Second Edition Print Run 5K! August 12th will feature an evening 5K and kids’ fun run. Look for more information as the date approaches.

Author Event—Leah Day

Wednesday, June 15th 6pm

Join us as we welcome Leah Day, author of *Changing Gears: A Distant Teen, a Desperate Mother, and 4,329 Miles Across the Transamerica Bicycle Trail* and owner of Lighthouse Bikes in South Portland.

June Fun with Youth Services!

Scavenger Hunt at Frazier Preserve—Friday, June 24th 10am—Join Mr. Jeff at Frazier Preserve, located on Access Road behind the High School, for a fun-filled Nature Scavenger Hunt! Bring your sense of adventure, keen observation skills, and love for

all things nature. All ages welcome.

Baby Discovery Time—Monday, June 27th 9:30am—Join Ms. Dani on the lawn as she leads families in a lapsit baby story time. Bring a blanket and enjoy books, babies, and music together. (Ages birth-18 months)

Toddler Discovery Time—Monday, June 27th 10am—Ms. Dani will read *Escape Goat* by Anne Patchett and she will be joined by some special guests. Tasha Passmore of *Hooves & Hives Homestead* will be bringing her five baby goats to join in the fun! (Ages 18 months-3

years)

Composting with Worms—Tuesday, June 28th 10am—Join us on the library lawn for this hands-on worm workshop with Jock Robie. The children will learn the ins and outs of composting with worms, while getting hands-on experience with starting a worm bin. (All ages)

Art in the Park—Thursday, June 30th 10:30am—Bring your snacks and a blanket as we enjoy art in the park together. We supply the paints and paper, and you supply the creativity. This is one of our most popular summer events. (All ages)



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John T. Gorman Foundation Awards \$1.5 Million in Grants

Portland, ME (May 19, 2022) – The John T. Gorman Foundation has awarded 90 grants totaling \$1.5 million to provide food, shelter, and other essential services to Mainers in need through its 2022 Direct Services Grant Program. The total includes \$505,000 for 31 programs specifically serving older adults.

“From gas to groceries, rising costs have made it much harder for Maine people to afford essential items and services. Older adults with low incomes have been put into especially difficult situations,” said Lauralee Raymond, John T. Gorman Foundation Manager, Special Initiatives. “The John T. Gorman Foundation is privileged to be able to boost the efforts of organizations who are helping Mainers meet vital needs in all 16 counties with this year’s Direct Services Grant Program.”

The Foundation’s annual Direct Services Grant Program supports nonprofits that are addressing basic needs for Maine people – including food security, shelter, health care/mental health, and economic supports. This year, the Foundation increased funding available for organizations that are meeting a range

of needs for older adults, including companionship, transportation, home repair, and legal assistance.

Full descriptions of the grants, including counties served, are available at <https://www.jtgfoundation.org/2022/05/18/1-5-million-awarded-to-meet-critical-needs-for-maine-people/>.

*Denotes grants serving older adults.

Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine, Inc., Bangor – \$10,000

Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association - Maine Chapter, Scarborough – \$16,500*

Amistad, Portland – \$20,000

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care DBA Promise Early Education Center, Lewiston – \$9,000

Aroostook Area Agency on Aging, Presque Isle – \$20,000*

Aroostook County Action Program, Presque Isle – \$15,000

Ascentria Community Services, serving Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin, Kennebec, Somerset and Sagadahoc Counties – \$15,000

Augusta Food Bank, Augusta – \$18,000

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, Bangor – \$15,000

Bath Housing Development Corporation, Bath – \$20,000*

Belfast Soup Kitchen, Belfast – \$15,000

Boothbay Region Community Resource Council, Boothbay Harbor – \$15,000

Boys And Girls Club Of Kennebec Valley, Gardiner – \$10,000*

Bridging the Gap - Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta – \$15,000

Caring Unlimited, Sanford – \$15,000

Castine Community Partners Inc., Castine – \$15,000

Catholic Charities Maine, Portland – \$20,000*

Center for a Green Future dba Growing to Give, Brunswick – \$7,500

CHiP, Inc., Newcastle – \$10,000*

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust / Twin Villages Foodbank Farm, Damariscotta – \$20,000

Common Unity Place, Skowhegan – \$8,500



Community Compass - FS Downeast Community Partners, Ellsworth – \$15,000

Community Health and Counseling Services, Bangor – \$25,000*

Day One, South Portland – \$25,000

Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Brewer – \$20,000*

Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, Brunswick – \$20,000*

Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic, Ellsworth – \$15,000

Family Violence Project, Augusta – \$25,000

Freeport Community Services, Freeport – \$15,000*

Friends in Action, Ellsworth – \$12,000*

Gateway Community Services Maine, Portland – \$15,000

Greater Portland Family Promise, Portland – \$10,000

Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine, Topsham – \$10,000*

Hand in Hand, Mano en Mano, Milbridge – \$20,000

Harrison Food Bank, Harrison – \$10,000

Healthy Acadia, Ellsworth – \$20,000

Healthy Peninsula, Blue Hill – \$12,000*

Hope Acts, Portland – \$20,000

In Her Presence, Westbrook – \$10,000

Island Commons Resource Center, Chebeague Island – \$10,000*

Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, Portland – \$15,000

KidsPeace National Centers of New England, Inc., South Portland – \$5,000

Knox County Homeless Coalition, Rockland – \$15,000

KVCC Foundation, Fairfield – \$15,000

Lake Region Senior Service, Bridgton – \$12,000*

Legal Services for the Elderly, Augusta – \$20,000*

Community Compass, \$20,000*

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Ellsworth – \$15,000

Locker Project, Portland – \$15,000

Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center, Bangor – \$25,000

Machias Area Food Pantry, Machias – \$20,000

Maine Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, Portland – \$25,000

Maine Medical Center, Portland – \$25,000

Maine Needs, Portland – \$15,000

Maine Seacoast Mission, Northeast Harbor – \$15,000

MaineGeneral Medical Center, Augusta – \$25,000

MaineHealth Care At Home, Saco – \$25,000*

MCH, Inc., Rockland – \$20,000*

Medical Care Development / Healthy Lincoln County, Damariscotta – \$25,000

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, Brunswick – \$15,000

Milestone Foundation, Portland – \$25,000

Neighbors Driving Neighbors, Mt. Vernon – \$10,000*

New Beginnings, Lewiston – \$15,000

New England Arab American Organization, Portland – \$20,000

Oasis Free Clinics, Brunswick – \$15,000

Oxford Hills Community Gardens - Foot-hills Foodworks, Norway – \$15,000

Penobscot Community Health Care, Bangor – \$25,000

Piscataquis Regional Food Center, Dover Foxcroft – \$15,000*

Portland Area Villages (PAV), Portland – \$10,000*

Rangeley Health and Wellness, Rangeley – \$20,000*

Rockland District Nursing Association, Rockland – \$20,000*

Rural Community Action Ministry, Leeds – \$17,000

Saint Andre Home, Bangor – \$15,000

SeniorsPlus, Lewiston – \$20,000*

Shalom House, Portland – \$15,000

Southern Maine Agency on Aging, Biddeford – \$20,000*

St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor – \$25,000

Tedford Housing, Brunswick – \$20,000

The Opportunity Alliance, South Portland – \$20,000*

The Root Cellar, Lewiston – \$25,000

The Shaw House, Bangor – \$15,000

Through These Doors, Portland – \$15,000

Town of Danforth, Danforth – \$18,500*

Town of Mount Vernon Aging in Place Committee, Mount Vernon – \$6,800*

Town of Vinalhaven, Vinalhaven – \$7,200*

Trinity Jubilee Center, Lewiston – \$15,000*

Veggies to Table, Newcastle – \$10,000

Volunteers of America Northern New England, Brunswick – \$25,000*

Waterville Area Soup Kitchen, Waterville – \$15,000

Western Maine Community Action, East Wilton – \$20,000*

York County Community Action Corporation, Sanford – \$20,000*

ABOUT THE JOHN T. GORMAN FOUNDATION

John T. Gorman, known as Tom, was a grandson of L.L. Bean and established the Foundation in 1995. Based in Portland, the Foundation advances and invests in innovative ideas and opportunities that improve the lives of Maine’s most vulnerable people.

For more information about the John T. Gorman Foundation, visit www.jtg-foundation.org.

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Joseph Agostino (Saco, ME) Horticulture, Southern Maine Community College;

Hanan Ali (Portland, ME), Liberal Studies – Social Work, Southern Maine Community College;

Luke White (Portland, ME) Nursing and Health Science, Southern Maine Community College;

Jessica Bacon (Calais, ME), Residential Commercial Electricity and Electromechanical Instrumentation, Washington County Community College; and

Coley Hatt (Biddford, ME), Information Technology, York County Community College.

Leon Gorman was passionate about the state of Maine. His investments in Maine’s community colleges exemplified that passion. He understood that Maine’s community colleges not only positively impact the lives of many aspiring individuals and their families, but also have a positive economic impact. Quite simply, he believed that well-educated community college graduates forge a bright future for the State of Maine.

“It is so inspiring to hear the incredible stories of these dedicated and talented students who give so much back to their com-

munity,” MCCS President David Daigler said. “They are a credit to their colleges and this honor is a wonderful tribute to the memory of Leon Gorman.”

Mr. Gorman was the longtime president and CEO of L.L.Bean. He was deeply committed to the people and places of Maine and recognized the power and potential of Maine’s community colleges to transform people’s lives. He and his wife Lisa worked quietly behind the scenes supporting the colleges and the couple was central to the 2009 establishment and success of The Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges for which Mrs. Gorman continues to serve as vice chair.

The Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges is dedicated to ensuring that the state’s seven community colleges have the resources they need to provide a high quality and affordable education for Maine people. The Foundation seeks to enhance access to educational and economic opportunity and to provide Maine employers with a highly trained and skilled workforce. More information about the Foundation is available at: www.maineccfoundation.org.

Information about the Maine Community College System is available at: www.mccs.me.edu.

Resource

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teachers and to see the creative ways they utilize this data in their classrooms.”

The dashboard can be interacted with on the Maine Department of Labor’s Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI) website: https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/student_portal/

The Center for Workforce Research and Information produces data on jobs and wages in Maine, a ten-year job outlook, and a range of other data products pertaining to Maine’s economy and labor market. The student friendly resource has been designed to complement existing online resources such as Get My Future and My Next Move, available to help students find careers that align to their aspirations, interest, and personality.

The 2020 Maine Learning Results Life and Career Ready standards were designed to support the development of key elements of career readiness with career awareness expectations for students in grades K-5 and career exploration and planning expectations for students in grades 6-12.

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

GMS and GHS Bands March in Memorial Day Parade



After a few years’ hiatus, Gorham Middle and High School played for the Memorial Day Parade. It was great to play in the community again!

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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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CRCofWM to Host National Cancer Survivors Day Reception

SOUTH PARIS (May 19, 2022) -- The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, (CRCofWM) announces the return of an in-person National Cancer Survivors Day event on Sunday, June 5th from 1:00-3:00pm at McLaughlin Garden and

Homestead located at 97 Main St., South Paris. "Earlier this spring, McLaughlin Gardens generously offered their barn and gardens as a place where survivors, along with their caregivers and families, could safely mingle and celebrate

National Cancer Survivor's Day," said Mallory Brooke Cash, CRCofWM Board Vice President and Development Chair. "We have missed rejoicing in survivorship face to face and hope to return to a full day of celebration in 2023". Guests are invited

to sign in at the barn for some light refreshments then to walk through the gardens at their leisure between the hours of 1:00 to 3:00pm on June 5th, 2022. The mission of the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located at 59 Main Street

in Norway, is to ensure that no one faces cancer alone. Anyone living with a history of cancer - from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life - is a cancer survivor according to the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. In the United

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Brunswick ArtWalk Season Opener is June 10

BRUNSWICK, ME (June 1, 2022) -- The Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) announces the 2nd Friday BRUNSWICK Season Opener on June 10, 2022, from 4 to 7 PM. BDA's 2nd Friday BRUNSWICK ArtWalk is an inclusive series of events, which will encompass an ArtWalk with a variety of artists selling and displaying art on the street and inside and outside local businesses and musical and theater performances taking place throughout the evening. The event occurs on the second Friday of each month, from June through September, within Brunswick's downtown district.

The Performance Schedule, Map & Listings can be found in The Cryer newspaper each month and on the Brunswick Downtown Association website: <https://brunswickdowntown.org/events/2nd-friday-brunswick/> and 2nd Friday Brunswick Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/2ndFriday->

Brunswick Artists will display works in a variety of media on the street and in various venues to include galleries, restaurants, shops, and on the sidewalks.

Artist Venues:
The Mix - Highlighting artists Sarah Traub, Robin Brooks, Melanie Willey and Scott King in June.

Hatch On Maine - Featuring watercolor and acrylic paintings from Cinda Sheehan Haas. Cinda's work is inspired by Maine and her Peaks Island studio view.
Bayview Gallery - Bayview Gallery celebrates spring and early summer in Maine with an exhibit featuring seasonal paintings by our Gallery artists.

Grampa's Garden - Storytelling in the garden with Brunswick storyteller Phyllis Blackstone. Folktales & Fun Tales for Families.

Points of View Artists - Points of View Artists open their 2022 season with new work for a new

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Lemont Block Collective - A community collective, featuring amazing local Maine-based artists and makers. Open until 7 PM.

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June 4-26
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June 9
LEWISTON -- The Sampson Southern Maine Squadron AFB Veterans will be having a get together June 9th at noontime Thursday at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. Sampson was once a Naval Training Base 1942-1945 but was used as an Air Force Training Base 1950-1956. All veterans are welcome. FMI email wmtkwkr1933@gmail.com

June 9
SKOWHEGAN -- 8:30am – 4:30pm Build Maine Event – Conference Day The Maine Spinning Mill, 7 Island Avenue, Skowhegan

June 10
AUBURN and LEWISTON -- The cities of Auburn & Lewiston are honored to invite you to join us on Friday, June 10 at 5:30PM as we dedicate the John T. Jenkins Memorial Footbridge.

Like our beloved friend, who was a mentor, teacher, community leader and mayor of both cities, this beautiful bridge connects and unites our two communities. It seems only fitting that we should honor him in this way... we hope you will join us.

The dedication ceremony will be held in the middle of the footbridge. There will also be activities on both sides of the river prior to the ceremony to commemorate some of John's favorite things:

3:30PM in Lewiston | Children's storytime:

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Teamwork: Together Each Action Matters with Mayor Carl L. Sheline [Simard-Payne Park]

4:30PM in Auburn | Karate demonstration by Phoenix No Limits Karate [Bonney Park]

5:00PM in Auburn | Tai Chi demonstration by Seniors Plus [Bonney Park]

Parking in Auburn | Park at Bonney Park (Main St.) or in Great Falls Plaza & follow the Riverwalk to the ceremony. Enjoy photos & stories about John's life along the way.

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June 10

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June 11

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June 14

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GORHAM -- 7pm Conservation Commission Meeting Conference Room A

June 16-19, 23-26

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June 23-26

Mozart Divertimento & Ravel Duo

Thursday June 23, 7:30pm at Union Church, South Bristol

Friday June 24, 7:30pm at St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

Saturday June 25, 7:30pm at Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor

Sunday June 26, 4:00pm at Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

June 25

AUBURN -- The Knight House/Downing Shoe Shop will be open 1-4 on Wednesday, June 25. Free tours and fun for everyone.

Contact person is Penny Jessop 784-0586. The Knight house/Downing Shoe Shop is located at the north side of the Garden Hilton Hotel on the West Pitch of the Falls in Auburn, Maine. AHS's was founded by the DAR in 1923 and its purpose is to promoting the study of the history of Androscoggin County and its citizens and preserving in its archives, records, relics and

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July 13

LEWISTON -- Wednesday, July 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. READ ME BOOK DISCUSSION: "SIGH, GONE," BY PHUC TRAN. Join us to discuss the nonfiction selection for this year's Read ME statewide summer reading program. Copies available to borrow. Advance registration required at 513-3135 or lpreference@gmail.com.

August 24

LEWISTON -- Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. READ ME BOOK DISCUSSION: "BENEFICENCE," BY MEREDITH HALL. Join us to discuss the fiction selection for this year's Read ME statewide summer reading program. Copies available to borrow. Advance registration required at 513-3135 or lpreference@gmail.com.

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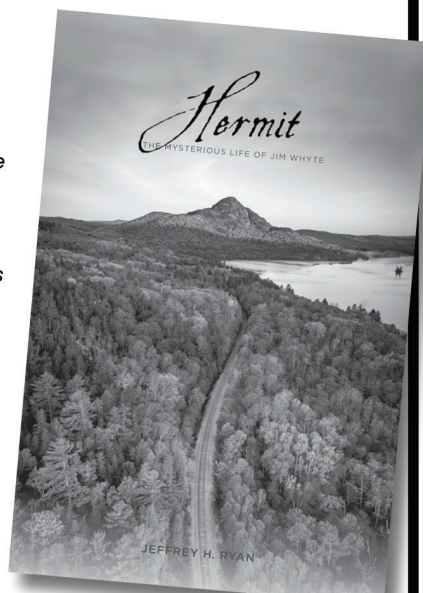
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cupancy and admission to all venues and bus driver tip.

Hobo Train - Meredith, NH - September 21, 2022 - Enjoyable 2 hour ride on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad. While on board, enjoy a turkey dinner from Hart's Turkey Farm with all the fixings. Price is \$85.00 and includes bus, train ride, turkey dinner and bus driver tip. Deadline to sign up is August 12, 2022. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens' office at 65 Central Avenue.

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for the driver, lunch, and tour and tasting at the winery. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens Office at 65 Central Avenue, Lewiston.

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PMA Announces Campus International Design Competition

PORTLAND, ME (June 2, 2022) – The Portland Museum of Art, together with the leading independent architect selection firm Dovetail Design Strategists, announced today the launch of an international design competition for its campus unification and expansion.

The unique competition challenges the global architecture community to create an iconic and inclusive place that will deliver on the promise of the PMA's mission, Art for All. The open competition will be conducted in two stages and the winning team and their concept design will be announced in December 2022.

The PMA sees this as an opportunity to discover the impact a museum can have when it is built through an inclusive lens. The need for expansion and unification at the museum stems from record attendance over the past decade, the growth and diversification of the collection through several major gifts, as well as community feedback identifying how the PMA must remain flexible and dynamic. By creating a community hub and focusing on groundbreaking approaches to art, the PMA believes it can become a place where all people belong. More than just a new building, the PMA's campus unification and expansion is a value proposition, envisioning the monumental impact museums can have on their communities.

"We are excited to invite experts from around the world to internalize the goals of The PMA Blueprint and turn them into physical spaces that bring them to life," says Mark Bessire, the Judy and Leonard Lauder Director of the Portland Museum of Art. "This is no easy task, as our communities have made their expectations clear for open and innovative spaces that enable a flexible range of programs, exhibitions, and art. Beyond that, architects must understand the unique characteristics of Portland and of Maine, while displaying enthusiasm and reverence for this project's long-term impact."

The site for this project is 142 Free St., the area between the Charles Shipman Payson Building and Charles Quincy Clapp House and an exploration of an additional entryway to the museum along High St. Every aspect of this project will be informed by three pillars: community, collection, and campus.

The expansion will enable the presentation of new collections and major exhibitions, host innovative events, programs, and performances, create collaborative, open spaces for the community, and consolidate staff offices. Slated to open in 2026, the 60,000 square foot expansion will double the institution's current size and aim to include a rooftop restaurant, sculpture park, and event space that will have views of the

surrounding city and Casco Bay.

Critically, the PMA wishes to raise the national bar for environmental and ecological new museum architecture with a comprehensive approach to energy conservation and overall sustainability.

The PMA understands the museum expansion as integral to Maine's flourishing hospitality and tourist industry and anticipates that once complete the PMA will attract 300,000 visitors in the initial year of operation, with a projected annual growth rate of 10%.

"The growth of the PMA in recent years has been staggering," says PMA Board President Cyrus Hagge. "This is a marquee moment in the PMA's 140-year history and for the city of Portland and state of Maine."

"This opportunity has been made possible by the immense and wholehearted support of the communities that call our region home," says incoming PMA Board President Eileen Gillespie. "To be involved with Maine's leading cultural institution at a moment when it envisions the future through the values of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusivity is thrilling."

The Portland Museum of Art has engaged the renowned architect selection firm, Dovetail Design Strategists, to develop and direct the design competition. The firm regularly



Aerial of the Portland Museum of Art campus (northwest corner), circa 2010.

collaborates with major cultural and civic institutions to lead the architect selection process. Dovetail's expert process will provide the framework for the selection of a world-class design team for this transformational project.

"It's been exciting to craft this two-stage competition so that it captures the Portland Museum of Art's incredibly forward-looking, bold and ambitious vision to redefine a museum's role in society," says Dovetail Design Strategists President Susanna Sirefman. "The unique competition we have designed allows for the power of architecture and the potential of ideas to collide, creating a platform that will captivate the very best, diverse professionals and will ultimately turn the PMA's vision into a built reality," added Sirefman.

In Stage I of the competition, architects from around the world are invited to form a visionary, multi-disciplinary team to include accessibility, inclusivity, sustainability professionals, landscape architects and graphic designers and respond to the Request for Qualifications. An outline of the competition and the Request for Qualifications can be found at the Portland Museum of Art competition website at portlandmuseum.org/competition.

The deadline to submit is no later than 3 pm EST on Friday, July 1, 2022.

In Stage II of the competition, the Portland Museum of Art will select up to four firms to develop a concept design for the project over a three-month time period. The teams will be invited to meet with

the PMA leadership for a site tour and informational meeting in Portland, as well as for an interim review before submitting their proposed concept design. There will be a public display of the shortlisted design team submissions in November 2022, at the PMA in Portland and on the PMA website, as well as a public presentation at the PMA and an opportunity for the public to share their comments.

An honorarium of \$50,000 will be paid to each of the shortlisted teams who have met the PMA's Stage II requirements, payable upon selection of a winning team.

In December 2022, the winning Design Team will be selected by a Jury, comprised of community and museum stakeholders, global thought-leaders, and world-renowned architects.

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Held in Scarborough

SCARBOROUGH, ME (June 2, 2022) -- St. John Paul II Parish in Scarborough invites you to join the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 11747 Knights of Columbus as they sponsor the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church at 150 Black Point Road Scarborough, ME 04074.

The St. Joseph Icon will also be on display at the 9AM Masses at St. Bartholomew (8 Two Lights Rd, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107) on June 11th and

12th.

An icon of St. Joseph has been on a worldwide tour that started with Pope Francis and sponsored by the International Order of Knights of Columbus.

The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, strives to honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis re-

ceived the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said, "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men."

The St. Joseph icon is the latest icon to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

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