

## Clark Insurance's Wentworth Receives Award of Excellence



**PORTLAND, ME (June 1, 2022)** – The Maine Chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) Society recently recognized Deborah Wentworth, CPCU, Senior Vice President at Clark Insurance as winner of the 2022 Lee G. Allen President's award of excellence.

A resident of Falmouth, ME and Senior Vice President at Clark, Deb's leadership includes oversight of the claims, employee benefits, and business service department as well as running the daily operations of the agency. She has over 30 years of experience, having worked for a number of carriers, including both MEMIC and Hanover Insurance, before joining Clark in 2011.

Deb received her Bachelors in Business Administration through Husson University and her MBA with the University of Phoenix. She currently holds her Charter Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Accredited Advisor of Insurance (AAI), and Management Liability Insurance Specialist (MLIS) designations.

In 2011, Deb received the insurance professional of the year award and currently serves on the boards of the Maine CPCU Society and Maine Applied User Group. Deb also serves on the committee for Maine Million Women, participates in the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Program, and has formally served on the boards for Husson Alumni, and the Insurance Professionals of Greater Portland.

"It is an honor to join past recipients of this award, a group that includes many influential and inspiring leaders of our profession," Wentworth said. "It means so much to me to know that the work I am so passionate about resonates with others. I am grateful to be recognized by my peers and by the Maine CPCU Society."

The Lee Allen Award is presented annually to a member of the Maine chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society for outstanding contributions to the property and casualty industry in Maine. Past Award winners from Clark Insurance include Jeff Lind (2019), David Nadeau (2011) and Gail Lind (1999).

## Gorham Adult Education Graduates Four



**GORHAM, ME (June 17, 2022)** -- Congratulations to our FOUR (three of which are pictured above) recent Gorham Adult Education

Graduates! Such incredible journeys and stories of strength! Proud to be a Ram!

Mike Guidi, Gabriel DiBacco,

Mohammad Haroon Hakimi, Alex Griffin.

Watch the full ceremony here: <https://youtu.be/JVK7-rJJzo>

## North Gorham Public Library Announces Summer Activities

**GORHAM, ME (June 16, 2022)** -- A weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

Monday, June 27th 11am North Gorham Public Library book club will be discussing *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells. All are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, July 13th at 10am Mermaid Tea Party. Join us for a mermaid themed story time including treats!

June 20-August 13 stop by the library to sign up for our Summer Library Program, open to ages birth through 12th grade! Earn prizes for reading this summer.

The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit [north-gorham.lib.me.us](http://north-gorham.lib.me.us), and [facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/](https://facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/).

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Maine CASA to Hold Online Training on August 16-19, 2022

**MAINE (June 17, 2022)** -- Interested in advocating for the best interests of a Maine child? The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program is holding its fall training for volunteer advocates on August 16-19,

2022.

This four-day, online training is free and is designed to prepare attendees for certification as volunteer guardians ad litem (GALs) in Maine child protection cases. The foundation of a CASA's work

is learning about the case and then advising the court what the CASA believes is in the child's best interest.

CASAs come from a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds and are guided throughout the process by

CASA program staff. CASAs bring their own unique perspectives to their work as volunteers.

If you are willing to advocate for a child's best interests, we encourage you to apply to become a CASA volunteer. Those interested

in the training must complete an application and, if invited to participate, must also complete criminal and child protection services background checks.

Are you ready to advocate for a child's best interests? If so, we hope you

can join us for our August 16-19, 2022 online training. For more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact Maine CASA Legal Services Advisor Darren Defoe at 213-2864 or by e-mail at darren.defoe@courts.maine.gov

## New Ventures Maine Announces Workshops for June

**MAINE, STATE-WIDE (May 18, 2022)** -- New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for June, including self-paced and interactive online workshops that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business, build a career, and manage money.

The full class schedule with offerings for June 2022 and beyond is accessible at [bit.ly/NVME-Classes](http://bit.ly/NVME-Classes).

Self-paced classes include:

Grow Your Business Online: Gain the skills,

knowledge, and confidence to create a compelling web presence and website for your small business. Made possible by Empower by GoDaddy in partnership with New Ventures Maine. Enroll anytime. Work at your own pace. Complete by August 31.

My Next Career Move: Assess your skills, interests, and experiences and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth job fields, explore education and training options. Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search. Enroll by July 1. Work at your own pace. Complete by August 31.

Additional online

classes include single- and multi-session workshops:

Manage Your Money My Money Works: Wednesdays, June 1 - 29, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.

Managing Your Money: Thursdays, June 2 - 16, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three workshops. June 2: Budgeting Basics;

June 9: Let's Talk About Credit; June 16: Build Your Savings.

Build Your Career Building Confidence: Thursdays, June 2 - 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

Job Search Workshops: Mondays, June 6 - 20, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Ready for a new job or a career change? Join us for one, two, or all three

of these workshops. June 6: Job Search Strategies; June 13: Resume Strategies; June 20: Interview Strategies.

Making Career Choices: Tuesday, June 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered Thursday, June 23, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

Start a Business Introduction to Self-Employment: Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Is

self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed.

Grow Your Business Online - Keep My Customers: Wednesday, June 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Create an exceptional online sales and service experience in this website development workshop. Learn how to protect your website, your customers and your brand.

To sign up for any of the above classes, visit [bit.ly/NVMEClasses](http://bit.ly/NVMEClasses) or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

## Kohl's Associates & Dirigo Reads Send Books to Maine Schools

**BANGOR, ME (May 17, 2022)** - Dirigo Reads, a program that aims to put a book in the hands of every Maine first grader each month during the school year by 2025, received a helping hand this month from associates at Kohl's.

Normally, Dirigo Reads works with vendors to direct ship books to about 1580 first graders throughout Maine at 51 different schools. Books for the month of June were generously donated by Disney Books. The donation meant that books will be shipped to schools from Dirigo Reads, which also involved sorting, packing, and labeling packages to go to each participating

school throughout the state.

"We are incredibly thankful to work with vendors to direct ship books to schools," said Karen Cashman. "But when Disney Books stepped forward and offered to donate about 1580 books to this program, we couldn't pass it up. We quickly had to decide the best way to sort and package the books for shipment. Thanks to the very generous help from Kohl's and the Kohl's Volunteer Program, it was a seamless process."

Dirigo Reads' mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of children in Maine through literacy and share a little optimism along the way.

This is accomplished by giving first graders in participating schools a brand new book to keep during every month of the school year. Fifty-one schools spread over 13 counties are currently a part of Dirigo Reads. By the time the school year is finished, first graders in each of these communities will have ten new books to add to - or start - their own home library. Over three school years, Dirigo Reads will have distributed more than 26,000 books to first graders in participating schools.

"At Kohl's we are committed to supporting nonprofits like Dirigo Reads that give back to our community, and

through Kohl's Volunteer Program, our associates are able to lend time along with a monetary donation from Kohl's to amplify the impact," said Nicole Brissette, Kohl's store manager at the Bangor Kohl's. "We are proud to support Dirigo Reads in their mission to improve the lives of children through literacy and creativity."

"Dirigo Reads would not be possible without a state full of businesses and organizations that want to give back," said Dan Cashman, co-founder of Dirigo Reads. "This program is supported financially by a number of amazing businesses. Kohl's commit-

ment to their community through initiatives like the Kohl's Volunteer Program is immeasurably helpful to organizations like Dirigo Reads. We are very thankful for their help."

Dirigo Reads is operationally supported by United Way of Eastern Maine, and the founding Dirigo Star partner is Machias Savings Bank.

There are about 11,600 first graders enrolled in Maine public schools, more than 300 of which contain first grade classrooms. Currently, Dirigo Reads is providing books to about 14% of this population.

Schools and busi-

nesses interested in being a part of Dirigo Reads should visit [www.DirigoReads.org](http://www.DirigoReads.org) and click on "Contact," where a form is available to submit all necessary information.

Dirigo Reads will once again be expanding into new schools for the 2022-2023 school year, with plans to next week announce the new communities involved in the program.

Any organizations interested in partnering with Dirigo Reads, or schools with first grade classes that would like to join the program can find more details at [www.DirigoReads.org](http://www.DirigoReads.org).

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Superintendent's Update

**By Gorham Superintendent Heather Perry**  
**GORHAM, ME**  
**(June 10, 2022)** -- What a school year it has been! Ups and downs, challenges and celebrations!

The 2021-22 School Year has had it all! But over this past year, we have had far more to celebrate than anything else here in the Gorham Schools!

Don't take my word for it...see it for yourself in the final set of pictures I've included (Since it is the last one, I shared twice as many pictures)! Pictures sure do say 1,000 words! Now on to the important updates!

### UPDATED PROPOSED FY 23 SCHOOL BUDGET INFORMATION

**(After Town Council Vote on June 7)**

It is always difficult to keep up with the proposed budget process this time of the year. On Tuesday night, the Town Council voted to reduce the School Committee's proposed FY 23 school budget by almost \$1.6 million dollars.

It certainly wasn't the best of possible outcomes, but it also was not the worst.

The proposed budget now stands at \$46,427,320.00 which is an overall expenditure increase of \$2,159,177 over FY 22 or a 4.9% overall increase in expenditures. This is down from the originally proposed FY 23 budget of an 8.46% increase.

As you know, the role of the School Committee is to make decisions, including budget decisions, that are focused on meeting the needs of the children of this community. I believe the School Committee did a tremendous job in putting together their FY 23 proposed budget that was passed on April 13 by a vote of 5-2 in favor.

The Town Council's role is to determine what level of funding the community of Gorham can

bear. This is an equally important role, and one that at times can clash with the role of the School Committee to provide for the best interest of students. The Town Council listened intently to our budget presentations, and they asked great questions to better understand the core components of our proposed budget, but at the end of the day what they felt the community could bear was less than what the School Committee requested by that \$1.6 million dollars.

That same night, the School Committee then worked diligently to reduce specific items to meet this requirement. The reductions will have negative impacts, but the reductions have been made in a manner that minimizes these impacts to the best of our ability.

Although we may not "like" this revised budget, it is a budget that I believe is workable. It doesn't allow us to fully address the priorities we set out to accomplish in this process, but it does allow us to continue to move forward in meeting the needs of our students...just not as far forward as we had hoped.

The list of reductions that were made on Tuesday night can be found on our website.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have via email (heather.perry@gorhamschools.org).

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our Administrative team members and to our School Committee members in working so hard together to find ways in which we could maneuver this difficult budget process to a reasonable conclusion. It is now up to the voters of Gorham to determine how we move forward.

### GOOD NEWS - EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



### TIES AND MORE!

We have gotten THREE pieces of pretty darn good news recently regarding expanding opportunities for our high school students to participate in extended learning opportunities (ELO's). The first I have already shared with you and was announced about 1 month ago. That is that the Gorham Schools received a three year grant in an amount of \$680,000.00 to expand pre apprentice and apprentice opportunities for our young adult learners ages 16-24 in four key areas:

1. CNA
  2. CDL Drivers
  3. Early Childhood instructors
  4. Educator pathways (i.e. Educational technicians and teachers)
- You'll be hearing more on this in the fall as we work with our partners (Gorham Adult Education, SMCC, USM, and others in this important work so stay tuned!

The second piece of good news was just announced on Monday of this week. It is good news that comes from what was bad news. It simply shows the resilience of our staff and leadership in problem solving and making sure our students are given the

opportunities they seek to learn! There is a little back story to this one so let me provide the context...

When students began signing up for courses at GHS this late winter and early spring, we had a very large number of our incoming junior class indicate that they wanted to participate in Career and Technical Education (CTE) learning opportunities at either Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC) or Portland Arts and Technology High School (PATHS). Our guidance counselors worked and worked and were able to "wheel and deal" to get many students into the programs they wanted, but at the end of the day we still had 35 juniors that we were unable to place in CTE programs at either WRVC or PATHS due to seat limitations. We quickly determined we needed to find another way to provide these students with meaningful workplace learning experiences that were credit bearing. An idea was born!

The vision entails enrolling these students into a semester long and/or year long internship program that would allow students to earn credits while participating in a workplace internship experience in partnership with area businesses. We have

operated this kind of program for smaller numbers of students over the past two years, but now was clearly the time to take this work to the next level for our students. The biggest problem that needed to be solved was capacity! We needed to add staff to coordinate these programs and guide students in ensuring these experiences are meaningful, both for them and for their business mentors. We decided to apply for funding from the Maine Department of Education to expand our ELO programming. Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's) is a large umbrella term that encompasses any credit bearing work place learning experience. This can range from internships to pre apprentice and apprenticeships to co-op programs and independent studies.

We were just notified on Monday that we received the grant award for \$250,000.00 a year for the next two years to kick start this program! We are so excited to be able to move in this direction and to find more opportunities for our students to experience meaningful, real world, authentic learning opportunities as a result! More to come on this as we prepare to open the 2022-23 school year!

The third piece of good news we just became aware of on Wednesday. The Maine Department of Education recently awarded the Jobs For Maine's Graduates (JMG) program a \$6 million dollar award at the state level. The goal of these funds requires that the state-wide JMG organization finds a way to pay

4,200 students each year a "paycheck" for 40 hours of work place learning experiences calculated to be \$500.00 per participating student. These hours can be earned in one week, or over the course of two weeks, or over the course of a whole year. Because of our strong relations with JMG and because of our successful Aspire Gorham program and the already existing infrastructures we have built here in Gorham to support increasing these authentic learning experiences for our students, JMG made the commitment to Gorham High School that EACH AND EVERY MEMBER of next year's Junior and Senior class will be eligible to receive this \$500.00 check payable directly to them as long as they can document these 40 hours. Not only that, but they further committed that the Junior and Senior classes for the following year (2023-24) will ALSO be receiving these direct payments for their workplace learning experiences! WHOOT WHOOT!

To be clear, this would issue each GHS Junior (about 200 students) and each GHS Senior (about 200 students) a direct payment for their workplace learning experiences in the amount of \$500.00 each for the next two years. That is an investment of \$200,000.00 each year DIRECTLY to our students!

INCREDIBLE!  
 All of this work aligns so very well with our Aspire Gorham program and our ultimate vision that eventually our  
*See Superintendent, page 11*

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## Seniors Not Acting Their Age

# Paddling Remote Ross Stream and the Allagash River Part One: Ross Stream



Paddlers maneuver around an obstacle on Ross Stream

Guest Column by  
Ron Chase

(June 11, 2022) -- Remote, infrequently paddled, Ross Stream is a tributary of the Allagash River that enters the iconic waterway from the west at Long Lake. Chemquasabamti-cook is its Native American name. Given the difficulty I have spelling and pronouncing it, I'm begging the pardon of my Wabanaki ancestors and using Ross in this narrative.

Paddling Ross has been on my bucket list for many years. Since there is no U.S. Geological Survey gauge on the stream, determining when there is adequate water for a trip is problematic. My source of information for the Allagash watershed is venerable outfitter Norm L'Italien, owner of Pelletier Camps in St. Francis. During our winter conversations, he predicted mid-May would likely be a good start time. A trip beginning May 16 was planned. When our group arrived at Pelletier

Camps the evening before, Norm reported his inspection of Ross earlier in the day indicated it was at a good level to paddle. The trip was on.

When you're old, getting invited on exciting river trips is a concern. The antidote is to organize them yourself. I assembled a team of seven experienced paddlers that included my son, Adam, and a combination of seniors and youngsters. I easily qualified as the group's ancient mariner. We consisted of two tandem canoes, two solo canoes, and I paddled an expedition kayak, a concession to old age.

Earl, one of Norm's experienced shuttle drivers, transported us by van and trailer through a confusing labyrinth of logging roads to a bridge over Ross Stream on Poulin Road just a short distance downstream from the outlet of Ross Lake. We were thrilled to find sufficient water to meet our needs. The addition of sunshine

and light winds provided the perfect beginning for our journey.

From the outset, the narrow twisting stream was a delight to paddle. Initially, we navigated through a series of easy rapids to a section of slack water where the stream was jammed with debris in three locations. Our resolute band was able to forge through or around each impediment without the need to portage. Several miles of exhilarating rapids followed.

Once entering calm water a few miles upstream of Clayton Lake, we started hunting for a reputed campsite near Kelly Brook, our intended destination for the night. Despite a determined effort, it was never located. Our progress was complicated by two confusing channels that didn't appear on our maps. Substantial exploration resulted. A benefit of our wanderings was sighting a cow moose and her calf, the first of several moose encounters during the voyage.

After reaching scenic Clayton Lake, we fought a strong headwind during our traverse to the outlet. Reentering Ross Stream, our search for an adequate campsite continued. A location that could accommodate six tents was finally discovered in a sparsely

wooded area on river left. Since the forecast called for heavy rain, an extensive tarp city was erected. The decision was a good one as rain soon began and continued through the night.

The precipitation ended during breakfast the following morning and skies gradually cleared. While launching from our improvised tent site, a large moose crossed the river just above us. Miles of entertaining whitewater followed to a dead water where the stream turned abruptly east. After a brief paddle, we joined Long Lake in the Allagash Waterway. My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* relates the details of an expedition down Musquacook Stream, another significant tributary on the east side of the Allagash.

The rarest of all winds, a tailwind, helped propel us north to a superb campsite next to the remains of washed out Long Lake Dam. A steady gale provided an excellent opportunity to dry gear dampened by rain during the previous night. Two groups passed while we were establishing camp. One lined the whitewater descent where the dam once existed while the other plummeted through the sizeable waves.



A tandem canoe team navigates one of the many rapids on Ross Stream



Canoeists dodge a ledge on Ross Stream

Watching the excitement stimulated several in our group to spend time playing in the rapid created by the pitch. Despite a Herculean effort, no one was able to surf the substantial wave at the top.

Forty-five miles remained on the Allagash Waterway. The water level was high and many more adventures were anticipated. Picturesque Round Pond was our goal for day three where we hoped to climb Round Pond Mountain if weather conditions permitted.

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> or in bookstores and through online distributors. His previous books are *"The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery"* and *"Mountains for Mortals – New England."* Visit his website at [www.ronchaseoutdoors.com](http://www.ronchaseoutdoors.com) or he can be reached at [ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net).

### Notice of Guardianship Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. the County Court of Phelps County, Nebraska will consider a Motion for Appointment of Guardian of Dezirae Hardin.

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# Wiscasset Art Walk 2022 Opens on June 30, 5-8pm



Sylvan Gallery in Wiscasset Village is a gathering place during Art Walk evenings. The season opens on June 30, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

**WISCASSET, ME (June 17, 2022)** – Now in its 10th year, Wiscasset Art Walk (WAW) will be presenting a series of summertime evenings that high-

light art and art-making, music and performance, and community connections. The 2022 season kicks off on Thursday, June 30, from 5 to 8pm.

Wiscasset Art Walk invites visitors to stroll the sidewalks and meander down the side streets of the Village, stopping into the exceptional galleries and the one-of-a-kind specialty shops along the way. Accomplished musicians will be playing in galleries while guest artists and music-makers will engage passers-by with their talents on the Village sidewalks. Many local community organizations will be taking part in WAW, too, as they offer a glimpse into the network of mission-driven initiatives contributing to this vibrant community. Visitors are invited to stop, have a chat, and consider volunteering. WAW activities are

free, the parking is plentiful, and tempting nibbles and libations are awaiting guests. And so the festive season begins!

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Wiscasset Art Walk begins the 2022 season on Thursday, June 30, 5-8pm. Guest performers, like Downeast Brass in 2021, entertain visitors – rain or shine. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

support comes from Cod Cove Inn. For more information about Wiscasset Art Walk, [www.wiscassetartwalk.org](http://www.wiscassetartwalk.org) or email to [wiscassetartwalk@verizon.net](mailto:wiscassetartwalk@verizon.net). Wiscasset Art Walk is a program of Wiscasset Creative Alliance.

## UMaine Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series Kicks off July 5

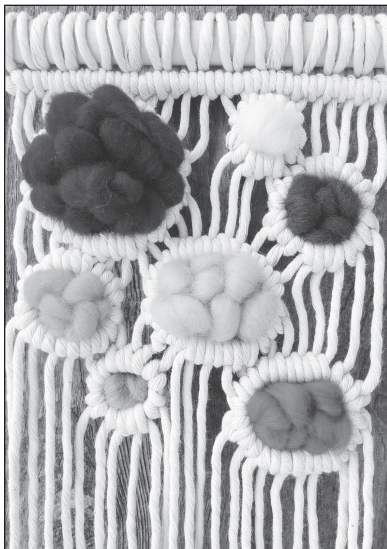
**ORONO, ME (June 10, 2022)**— University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H will offer its hands-on virtual summer learning series July 5–Aug. 5 with over 20 workshops open to all youth ages 5–18.

The UMaine Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series includes hands-on workshops in the fields of arts and crafts, food and nutrition, STEM, marine science and aquaculture, animal science and agriculture, and more. Any required materials will be

mailed to participants at no cost.

Workshops are free with optional sliding scale fee; registration required (opens June 10). Offline projects to be completed at home also are available. Register and find more information on the Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series webpage.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Jessy Brainerd, 207.581.3877; [jessica.brainerd@maine.edu](mailto:jessica.brainerd@maine.edu).



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Gorham Outdoors Holds Guns 'N Hoses Cornhole Tournament



**GORHAM, ME (June 10, 2022)** -- Looking for some competition or a fun way to support a good cause, join us for a cornhole tournament at the Gorham Sports Center on June 25. Registration is at 12pm. Round Robin play will be from 1 to 3pm. Each team will get four games during the round robin. The Double Elimination Playoffs will be from 4pm until 9pm.

Partners will register and navigate round robin play. Net scoring will be used. The first team to reach 21 points wins that game or whoever is the winner after 15 minutes. The top half of the teams from the round robin will advance to the competitive bracket called "Hole in One" and the remaining teams will play in the "Average Joe" bracket.

Participants are allowed to bring their own bags to use, but they must allow their bags to be used by their opponents during the matchups. Plaques will be awarded to the winners to be crowned the "Boss of Toss" along with cash prizes.

The event is open to anyone ages 18 and older. There will be lots of positive energy flowing throughout the day with music, food and drinks. Alcohol will be available for purchase and ID is mandatory. No coolers will be allowed on site.

Proceeds from the event will support the Guns & Hoses scholarship and the Gorham Outdoors club. Please download the

Scoreholio app on your smartphone and search "Gorham Outdoors Cornhole Tournament" to register your team ahead of time. This will make things much quicker at registration!

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## Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival Call to Artists



**BRUNSWICK, ME (June 15, 2022)** -- The 16th annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival, a juried fine arts and fine crafts show, is currently accepting applications from artists, fine crafts artists and demo artisans who would like to participate. The Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, August 16 from 9 AM to 5 PM on Maine Street in Brunswick, Maine. For more information or to

apply, please contact the Brunswick Downtown Association at 201-729-4439 or visit our festival website at: [www.brunswickoutdoorartsfest.com](http://www.brunswickoutdoorartsfest.com).

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# Elvis Debuts on the Big Screen

LEWISTON/AUBURN, GORHAM, ME (June 17, 2022) -- Elvis is in the building...and he is on the big screen! The new film, "Elvis", shows the king of rock & roll as he starts his music career and rises to fame in the 1950's, all while navigating the complex relationship with his manager Tom Parker, played by Tom Hanks.

Directed by Baz Luhrman of "Moulin Rouge!" fame, this is sure to be a showstopping, eye catching look at one of the best performers ever to be on this planet. If you enjoyed bio-pic music industry films such as "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Rocketman", and "Respect", you won't want



to miss "Elvis" - in select theaters starting June 24th with early premiere viewings June 23rd.

# Maine Child Nutrition Programs Continue Beyond School Year

Augusta, ME (June 8, 2022)—As the school year comes to an end, Maine children can access nutritious meals through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program, administered by the Maine Department of Education (DOE). These meals are available at hundreds of sites across Maine and will be listed on the Maine DOE's Hot Lunch Summer website.

"No child should worry about going hungry when the school year ends," said Education Commissioner Pender Makin. "Hot Lunch Summer ensures that Maine children continue to receive the healthy, nutritious meals they rely on during the school year and we thank the schools and organizations that have stepped up to make the distribution of these meals possible."

The Summer Food Service Program may be offered statewide in areas or at sites where more than

50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits under the National School Lunch Program or where census tract data supports the need. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, nonprofit residential summer camps, government agencies, and tax-exempt organizations including faith-based organizations.

The Maine DOE launched a statewide ad campaign to raise awareness that the Summer Food Service Program exists and clearly explain the logistics of where, when, and how Maine children and adolescents can access complementary meals. The multi-media campaign includes a fun, original song entitled 'Hot Lunch Summer' for broadcast radio, an accompanying sing-along video in several lengths including a 30-second broadcast and streaming television ad, a series of colorful shareable

graphics for social media, and a series of printed materials for distribution at schools and meal sites. The campaign, which will run through July, is expected to generate more than 5.25 million impressions.

To find nearby Summer Meal sites, please visit [www.hotlunchsummer.com](http://www.hotlunchsummer.com), or text "Summer Meals" to (914)342-7744. Information will be available mid-June.

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# DaPonte String Quartet Summer Concerts Announced

Mozart & Brahms Clarinet Quintets with guests Mark Simons, clarinet & Alex Romanul, violin

July 16, 7:30 pm Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport

July 21, 7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol

July 22, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

July 23, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor

July 24, 3:00 pm Denmark Arts Center, Denmark, Maine

Bach Goldberg Variations arr. for string trio

August 14, 4 pm Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

August 18, 7:30 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, Arrowsic

August 20, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor

August 25, 7:30 pm Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport

pm Union Church, South Bristol

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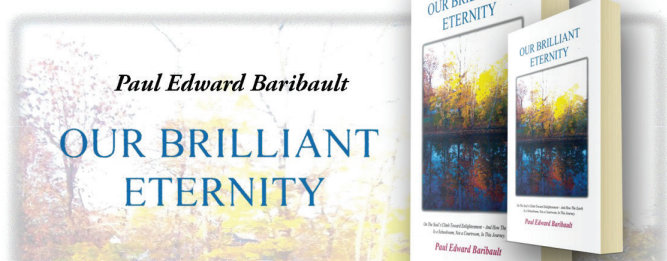
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# Gorham Police Volunteer at Special Olympics & Participate in Torch Run



Gorham members of the Police Department Volunteer at the Special Olympics Summer Games.



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Members of local law enforcement participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run.



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**GORHAM, ME (June 14, 2022)** -- This past Friday and Saturday, three members of the Gorham Police Department--Officer Bryce Randall, School Resource Officer Todd Smolinsky and Sergeant Sears Edwards--along with 15 members of law enforcement across the state, were able to volunteer at the Special Olym-

pics Summer games that was being held at the University of Maine Orono. All day Saturday Officers assisted in presenting medals and ribbons to athletes in multiple sports. With over 850 athletes registered it couldn't have been a better day. Thank you Special Olympics of Maine for giving us the opportunity

to represent the law enforcement community and thank you to all the athletes that made this a great weekend. On June 8, 2022, members of the Gorham, Westbrook, Windham Police Department as well as the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

This portion of the run (Leg 16) runs from Standish to the Westbrook/Portland line, where the final destination of the torch will be at the University of Maine Orono this weekend for the summer games. Thank you all that participated today and thank you to all the athletes for making this such a successful event.

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# Maine-ly Harmony Installs 2022-2023 Officers



Photo by Barbara Combs

**RANDOLPH, ME (May 18, 2022)** -- Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop chorus conducted its installation of officers at the chorus' rehearsal hall in the Randolph United Methodist Church, 16 Asbury St., Randolph, on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Installing officer was Nancie Bossie, assisted by Doty Meyer. Officers include, left to right, President Can-

dace Pepin, Vice President Sue Staples, Secretary Jennifer Clair, Treasurer Janey Dunham, and at large member Betty Avery. At large member Tina Baker was absent. The chorus, directed by Kathy Grea-son of Brunswick, consists of women of all ages who travel from all over Maine for Wednesday evening re- hearsals 6:30 to 9 p.m. With high hopes that

Covid is behind us, the chorus is already scheduled to perform for the veterans at the Maine Veterans' Home on June 29 and are teaming up with the Nor'easters men chorus from Bangor to perform September 17 at the South Parish Church in Augusta. For more informa- tion, contact Nancie at 293-4779 or Lea at 622-1273.

# USDA Offering Nationwide Waiver for Infant Formula

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 6, 2022)** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering nationwide waivers to increase access to infant formula for families in need as states receive and distribute im- ported infant formula made available by the Biden-Harris Administration's Operation Fly Formula.

USDA is leveraging new authority from the recently passed Access to Baby Formula Act to offer this flexibility.

"USDA is committed to providing our WIC families with nutritious foods, and while we continue working with our many partners to bring the infant formula shortages to a speedy conclusion, we're also going to keep looking for ways to help families here and now," said Stacy Dean, USDA's deputy undersecretary for food, nutrition, and consumer services. "We're maximizing flexibility, encouraging action, and providing ongoing support so we can all overcome this obstacle together."

The action builds on existing flexibilities to provide widest access to available infant formula for WIC families. Within days of the recall, USDA offered WIC state agencies waivers to maximize formula options for WIC participants and ensure they could exchange or return any recalled formula. To date, USDA has approved well over 250 state waiver requests.

In addition, Food and Nutrition Service recently encouraged state agencies to work with their infant formula manufacturers to identify and implement temporary flexibility in their contracts to allow WIC participants to purchase alternate sizes, forms, or

brands of infant formula during the ongoing shortage. North Carolina and its formula manufacturer, Nestle Gerber, are the first to have put this into action by agreeing to a contract modification that expands access to formula for WIC participants in the state.

"When formula supply began to tighten, we looked at all avenues to ensure safe and nutritious options for North Carolina babies and families," said North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kody H. Kinsley. "We immediately began working with our federal partners and with our contracted WIC manufacturer, Nestle Gerber, to give families in the WIC program the flexibility to choose different sizes, types and brands of formula during the shortage. We negotiated and implemented these changes as quickly as possible to relieve some of the stress that WIC-participating families felt."

Food and Nutrition Service is encouraged by the action taken by North Carolina. "We are grateful for the leadership and teamwork of North Carolina and Nestle Gerber to increase formula access for WIC families in their state," said Dean. The agency recently shared best practices with WIC state agencies to help them establish contract flexibilities that will help WIC participants access the formula they need.

USDA continues to work closely with HHS and FDA and the administration to support WIC families through this challenging time and to bring to a swift end to the shortage. Recent USDA actions include:

Coordinating cross-government to rapidly

transport safe specialty formulas into the country for babies with special medical needs through Operation Fly Formula. More shipments, including regular formula, are on the way in the coming days.

Calling on states to take advantage of all available WIC flexibilities that could help those they serve. Since May 13, when USDA wrote to state health commissioners on this issue, more than 50 new waivers have been requested and approved, with all 50 states now offering at least one flexibility to help WIC families get the formula they need.

Engaging directly with WIC stakeholders including holding multiple listening sessions to better understand current needs and concerns.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service leverages its 15 nutrition assistance programs to ensure that children, low-income individuals, and families have opportunities for a better future through equitable access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food, while building a more resilient food system. Under the leadership of Secretary Tom Vilsack, FNS is fighting to end food and nutrition insecurity for all through programs such as SNAP, school meals, and WIC. FNS also provides science-based nutrition recommendations through the co-development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To learn more, visit [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov) and follow @USDANutrition.



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high school will encourage that as juniors and seniors, our students have one foot in our buildings as learners and one foot in the "world" as learners building their future own stories! Whether that means internships and apprenticeships or that means independent learning opportunities or that means early college courses...we want our students experiencing their futures in meaningful ways while they learn!

**JUNE ASPIRE GORHAM NEWSLETTER READY TO VIEW!**

Speaking of Aspire Gorham...our June newsletter is ready to view! I encourage you to go to our website to read more about this incredible work in Gorham!

**CELEBRATING A SPECIAL CLASS OF 2022 RETIREES**

Each year members of our Gorham School staff family retire. It is part of our annual tradition to honor these retirees. Often this is done more at the individual school level with a special presentation to retiring staff on our closing day of school.

This year we have a pretty incredible class of retirees that I think bears being a little more public in our congratulations and in wishing them the absolute best as they hang up their ID badges and spend more

time taking care of themselves and their families.

This year's retirement class represents OVER 323 TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GORHAM SCHOOLS! Yes, that bears repeating...over 323 years! Can you imagine how many THOUSANDS (not hundreds, but thousands) of lives these individuals have positively touched over the years? I am awestruck by their dedication and by their impact to our schools and to our community. Below is a list of our teacher and support staff retirees for 2022. If you see any of these folks around town, please take a moment to say THANK YOU and wish them the best in their retirement as all of us do too!

\*. Dennis Crowe, Director of Technology - 14 years.

\*. Bryan McManus, Bus Driver - 6 years.

\*. Dave Palmer, 8th grade science - 18 years.

\*. Joyce LaRou, School nurse at GHS - 24 years.

\*. Laurie Kenny, 1st Grade Teacher, Narr. - 24 years.

\*. Deb Noble, Special Ed. at GMS - 24 years.

\*. Diane Knott, Gifted & Talented - 29 years.

\*. Veronica Scontras, 6th grade math - 32 years.

\*. Winston Barton, Libraria/Media Specialist @ Vill. - 35 years.

\*. Rosalie Mosher,

Kindergarten, Great Falls - 43 years.

\*. Lona Tassej, 8th grade ELA - 47 years.

\*. Deb Roy, HS World Languages - 47 years.

**NARRAGANSETT STUDENTS CREATE VIDEO SERIES ON CODE OF CONDUCT**

Student leaders at Narragansett Elementary School created a video series for each of the five components of our district Code of Conduct: Respect, Honesty, Courage, Compassion, and Responsibility. Great lessons for us all - so I thought I'd share! Check them out on our website!

**K-5 ACADEMIC SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

I'm sure our students don't want to know about this, but I'm thinking there may be some parents out there that are interested in knowing what is available for summer academic learning opportunities for Gorham students.

See our website to view a list of these opportunities.

**TRANSPORTATION SURVEY REMINDER!**

We are asking any parent of a K-12 student in the Gorham Schools for the 2022-23 School year to please complete the transportation survey below IF YOU WILL NEED ANY TRANSPORTATION TO

OR FROM SCHOOL TO A LOCATION OTHER THAN YOUR HOME. If you have already completed this survey you do not need to do it again.

Please reach out to your school's office if you have questions. Here's the Survey Link:

<https://forms.gle/kZC2VoWNit2HPn2f6>

**SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS THROUGH USM**

2022 Summer youth music and theater camps sponsored by the USM School of music are open for registration. Through these programs young musicians can strengthen their skills, confidence and experience that can be brought back to their school bands and choruses in the fall. These summer programs give children an intensive week with their instrument, good instruction, ensemble playing, and fun with their musical friends. Parents/Guardians and music teachers can learn more about these programs by visiting the website below.

<https://usm.maine.edu/music/summercamps>

**JOYFUL MOMENTS - FOR FAMILIES JUNE & SUMMER MONTHS**

I happened upon this monthly calendar series as we were navigating our way through some of the

most difficult parts of the Pandemic. I've shared the link a few times before, but I thought perhaps folks might like to use these calendars this summer to keep some of these methods for creating "joyful moments" individually or as a family at the forefront of their minds while we take a little break from the more arduous academic learning of the regular school year. Check out the link below if interested! You will see June's calendar and then just scroll down to view other months!

Link: <https://action-forhappiness.org/calendar>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS! GHS CLASS OF 2022!**

It is always hard to truly put your finger on the impacts of one year of learning on individual students. We measure academic achievement each year, we measure growth, we measure and we measure...but sometimes it is still hard to see.

I've always believed one of the truest measures of our success as a public school system lies with our graduates. What types of students have come up through our system? Are they critical thinkers and problem solvers? Do they know how to collaborate? Are they prepared for success in whatever they choose to pursue?

Each year I make it

a point to attend as many of the celebrations as I can for our senior class BECAUSE this is where you get to see the "output" of our school system. These 200 plus students. What are their plans after graduation? How do they hold themselves? Do they demonstrate our Code of Conduct in their daily interactions with one another, with their families, with their community? Are they ready to write the next chapters in their future stories?

I can say that by watching the class of 2022 over this past month, and before that, how they have handled themselves over the past few years through a global pandemic - that the answers to all these questions is an undeniable YES.

From West Point and Tufts University to gap years and directly entering the workforce and everything in between. I am proud of our 2022 graduates and the young adults they have become, I look forward to watching them make a positive impact on this world as they have already made on this community.

Congratulations Class of 2022...GO RAMS!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK EVERYONE! SEE YOU BACK HERE IN AUGUST!**



# GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

## *Field Funding Campaign*



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# Crossing the Canadian Border this Summer

**Press Release by the Canada Border Services Agency**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO (May 26, 2022)**

-- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) reminds US residents visiting Canada as part of Memorial Day long weekend of what to expect at the border during the busy summer months.

This summer, travelers are returning to a border that is managed differently, with evolving COVID-19 requirements, which can mean delays during peak periods. The CBSA is working to mitigate long border wait times, but there are also things that travelers can do to make the process easier for themselves and other travelers.

Travelers can help reduce wait times at the border by coming prepared and by completing their mandatory ArriveCAN submission within 72 hours before arriving at the border.

The CBSA invests significant effort annually to plan and prepare for peak periods, such as the summer months. The Agency works with bridge and tunnel operators, air-

port authorities and travel industry groups to plan and review service requirements, enhancement opportunities, and required resources, so that we can deliver together the best service to all travelers.

The CBSA has also established modern processes to improve the traveler experience and manage volumes, like the International-to-Domestic and the International-to-International programs that significantly decrease connection times, as well as the Primary Inspection Kiosks, and the advanced CBSA declaration option.

Key tips for all travelers:

- Ensure you are eligible to enter Canada. Foreign nationals must meet the entry requirements under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and provide appropriate travel and immigration documentation. The final determination on entry is made by a border services officer at the port of entry.

- Understand the rules around COVID-19. There are still border measures in place for COVID-19. Foreign nationals must be vacci-

nated with Government of Canada-accepted COVID-19 vaccines. Find out which requirements apply to you and if you can enter Canada.

- Use ArriveCAN. All travelers, regardless of vaccination status, are required to submit their information in ArriveCAN (free as a mobile app or by website), up to 72 hours before entering the Canada. ArriveCAN collects contact, health and travel information to protect the health and safety of travelers and expedite processing at the border. It is the fastest, easiest and most secure way for travelers to show they meet public health requirements.

- Travelers must ensure they have the most up-to-date version of the ArriveCAN app (consult the Google Play Store or the App Store for iPhone.)

- Travelers should print or take a screenshot of their ArriveCAN receipt and bring it with them when they travel.

- Travelers without a smartphone or without mobile data can submit their information by signing in online through a computing device. If trav-

elers are unable to enter their information themselves, they can have a friend or family member enter the information for them.

- Have all your documents ready. Travelers should have the following ready to present to the border services officer: their ArriveCAN receipt; passport or travel documents; proof of vaccination; and identification for all persons in the vehicle.

- Plan ahead and check border wait times. Travelers crossing the border by land are encouraged to plan to cross during non-peak hours such as early morning.

- Entering Canada by water. Unless exempt, all travelers entering Canada by water, must report their arrival to the CBSA without delay. All travelers, including those with a right of entry (Canadian citizens and permanent residents and persons registered under the Indian Act), must submit their mandatory information in ArriveCAN before, or when, entering Canada at a marine port of entry.

- Be prepared to declare. Travelers entering Canada should be ready

to declare all goods in their possession.

- Declare any foods, plants, or animals such as raw poultry products and by-products that are not fully cooked, to the border services officer. There are currently restrictions on imports of live birds, bird products and by-products from states affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the United States. Be sure to check the Automated Import Reference System to help determine all specific import requirements.

- Declare all money or currency of CAN\$10,000 or more. It is not illegal to bring such amounts into Canada, but it must be declared on arrival.

- Cannabis. Don't bring it in. Don't take it out. Transporting cannabis across the border in any form, including any oils containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabidiol (CBD) remains a serious criminal offence subject to arrest and prosecution, despite the legalization of cannabis in Canada.

- Advance Declaration. Air travelers landing in Toronto (YYZ) or Vancouver (YVR) may use

ArriveCAN (Web version) to complete their customs and immigrations declaration in advance of their arrival in Canada. This feature will be expanded to other airports in the future.

- Know the contents of your vehicle. Travelers can consult the CBSA's website for information on firearms and other restricted and prohibited goods.

- Use the latest technology. Upon arrival at selected major airports in Canada, travelers can use a primary inspection kiosk to verify their travel documents, confirm their identity and complete an on-screen declaration.

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For more information, visit the CBSA Web site at [www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca) or call us at 1-800-461-9999.

## Jake Matheson Racing Supports Dartmouth Health Children's



**HILLSBORO, NH (June 16, 2022)** -- Jake Matheson Racing announced they have kicked off their support of The Kennek Foundation with a donation to Dartmouth Health Children's flagship location: Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (CHaD).

"I have been a fan of Trouble the Dog® since I met Sheila Duncan and the character she created a few years ago at a Speedway Children's Charities event," the 19-yr old Driver said. "Our team is excited to spread the word about "Trouble on the Scene" and The Kennek Foundation, and to join in their crusade to provide comfort to children experiencing difficult times. Trouble will look great on the race car. I'm looking forward to having him on-

board this season!"

Trouble is an ultra-soft keepsake toy that is 100% made in America. He is a proven source of comfort for children experiencing "trouble" in their lives. The goal of the "Trouble on the Scene" program is to supply Trouble plush dogs for every police cruiser, ambulance, and rescue truck in the community so that police officers, firefighters, and first responders have something comforting readily available in the event of an accident, fire, domestic situation, or other emergency that involves children.

This donation of Trouble comfort dogs to CHaD fits right into this mission. Participation in the program is funded by donations from local businesses and individual citizens.

"We are so appreciative of this outreach and support from Jake Matheson Racing," notes Sheila Duncan, Founder of The Kennek Foundation. "When I see what is happening in today's world, especially for children, it makes me more determined than ever to provide Trouble comfort dogs wherever there is a need. First responders have shared their real-life experiences about how they are utilizing Trouble the Dog to comfort children. I am grateful to the corporations, businesses, and individual donors -- like Jake Matheson Racing - that have stepped up to help increase awareness about what we are doing, to make a difference and bring comfort and hope to children around the world."



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LEWISTON -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays from April-June, 4-6pm at the Lewiston Public Library: TEEN TABLETOP RPGS. Calling all adventurers and explorers! LPL Teen will be hosting a series of one-shot tabletop roleplaying games, in person in the teen lounge on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4-6pm, from April-June. Supplies will be provided – just bring yourself and your creative mind! Each drop in session will feature a different one-shot tabletop RPG, run by game master Hallie. No previous RPG experience is required. This program is intended for teens ages 13-19. For more information, contact the Adult & Teen Services department at 207-513-3135 or [lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov), or go to [lplonline.org/events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/](http://lplonline.org/events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/)

**May 4 and every Wednesday**

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.

or check) at the door, 207-846-5378, or <http://www.midcoastsymphony.org> for details. Under 18 and college students are free.

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# Calendar

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**June 4-26**

FREEPORT -- CARAVAN OF DREAMS, written and directed by Stephen Legawiec; presented by Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble and the Desert of Maine Center for Arts and Ecology. Opens: June 4 and continues through June 26. Held at Desert of Maine; 95 Desert Road; Freeport, ME 04843. Parking is available in the Desert of Maine lot. For tickets, see <https://caravanofdreams.eventbrite.com> or call (207) 854-8882. General Admission: \$25.00; Seniors/Students/veterans \$20.00; Kids 17 or under: \$5.00.

**June 16-19, 23-26**

AUBURN -- The L/A Community Little Theatre presents the classic comedy You Can't Take It With You, one of the most popular and successful plays of modern times. Show dates are June 16-18, 23-25 at 7:30 p.m., and June 19 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. Visit the website at ([laclt.com](http://laclt.com)) for more information or to purchase tickets.

**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 mementoes of that history. Located on the third floor of the Androscoggin Court House at 2 Turner St in Auburn.

**June 25**

AUBURN -- OPEN HOUSE at The Knight House/Downing Shoe Shop will be open 1-4 on Wednesday, June 25th. Learn about Chores in Yesteryear. Contact person is Penny Jessop 784-0586. The Knight house/Downing Shoe Shop is located at the north side of

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**June 25**

GRAY -- Dine in Supper - First Congregational of Gray; Saturday, June 25, 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown St., Gray. Handicapped accessible. You MUST make reservations in advance. Contact Carol at 650-9093 and let her know your name, phone number, and how many in your party. We are accepting only 50 Reservations! Cut off for reservations will be Wednesday, June 22 at 2:00 P. M.

The menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, Red Hot Dogs, Bread/Biscuits, Variety of Casseroles and Salads, Assortment of Desserts, and Beverages. Meals are single sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

**June 25**

BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, June 25, 2022 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to

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**June 25**

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**July 2**

LEWISTON -- Saturday, July 2nd at 11:00AM: MAGICIAN PHIL SMITH

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lpreference@gmail.com).

## Efficiency Maine Spotlights Maine Contractors

AUGUSTA, ME (June 16, 2022) – Efficiency Maine today recognized the top-performing contractors that sell, install, and service high-efficiency lighting, heating and cooling systems, refrigeration equipment, electric vehicles, and other upgrades that are promoted through the

quasi-state agency's programs. Efficiency Maine also honored the Environmental & Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2Tech) with its Philip C. Hastings Award, which recognizes extraordinary commitment to energy efficiency in Maine. The event took place at the Hilton Garden Inn Free-

port, Maine.

After a three-year hiatus due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Efficiency Maine hosted more than 200 electricians, plumbers, heating system installers, insulation technicians, distributors, manufacturers, business owners, and other stakeholders, who gathered for

the awards and attended workshops on Efficiency Maine's initiatives and energy-efficiency trends. Workshop sessions focused on residential initiatives, including low- and moderate-income weatherization, and commercial and industrial initiatives that will invest federal funding from the

Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan. Sessions also covered Efficiency Maine's demand management and electric vehicle (EV) initiatives.

"It is important to celebrate the hard work by so many dedicated contractors working in Maine's energy sector," said Michael Stoddard,

Efficiency Maine's executive director. "These firms, mostly small and locally owned, are providing equipment and services that hold the key to Maine's energy consumers managing their costs by improving efficiency and shifting to cleaner energy."

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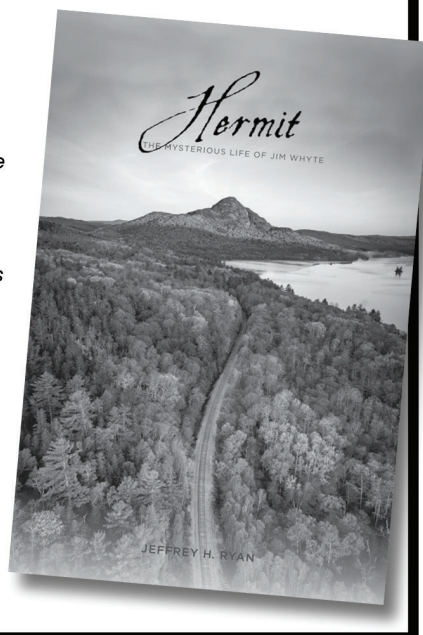
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**Ogunquit Playhouse for the play "CLUE" - October 16, 2022** - Clue is a fast paced hilarious whodunit comedy. After the show we will go to Cracker Barrel in South Portland for dinner on your own. The price is \$90.00 and includes bus, show and driver tip. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens' office at 65 Central Avenue.

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**Contractors**

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In Efficiency Maine's programs, home energy upgrades are delivered by Residential Registered Vendors while

energy improvements at commercial and industrial facilities are provided by Qualified Partners. Efficiency Maine presented 29 of these contractors and vendors awards for

outstanding performance in selling and servicing energy upgrades using financial incentives of the statewide efficiency programs. These companies, among the more

than 1,000 trade allies listed on the organization's website, are experienced vendors, contractors, suppliers, and other professionals who supply or install energy-efficient equipment, receive training from Efficiency Maine, and are familiar with Efficiency Maine's incentive programs.

For outstanding contributions in the category of Residential Programs in 2021, the Trust recognized:

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The annual Philip C. Hastings Award was presented to E2Tech, a member-based organization of individuals, businesses, and organizations that seek to build Maine's environmental and ener-

gy technology economy. The Philip C. Hastings Award recognizes an individual or organization whose exemplary efforts have furthered Maine's goals of achieving maximum energy efficiency. The Hastings Award is named after the original director of state energy conservation programs when they were administered by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and celebrates his legacy by memorializing his extraordinary commitment to and leadership of energy efficiency programs.

"E2Tech fulfills a vital role in Maine, fostering robust discussion about issues that impact Maine's businesses and environment," said Stoddard. "Energy issues are complex and constantly evolving, and E2Tech's discussion forums have been indispensable in our efforts to raise awareness about new energy efficiency technologies and programs."

The organization facilitates networking, serves as a clearinghouse for objective information, and leads efforts to promote economic development in the cleantech sector across the state.

"On behalf of our 325 member companies all dedicated to advancing energy efficiency, sustainability, and the Maine economy, we are extremely pleased and honored to accept this award," said Marty Grohman, executive director at E2Tech.



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