

Gorham Fire Department Call Company Officers Receive Awards



GORHAM, ME (June 23, 2022) -- Seen in the picture are three of the Gorham Fire Departments Call Company Officers. They also work fulltime as Firefighter/Paramedics for the City of Westbrook. These gentlemen are dedicated to the craft of Fire/EMS and take pride in the job.

Last month the Westbrook Fire Department presented each of them with well-deserved awards.

From left to right:

Lieutenant Levesque (Helmet 137) was awarded The Public Safety Cross for rescuing an unconscious victim from a building fire!

Captain Enright (Helmet 46) was awarded Firefighter/EMT of the year as well as a Life Saving Commendation Award!

Lieutenant Brichetto (Helmet 126) was awarded Paramedic of the Year!

Congratulations gentleman -- the GFD is very proud of you and appreciates all you do for us as well!

FEMA Awards Maine \$1 Million for COVID Testing Expenses

MAINE, STATEWIDE (June 25, 2022) -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1 million to the State of Maine to reimburse the cost of testing the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,062,625 Public Assistance grant will go to the Maine Department for Health and Human Services to cover the cost of providing 42,505 tests to the public at 62 Walgreens locations throughout the state between August and September 2021.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Maine with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$133 million in Public Assistance grants to Maine to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Maine, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4522>.

Send all items for
What's Going On
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Friday by five.

Home Values Up 14.75 Percent in Maine

AUGUSTA, ME (June 21, 2022) -- Home values remain high, while for-sale inventory is still a limiting factor for those seeking to purchase single-family existing homes in Maine. According to Maine Listings, the median sales price (MSP) statewide reached \$350,000 in May 2022—an increase of 14.75 over May of 2021. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less. Sales eased 11.97 percent statewide, comparing May 2022 to May 2021.

"While still historically low, during March, April, and May of 2022 we have experienced small gains in the number of homes for sale across Maine," says Madeleine Hill, 2022 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Designated Broker at Roxanne York Real Estate in Harpswell.

"Some of that gain is our typical spring home selling seasonal increase, but we're

also seeing home buying demand impacted by rising mortgage interest rates and home price appreciation."

The National Association of Realtors today reported a national sales decline of 7.7 percent in May 2022 compared to May 2021, while prices rose 14.6 percent to a national MSP of \$414,200. Regionally, May 2022 sales in the Northeast eased 9.3 percent and the regional MSP of \$409,700 represented a 6.7 percent rise in prices compared to May 2021.

"As sellers and buyers adjust, time will tell if we are transitioning to a more balanced market with slower price growth and less buyer competition for for-sale inventory," says Hill.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Jackson, Vitelli, & Daughtry React to Overturning of Roe v. Wade

AUGUSTA, ME (June 24, 2022) – This morning, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, officially overturning the abortion rights affirmed in the case of *Roe v. Wade*. The ruling comes a month after a draft opinion purportedly supported by a majority of the justices on the court was leaked to the press.

Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, Senate Majority Leader Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic, and

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Mattie Daughtry, D-Brunswick, released the following statements in response to the ruling:

President Jackson:

"Unfortunately, today's devastating decision made by a conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court to restrict the right to an abortion and erode almost 50 years of precedent does not come as a shock. However, that doesn't make this reality any easier to swallow nor does it do much to alleviate the fear that millions

of Mainers and Americans are experiencing.

"The right to decide if and when to start a family is fundamental to who we are as Americans and our freedom. It's a deeply personal decision that should not be made by politicians or justices. In the wake of this decision, please know that Maine Senate Democrats will fight back against efforts to undermine abortion rights and stand united for reproductive freedom."

Senator Vitelli:

"There are those of us

who remember a time before *Roe v. Wade* — when people were forced to go underground and put their lives on the line to access an abortion. Far too many of us know far too well that banning abortion doesn't stop people from getting abortions, it just stops people from getting safe abortions. This ruling from the Supreme Court is unconscionable. Rather than protecting the sanctity of life, it will only endanger the lives of everyday people. I vowed in my youth to fight for the right to access

abortion care, and it's clear this fight is far from over. I join with countless people across our state when I say, despite this decision handed down to us from Washington, Maine will not go back."

Senator Daughtry:

"Abortion is health care, and health care is a human right. No health care decision is made easier or better by having a politician or judge get in the way. What the Supreme Court has done today will hurt people across our country, but especial-

ly those who are already marginalized — people of color, people from low-income households, and people trying to survive domestic abuse. I'm proud that our Legislature has done so much in the past few years to ensure Mainers have access to quality reproductive health care, regardless of how much money they make or where they live. Maine lawmakers will continue to do all we can to protect this right, even as those who sit on the highest court of the land fail us."

Maine Right to Life Pleased with Decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade

Press Release by Maine Right to Life

AUBURN, ME (June 24, 2022) -- We are very pleased that the court recognized that abortion on demand was never a part of the constitution. Overturning *Roe* does not prohibit abortions. Rather, the Court's decision will allow states to pass Pro-Life legislation. It goes back to the people and state legisla-

ture, and it allows states to choose abortion policy representative to the citizens.

This is a victory for women, the unborn and the Pro-Life movement that has worked so hard to save and promote life. For far too long, pro-abortion groups have gotten away with the sky-is-falling argument that overturning *Roe* would outlaw abortions or reverse "abortion

rights". They wanted people to believe that reversing *Roe* would automatically outlaw abortion.

Polls consistently show that there has never been majority support for the holding of *Roe* which was abortion on demand throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. In a 2021 Marist Poll, 76% of respondents opposed abortion on demand and would

limit abortion to the first three months of pregnancy (25%), only in cases of the life of the mother, rape, or incest (28%), only to save the life of the mother (11%) or felt that they should never be permitted in any circumstance (12%).

A lot has changed since *Roe* was decided. In 1973, the technology didn't exist to allow babies to survive outside the

womb at 21 or 22 week's gestation. With scientific advancement, more babies are surviving prior to what was once considered "viability".

While some have changed their position on abortion with this knowledge, many members of the public, as well as women contemplating abortion may not realize how developed a baby is at various

stages of pregnancy. At 15-weeks of gestation, a baby's heart has been beating for over two months. Brain waves are detectable at 8 weeks. At nine weeks a baby is kicking and swimming. At 10 weeks a baby can begin to hear.

Women deserve to get accurate information when facing an unplanned pregnancy. So they can

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CWA of Maine Applauds Overturn of Roe v. Wade

Press Release by Concerned Women for America of Maine

BELGRADE, ME (June 24, 2022) -- Maine stands ready to welcome women and unborn children. Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Maine calls on our citizens, members of the Maine Legislature, and the Executive Branch to strongly support a culture of life that protects all.

CWA of Maine State Director Penny Morrell,

speaking for Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, has this to say concerning the Supreme Court *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision:

"The Supreme Court has finally overturned *Roe*, and now it is up to us, the people of Maine, to do our part. We must now work tirelessly to elect legislators and a governor who support the culture of life. We are pro-women, pro-babies, and pro-families. We

support life from conception to natural death and pregnancy centers that help women make the best decision to keep their babies. Adoption and many other options are available that better serve families.

"The *Dobbs* decision will allow the citizens of Maine to debate and discuss this issue with their state legislators. Decisions about abortion going forward will be made by Mainers, not by judges. That is something worth celebrating!"

Senator Collins' Statement on SCOTUS' *Dobbs* Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2022)

—U.S. Senator Susan Collins issued this statement following the release of the Supreme Court's decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*:

"The threshold question of whether abortion is legal needs to be consistent at a national level. States can account for regional differences with regulations like parental notification requirements, but the basic right needs to be the same for all American women.

"The Supreme Court has abandoned a fifty-year precedent at a time that the country is desperate for stability. This ill-considered action will further divide the country at a moment when, more than ever

in modern times, we need the Court to show both consistency and restraint. Throwing out a precedent overnight that the country has relied upon for half a century is not conservative. It is a sudden and radical jolt to the country that will lead to political chaos, anger, and a further loss of confidence in our government.

"This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon.

"Earlier this year, Senator Murkowski and I introduced the *Reproductive Choice Act* to codify the abortion rights estab-

lished by *Roe v. Wade* and affirmed by *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. I am also working with Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) on a bipartisan bill that would codify *Roe*, *Casey*, *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt*, and *Griswold v. Connecticut*. Our legislation would enshrine important abortion protections into law without undercutting statutes that have been in place for decades and without eliminating basic conscience protections that are relied upon by health care providers who have religious objections to performing abortions.

"Our goal with this legislation is to do what the Court should have done — provide the consistency in our abortion laws that Americans have relied upon for 50 years."

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MDIFW Offers Wildlife Walk Series

MAINE (June 16, 2022) – Join MDIFW Education and Outreach Supervisor, and naturalist, Laura Craver-Rogers at various locations across Maine to learn more about Maine's wildlife and wild places. Open your senses and relax your mind as we meander through different MDIFW wildlife management areas and land trust properties across the state. We will look at birds, plants, insects, and other wildlife as we walk through the woods, forests, fields, and shorelines. You'll also learn more about how these wild places are maintained, managed, and preserved to benefit a variety species and humans.

Gene Letourneau (Frye Mtn.) Wildlife Management Area -- Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 8:30am, Montville, Maine

Let's take a hike around the base of Fry Mountain and explore the forested area near Bartlett Stream. Frye Mountain is one of the largest upland wildlife management areas in Maine, containing a diverse mixture of forest cover types and improved fields that provide opti-

mal habitat for numerous wildlife species including ruffed grouse, American woodcock, snowshoe hare, white-tailed deer, several small mammals, and a variety of songbirds. The round trip will be about 2-3 miles and be over varying terrain, including a possible shallow stream crossing, but we will do our best to keep our feet dry. Space is limited so sign-up.

Moderate walk – approximately 2-3 mile roundtrip

Foothills Land Conservancy -- Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 8:30am, Wilton, Maine

Join us for a walk around the beautiful fields and trails of this western Maine land trust property. The Foothills Land Conservancy preserve is designed for public use and conservation. As we make our way around the fields, we will keep our eyes out for songbirds, butterflies, and soaring hawks. The fields and forest edge provide ample habitat for various types of wildlife including small mammals and deer. Be sure to bring binoculars if you have them, some will be available if needed.

Easy walk – approximately 2 mile roundtrip

Scarborough Marsh Wildlife Management Area -- Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 8:00am, Scarborough, Maine

Join MDIFW and Maine Audubon staff for a delightful walk down a trail through Scarborough Marsh, a 3,100 acre estuary. It has the largest salt marsh in the state, the area is comprised of tidal marsh, salt creeks, freshwater marsh, and uplands. The marsh is particularly important for wildlife as a resting, breeding, and feeding ground. Along the way we will look for various species of birds such as shorebirds, wading birds, and songbirds. In addition, we will take a look at historical features and the important functions habitats like marshes provide for society. Bring binoculars if you have them, some will be available if you need them. Summer is a great time to explore the marsh.

Easy walk – approximately 1-2 mile roundtrip

Mt. Pisgah Conservation Area -- Monday, August 15, 2022 at 8:30, Winthrop, Maine



This property is owned by the Town of Winthrop and protected with an easement held by KLT. The forested summit of Mount Pisgah features the former Maine Forest Service fire tower, which was in use from 1949 to 1991. The tower provides spectacular 360 degree views. On a clear day you can see Mount Washington to the west and the Camden Hills to the east. Join us on this hike as we explore the forest and look for signs of small mammals, songbirds, and invertebrates.

Moderate walk – approximately 1-2 mile roundtrip

Cobscook Bay Wildlife Management Area -- August 28, 2022 at 8:30am, Lubec, Maine

Join us Downeast for a fun exploration of the most eastern wildlife management area in Maine. The Cobscook Bay Wildlife Management Area is made up of 10 Units comprising approximately 2,300 acres of land, including tidal shoreline, freshwater wetlands and upland. Focal species for management

include waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and island nesting seabirds. In addition, Cobscook Bay has the highest density of nesting bald eagles in the northeastern United States. The Horan Head Unit has views of Straight Bay and trails in a coastal spruce-fir forest. We could see signs of small mammals, songbirds, shorebirds, and more. Be sure to bring your binoculars if you have them, some will be available if needed.

Easy walk – about 2-3 mile round trip

New Ventures Maine Offers Summer Classes

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 24, 2022)— New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for the summer 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 in June, July and August is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses.

Classes include:

Grow Your Business Online: Self-paced; complete by August 31, 2022. Gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to create a compelling web presence &

website for your small business.

My Next Career Move: Self-paced; complete by August 31, 2022. 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.

MoneyWise Workshops: Wednesdays, 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three workshops. June 29: You & Your Budget; July 27: Let's Talk Credit; Au-



gust 31: Build Your Savings.

Introduction to Self-Employment: Wednesday, June 29, 12:00 – 1:00 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. (Also offered Wednesday, August 10)

Making Career Choices: Tuesday, July 5,

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 Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

Building Confidence: Wednesdays, July 13 – July 27, 6:30 – 7:30 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: Tuesdays, July 12 - 26, 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. July 12: Job Search Strategies; July 19: Resume Strategies; July 26: Interview

Strategies.

Business Basics: Wednesdays, July 20 – August 3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This class covers the basics of a business plan, marketing, cash planning and is suitable for those thinking about or in the early start-up phase of a new business.

For the full schedule of classes and to sign up, visit bit.ly/NVMEClasses or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

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Out and About

Gay Pride Parade at Portland Maine

By Rachel Morin
PORTLAND, ME
(June 25, 2022) -- My daughter, Liz, and I, were visiting in Portland on Saturday, June 18, and decided to take our lawn chairs and set up on the corner of Congress and High Streets where a huge crowd had assembled on sidewalks on both sides of the street.

It was the perfect spot as we saw the parade round the corner to where we were seated. We were the first spectators to see the parade marchers first and no obstructed views.

The massive crowds on the sidewalks were in a festive mood, laughing, applauding and hollering words of encouragement as the marchers strutted their stuff and showed off the costumes, and the signs



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and banners with special messages.

We were on our feet the entire time as no one would want to sit during such a colorful parade and miss the spectacular and colorful units that marched by. The mood was infectious, laughing, singing, joking, and words of en-

couragement, friendship and welcoming rang out. No one would sit and miss this.

Liz took lots of photos and we even included ourselves. We have pictures of the crowds on the sidewalks. Thousands of people! Applauding, applauding, applauding, non-

stop! We have never seen the likes of crowds jamming the sidewalks, standing shoulder to shoulder.

We saw parents with small babies in arms, young children, teenagers, couples, older women, older men all as one, laughing, applauding and hollering out words of en-

couragement to the marchers with their messages on signs.

We saw schools, colleges, churches, businesses and stores represented. We have never seen such unison in mind and spirit. We felt the solidarity.

I must say everything

was well done, Everyone happy and smiling, and talking to each other, parade participants and parade watchers. Not one sign of anything negative or unkind.

Here are some of the pictures Liz took of the parade and the crowd.



Great signs.



The Drum Corps had a great beat and was a crowd favorite.



Even the pets had Pride and Spirit as this little guy did walking with this fun group. Note the woman beaming her approval at him.



These stylish women chose their fun and colorful costumes as their special outfit for the day celebrating Gay Pride.

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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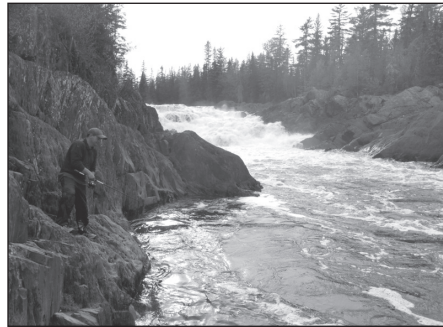
Paddling Remote Ross Stream and the Allagash River Part Two: Allagash River



A tandem canoe team paddles a section of the Allagash



A young moose poses for a photo on the Musquacook Dead Water on the Allagash



A paddler takes a break to fish at the foot of Allagash Falls



Guest Column by Ron Chase

(June 24, 2022) --

Seven of us navigating in four canoes and an expedition kayak were camped adjacent to the remains of washed out Long Lake Dam on the Allagash River. We were on day three of a five-day voyage down remote Ross Stream and the Allagash Waterway. The descent of Ross Stream was finished the previous afternoon and about forty-five miles remained to Allagash Village.

After a cool night, the sun was shining when we arose. Our goal for the day was to reach Round Pond and possibly climb Round Pond Mountain. For some

of us, the entertainment began with a plummet through the short steep rapid created by the former dam.

A welcome tailwind and high water facilitated our travel north through a continuum of easy rapids in a seemingly endless conifer forest. After turning abruptly east, waters calmed as we approached Round Pond. Solo canoeist, Brent Elwell, stopped to gather fiddleheads while the remainder of the group navigated varying routes through a cluster of islands to the pond.

Round Pond Mountain could be observed on the opposite side of the pond. We consulted maps

and took a compass bearing to a clearing on the shore below the mountain before battling a blustery one mile traverse to what turned out to be Tower Trail Campsite.

After establishing camp, we hiked an obvious trail northeast towards Round Pond Mountain. Although a couple of muddy areas and a few blow-downs were encountered, overall the two mile trail was in good condition. A steep section preceded arrival at the summit dominated by a lofty tower. "Climb at your own risk" warned a sign on the stanchion next to a tall ladder. I invoked one of my over-70 rules; I don't climb tall

ladders. The remainder of the group ascended into the cab that offered spectacular views of the surrounding area. Upon return, we feasted on a dinner supplemented by delicious fiddleheads, courtesy of Brent.

Gale force winds diminished overnight and day four began with blue skies and calm conditions. We decided on a long paddling day to Allagash Falls. After exiting the pond, lengthy Round Pond Rips led to Musquacook Dead Water where a curious young moose posed for photos near the mouth of Musquacook Stream. A tailwind helped propel us to Five Finger Brook Campsite where we stopped for a break. Warm sunny weather and pleas-

ant surroundings stimulated an impromptu yoga session.

While advancing north in quick water and easy rapids, we encountered a ranger who instructed us to sign out of the waterway at Michard Farm Ranger Station. A steady current continued for several miles to Michard Farm where everyone carefully studied the updated weather forecast. Rains were predicted to begin late afternoon and continue into the night. Intent on setting up camp before precipitation arrived we had an enhanced sense of urgency. The relatively short remaining paddle to Allagash Falls was hurriedly completed.

A caution sign an-

nounced our arrival at the hazardous cataract. While unloading gear, I met an old paddling friend, Andy Abello, who was assisting in the portage with his group. We complemented one another on remaining in the game despite our advancing years. The Maine paddling world is a small one.

There are several campsites at Allagash Falls. We selected the closest one and set up camp with tarps in anticipation of rain. The Allagash Falls portage trail is a good one. Boats were soon transported to the bottom. At my urging, my son Adam and our friend Christian Patrick carried a kayak cart in their tandem canoe to assist with

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Arts & Entertainment

Performances at MSMT

BRUNSWICK, ME (June 23, 2022) -- MSMT Offers Sensory-Friendly Performance of Robin Hood

Maine State Music Theatre is committed to helping young audiences experience the magic of theatre by providing Theatre for Young Audiences performances each season. However, a standard theatrical experience may not always be accessible for children with social, cognitive, or physical challenges. The sensory-friendly performance project gives the theatre the opportunity to demonstrate further its commitment to be an inclusive, supportive community providing theatrical

experience for all patrons.

This summer MSMT presents a sensory-friendly 50-minute version of Randall Frizado's new musical *The Very Fractured Tale of Robin Hood* on Saturday, July 16 from 6-7 PM at MSMT's Rehearsal Hall at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick – a performance environment that is safe and accessible for children.

Admission is free but space is limited so reservations are required. To reserve seats, visit msmt.org/sensory-friendly or call 207-725-8769.

The sensory-friendly performance program is supported by generous gifts from The National Endowment for The Arts,

The Onion Foundation, The Anna-Maria Moggio Foundation, The Maine Arts Commission, & The Alfred M. Senter Foundation.

Maine State Music Theatre's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Opens on June 29

Maine State Music Theatre will open the sensational *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on June 29 and run the show through July 16. The show tells the journey of Joseph, son of Jacob and one of twelve brothers, and his coat of many colors. Based on the Bible's book of Genesis and originating from a cantata written for a school choir, Joseph is a much-loved family classic.

Written in 1968 and featuring lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the multiple-award winning musical

follows preferred son Joseph. After being sold into slavery by his brothers, he ingratiates himself with Egyptian noble Potiphar, but ends up in jail after refusing the amorous advances of Potiphar's wife. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and he soon finds himself in front of the mighty but troubled, Elvis-inspired, Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family.

The magical musical is full of catchy songs in a variety of styles, from a parody of French ballads ("Those Canaan Days"), to country-western ("One More Angel in Heaven") and calypso ("Benjamin Calypso"), along with the unforgettable classics "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door."

Joseph's coat, which

is always a stand out in every production of *Joseph...*, is particularly special for MSMT's production. It is being crafted from fabric featured in past MSMT shows.

Joseph... features Jordan Alexander as Joseph and Alyssa Anani as Narrator. Jeff Max is Pharaoh, with Blake Hammond as Jacob/Potiphar. The twelve brothers are played by Chad Takeda (Levi), Austin Phillips (Benjamin), Willie Clyde Beaton II (Judah), Kyle Laing (Simeon), Brian Padgett (Rueben/Baker), Jonathan Bryant (Asher), Jorge Guerra (Gad), Diego Cortes (Dan), Ron King (Naphtali/Butler), and Alex Joseph Stewart (Isaacar), who will also be Dance Captain for the show.

The wives are played by Taylor Lane (Potiphar's Wife), Courtney Blackmun, Taylor Quick, and

Lina Rose Lee. Swings include Brooke Taylor Cottrell, Preston Karp and Joshua Bellamy.

The creative team includes Alex Sanchez (Broadway's *Paradise Square*) as Director/Choreographer, Jason Wetzel as Music Director, Katie Dowse as Costume Designer, Kevin S. Foster II as Wig Designer, Annalise V. Caudle as Lighting Designer, William James Mohnney as Set Designer, Shannon Slaton as Sound Designer, and Mark Johnson as Stage Manager.

The show is sponsored by Hub International and Topsham Fair Mall. The premier sponsors are Oceanview at Falmouth, Highland Green, and Cumberland Crossing.

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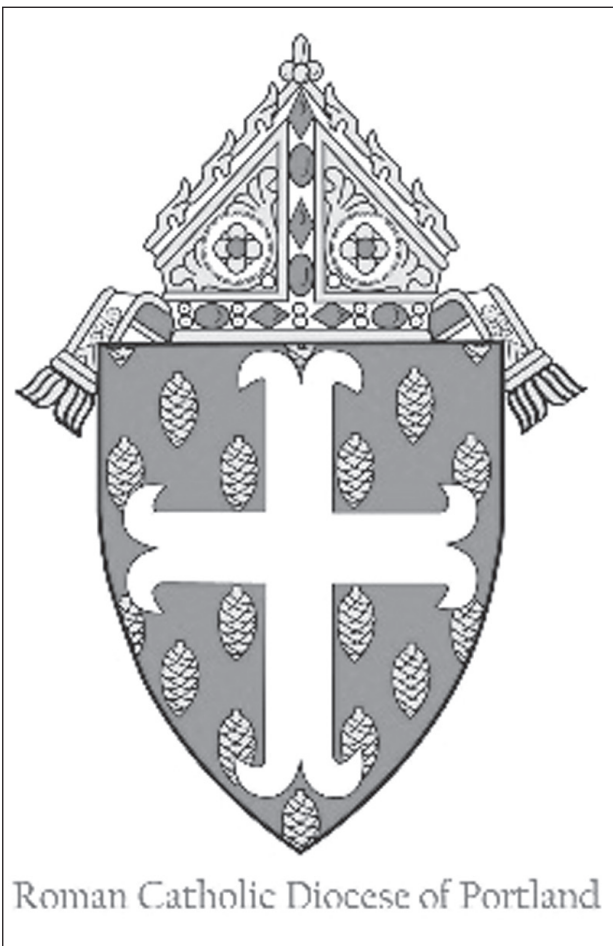
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Free Basilica Summer Concert Series Returns in Lewiston on July 6



LEWISTON, ME (June 22, 2022) --The popular summer concert series at the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, located on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston, will return on Wednesday, July 6, with concerts being held each Wednesday through August 10 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. The performances are

free and open to the public, but donations to help with the preservation of the historic Casavant organ at the Basilica will be gratefully accepted. Here is the schedule:

July 6 Organist Henry Lowe

Lowe is the director of music emeritus at Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Maryland, and has served in parishes in Baltimore, New York City, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Canada. In 2016, following a 50-year career in the Episcopal Church, he retired from the Church of the Redeemer, where he led choirs of children and adults in weekly rehearsals and liturgies. His recital career has taken him to many parts of the United States, England, Holland, Germany and France, playing at such noteworthy places as St. Paul's Cathedral in London and Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

July 13 Organist Ray Cornils

Cornils was the municipal organist for the

City of Portland from 1990 to 2017. He has performed throughout the U.S. and in Germany, France, Spain, Russia, New Zealand and Ecuador. He has been a featured recitalist for conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. In addition to his solo work, he performs regularly with the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

July 20 Organist Harold Stover

Stover is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, and a charter member of the faculty of the Portland Conservatory of Music. His recital career spans more than 50 years and includes performances on most major New York recital series and at Westminster Abbey in London, the National Cathedral in Washington, Harvard and Princeton universities, and many other distinguished venues. He has been featured as performer, composer, and lecturer at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists.

July 27 Organist Sean Fleming

Fleming performs regularly with the Bowdoin Chorus, Down East Singers, Lincoln Academy Lincolnaires, Lincoln Festival Chorus, St. Cecilia Chamber Choir, Sheepscot Valley Chorus, and Tapestry Singers. He is the assistant director of the 120-voice Midcoast Community Chorus, the music director for the Hearts Ever Young troupe, and a member of the Maine Friends of Music chamber ensemble. For the past 25 years, he has served as organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New-castle. He has also directed or accompanied over 80 musical theater productions nationwide.

August 3 Organist Dr. Bridgette Wargovich

Dr. Wargovich is the director of sacred music at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. She studied at Boston University, earning a doctorate in organ performance and a master's degree in sacred music.

She served as director of sacred music in Massachusetts churches for almost ten years, including performances at ordinations for the Archdiocese of Boston. Her education is matched by her experience not only as a director and instrumentalist but also as a choral singer. She has a strong drive for excellence in music while keeping faithful to all Church documents and liturgical instructions.

August 10 Organist Randall Mullin

Mullin is a freelance musician who accompanies the choir of the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland. He was also a featured performer with ChoralArt for "Grand Opera meets the Mighty Koltzschmar" in 2016 and for the Maurice Duruflé "Requiem" in 2019. He has played throughout the country with more recent recitals at Trinity Church in Boston, Methuen Memorial Music Hall in Methuen, Massachusetts, and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: Update on Avian Influenza

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 24, 2022) --The Northeast is currently experiencing an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Recently we have received a number of reports of dead or dying birds on coastal beaches believed to be a result of the virus. Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a respiratory disease caused by infection with a type of influenza virus.

At this time we ask that you do not touch or remove any dead or dying birds that you encounter on beaches or other public property. Officials are aware of the issue and will work to remove them as quickly as possible.

Birds that appear to

be sick or injured should be left alone! The National Wildlife Disease Program recommends NOT handling deceased or injured wildlife. PLEASE DO NOT transport birds that appear to be sick or injured to any rehab facility as it may further spread the virus.

Birds found dead on private land and/or beaches can be removed by the homeowner at their discretion. If removed, we are encouraging the use of masks and gloves when doing so. The dead bird should be buried or can be bagged and placed into the trash. Sick acting birds should be left alone.

If an eagle is found, please call Maine Police

dispatch at 207-624-7076.

Avian flu viruses normally spread among wild water birds, like ducks and geese. These viruses can spread to domestic poultry, like chickens, ducks, geese, and guinea hens.

Avian flu viruses do not normally make humans sick but human infections with avian flu viruses have occurred. People who have regular contact with poultry or wild birds are most at risk.

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Congrats to Flagship Cinema's Hidden Popcorn Winners

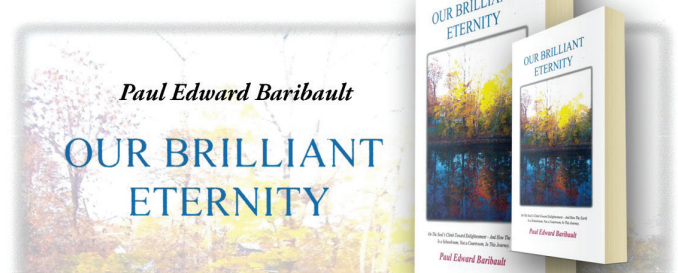
GORHAM, LEWISTON/AUBURN, ME (June 24, 2022) -- Congratulations to this

month's Hidden Popcorn winners! They found the hidden popcorn and have won 2 free passes to

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Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Completes Trail Improvements

GORHAM, ME (June 23, 2022) – Last Friday Presumpscot Regional Land Trust completed a major trail improvement at the Frazier Preserve in Gorham; the 140-foot bridge north of Teran Street has now been fully replaced. The new bridge is wider to allow for safe biking, running, and walking. Thank you very much to Greater Portland NEMBA and other volunteers for making this happen. Check out some photos of the process!



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Registration Open for Healthy Living for ME July Workshops

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 22, 2022) -- Healthy Living for ME has announced its July workshop schedule. Through its network partners, Healthy Living for ME is able to offer in-person and online workshops statewide. In July, the workshops include programs that help people improve their fitness, help people manage chronic conditions, and provide support and resources for caregivers.

"We're pleased to be able to offer a variety of both online and in-person workshops with our network partners in northern, mid-coast and central Maine this summer," said Jennifer Fortin, Fidelity & Training Manager of Healthy Living for ME. "Whether you're looking for support in your role as a caregiver, or would like to take steps to improve your own health and wellness, Healthy Living for ME's evidence-based work-

shops can help." Tai Chi for Health and Balance - This workshop is focused on practicing Tai Chi, which can help people improve balance and health as well as relieve pain.

An in-person Tai Chi for Health and Balance workshop is being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Spectrum Generations at the Richmond Area Senior Center beginning July 11th. The workshops will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00am and runs through September 19th. The cost for participants is \$45.

An online Tai Chi for Health and Balance workshop is being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging beginning July 12th. The workshop will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00am, and runs through September 15th.



The cost for participants is \$20.

Living Well for Better Health - This workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family,

friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments.

Living Well for Better Health is being offered online by Healthy Living for ME network partner, SeniorsPlus. The workshop begins on July 12th. It will be held on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:30am, through August 16th. There is no cost for participants.

Bingocize - This workshop combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education with

the goal of increasing older adults' functional fitness, health knowledge, and social engagement.

Bingocize is being offered online by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging beginning July 13th. The workshop will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm, through September 16th. There is no cost for participants.

Savvy Caregiver - The Savvy Caregiver Program helps caregivers better understand the changes their loved ones are experiencing and how to best provide individualized care for their care recipients throughout the progression of Alzheimer's or dementia. There is no cost for participants.

Two sessions of this workshop are being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Spectrum Generations. The first will be held online, beginning

July 19th. It will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30am, through August 23rd.

The second will be held in-person at Center Point Church in Waterville, beginning July 21st. It will be held on Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am, through August 25th.

For virtual workshops, participants who do not have the necessary technology may be eligible to borrow an iPad from Healthy Living for ME in order to participate.

Registration is required for these workshops. Please contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or info@healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register. You can also register via our website, www.healthylivingforme.org.

To learn more about these and other workshops offered by Healthy Living for ME, visit www.healthylivingforme.org.

Blood and Platelet Donors Needed Around Fourth of July

PORTLAND, ME (June 22, 2022) — As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood and platelet donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood and platelet donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and

keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30-July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all

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

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if appli-

cable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of

blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental

consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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

Local Students Make Dean's Lists

BOSTON (Grassroots Newswire) (June 17, 2022) -- The following lo-

cal students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for

the Spring 2022 semester. Mikaela Estes of Auburn, ME (04210)

Molly Sherr of Auburn, ME (04210)
Jacob Willette of Auburn, ME (04210)
Charats Burch of Brunswick, ME (04011)
Tobias Roy of Durham, ME (04222)
Brodi Farinas of Lew-

iston, ME (04240)
Owen Kelly of Lisbon, ME (04250)
Thomas Worden of Minot, ME (04258)
Jessica Seeley of Poland, ME (04274)
Andrew Pulsifer of Topsham, ME (04086)

Wentworth Institute of Technology Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked university offering career-focused education through bachelor's and graduate degree programs in areas including engineering, architecture, computing and data science, life sciences, management, and design. Its 31 acres are situated in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, Mass., within walking distance of several leading cultural, educational, sports, and medical hubs. Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs, hands-on learning approach, and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

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Northeast Credit Union Announces Scholarship Recipients

GORHAM, ME (June 23, 2022) -- Twenty-three hardworking student members have officially been selected as recipients of Northeast Credit Union's 2022 Scholarship Awards.

Within the scholarship program, \$40,000 was awarded to student members in New Hampshire and Maine who displayed exceptional leadership, compassion, and commitment to academics, extracurriculars, and their communities.

"All of the recipients demonstrate the qualities

that tie directly back to our mission of enriching and nourishing the lives of others," states Chris Parker, President and CEO at Northeast Credit Union. "We look forward to following along with them as they continue to make meaningful impacts in not only their lives but the lives of those around them through their commitment to academics and the community."

This year, the program awarded students from 16 different schools. Northeast Credit Union is thrilled to announce the



2022 scholarship recipients:

Peter J. Kavalas Memorial Scholarship

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Philip W. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship

Michael Schoff, Portsmouth High School

Adult Achievement Scholarship

Jess Kowalski, NH

Institute for the Therapeutic Arts

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Zoe Grondin, Gorham Middle High School

Nathaniel LeBlanc, Gorham Middle High School

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Maggie Fernandes, Exeter High School

Marcos Barrionuevo, Fryeburg Academy

Hannah Fox, Gorham Middle High School

Katherine Laffamme, Gorham Middle High School

Levi Robert, Kennett

High School
Cardigan Loupis, Mascoma Valley Regional High School

Gabrielle Madore, Newmarket Junior-Senior High School

Elijah Tetreault, Noble High School

Molly McCafferty, Portsmouth High School

Lydia Pease, Sanford High School

Emma Boudreau, Spaulding High School

DeAndre Rawls, Spaulding High School

Isabella Cunha, Virtual Learning Academy and Charter School

AARP Maine Seeks "Andrus Award For Community Service" Nominees

PORTLAND, ME (June 23, 2022) -- AARP Maine is seeking nominations for its 2022 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service which honors those individuals who share their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of others in their community. The annual award is named after AARP's founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who founded AARP in 1958 at the age of 73.

"Older Mainers already understand the value of giving back and enhancing their communities," says Noël Bonam, AARP Maine State Direc-

tor. "Many remain actively involved locally, putting to use their experience and wisdom. They realize that volunteerism fulfills this need and the desire to help others. Through this recognition, AARP Maine encourages members and prospective members to use their skills and talents as a way to remain vital as well as make a difference in their community."

The screening of nominees will be performed by a panel of AARP staff and volunteers. This screening includes the review of a range of criteria including each nominee's positive



impact on their community and the lives of individuals age 50 and over.

Carl Bucciantini is the current AARP Maine Volunteer State President and last year's winner of the award in partnership with his wife, Joyce. Carl stated "The AARP Maine Andrus Award acts as a symbol to our members and to the public that we can all work together for positive social change.

AARP makes things better for society and has long valued the spirit of volunteerism and the important contributions AARP volunteers make to their communities and neighbors."

AARP Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Nominees must be 50 or older, but do not need to be a member of

AARP;

The achievements, accomplishments or service on which nominations are based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay;

The achievements, accomplishments or service on which the nominations are based must reflect AARP's vision and mission;

Couples or partners who perform service together are eligible; however, teams are not;

The recipient must live in the awarding state; and

This is not a post-humous award.

The application deadline is AUGUST 1st, 2022. See www.aarp.org/me for nomination forms.

The AARP Maine Andrus Award for Community Service is an annual awards program developed to honor individuals whose service is a unique and valuable contribution to society. Last year, Greene residents Joyce and Carl Bucciantini received the award.

For more information about AARP and our work in Maine, please visit our website at www.aarp.org/me and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @aarpmaine.

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Business Advisors Receive Certification

MAINE STATE-WIDE (June 1, 2022) -- The Maine Small Business Development Centers (Maine SBDC), a state-wide program that helps entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses, recognized eight (8) business advisors who received their Core Competencies Certification from the New England Professional Development (NEPD) group on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Newly certified advisors include Christine Cole (Portland), Tina Oddleifson (Portland), Anne Lancaster (Biddeford), Lori Allen (Auburn), Christina Ramsdell (Auburn), Brandon McDonald (Caribou), Alison Lane (Bangor), and Peter Piconi (Waterville).

NEPD is a professional development collaboration of the six Small Business Development Centers in New England and includes the Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island programs. The NEPD program provides a comprehensive, core knowledge training program and is a key element of the SBDC's ability to provide

valuable and high-quality services to clients and meet the needs of stakeholders. The certification training is comprised of two elements – participation in specified on-line technical content and an in-person, two-day intensive group session.

The eight newly certified business advisors include:

Christine Cole is located in Portland and serves small businesses in Cumberland and York Counties.

Tina Oddleifson is located in Portland and serves small businesses in Cumberland and York Counties.

Anne Lancaster is located in Biddeford and serves small businesses in York County.

Lori Allen is located in Auburn and serves small businesses in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties.

Christina Ramsdell is located in Auburn and serves small businesses in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin counties.

Brandon McDonald is located in Caribou and serves small businesses in Aroos-

took County.

Alison Lane is located in Bangor and serves small businesses in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

Peter Piconi is located in Waterville and serves small businesses in Somerset & Northern Kennebec Counties.

Individuals interested in working with the Maine SBDC can visit www.mainesbdc.org or call 207-780-4420.

About the Maine Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

The Maine SBDC provides no-cost, business advising to small businesses throughout Maine through its network of business advisors. It is a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, and the University of Southern Maine. The SBDC is accredited by America's SBDC. For more information or to request a business advising appointment, visit the website: www.mainesbdc.org or call 207-780-4420.

Maine Receives Final Round of American Rescue Plan Funding

AUGUSTA, ME (June 24, 2022) -- The Department of Administrative and Financial Services announced today that it has delivered the second half of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received from the Federal government through the American Rescue Plan to Maine municipalities. This second and final round of funding totals \$59,611,822, which, when combined with last year's first round distribution, amounts to \$119.2 million in total investment in Maine communities.

These funds were distributed to municipalities with less than 50,000 population. Maine's largest cities, along with Maine's 16 counties have already received their second tranche payment directly from the U.S. Treasury Department and are not included in the \$119.2 million. This second tranche payment required no additional work on the part of municipal offices. A duplicate amount

as the first payment was automatically sent via the same method as the first round of funds.

The amounts of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payments distributed to local governments were based upon their relative share of the non-entitlement unit population, not to exceed the amount equal to 75 percent of the most recent municipal budget as of January 27, 2020, in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Treasury.

The Local Fiscal Recovery Program is part of a more than \$4.5 billion Federal investment in Maine from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which also includes stimulus payments to Maine families, recovery efforts like bolstering public health including COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, broadband infrastructure, and direct payments to Maine's county governments and so-called "entitlement" cities.

The remaining approximately \$1 billion additional ARPA funding received by the State of Maine has been used to deploy the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, the Governor's plan, approved by the Legislature, to improve the lives of Maine people and families, help businesses, create good-paying jobs, and build an economy poised for future prosperity.

It draws heavily on recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee and the State's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy, transforming them into real action to improve the lives of Maine people and strengthen the economy.

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

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NORTHFIELD, VT. (Grassroots Newswire) (June 15, 2022) -- The following student from your readership area has been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the Spring 2022 semester:

Garrett Mack, Lewiston
Full-time undergraduate

uate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 are awarded Dean's List honors.

About Norwich University

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning

programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation's six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

Seniors

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the portage. While some marginal benefit was derived, overall it was a disappointment.

The magnificent falls provide a remarkable location to camp. Everyone in our group spent time at the falls savoring the spectacular beauty, contemplating paddling routes they'd never try, or fishing at the base. Fortunately, the rain didn't happen.

Our final day began with some surfing in a

wave train below the falls. Another tailwind facilitated our fourteen mile cruise to Allagash Village, completed in less than three hours. While unloading, we predictably discussed possible trips for next year.

Read about more tales of adventure on the Allagash and an expedition down the feisty Musquacook Stream tributary in my book Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine.

Ron Chase resides

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Decision

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make an informed choice that they can live with a feel good about.

In this age of promoting choice to women facing unplanned pregnancy, women deserve to know

all of their choices – that they have options, and that abortion is not women's reproductive healthcare. Knowledge is power, and many people have come to see this issue differently based on what they have come to know and experience.

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Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

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.

the chance to Live, Learn and Recover. Deb York began An Angel's Wing in 2017 and has been helping our community since.

July 2
 LEWISTON -- Satur-

day, July 2nd at 11:00AM: MAGICIAN PHIL SMITH Be ready to be amazed in Phil Smith's comedy magic show with juggling, storytelling, sleight-of-hand, mind reading and the magical production of a rabbit! For all ages in Callahan Hall. No registration required. Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

July 12
 LEWISTON -- The Southern Maine Squadron Sampson AFBVA will be having a get together at noon time at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. During the Korean War era, those who chose the Air Force went to Sampson AFB, on the East Shore of Seneca Lake near Geneva NY, for basic training before going on to Tech Schools. Now some

of these veterans gather monthly through the summer months for lunch and share stories. All veterans are welcome to join.

FMI call 657-4909 Bob Sawyer Sampson, 1953 wwmtk-wkr1933@gmail.com

July 12
 LEWISTON -- Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30pm at the Lewiston Public Library: MAINE COMMUNITY SOLAR

This free, public program will cover what community solar is, how it works, and what the benefits are to Maine residents. If you think you might be interested in participating in community solar, bring a copy of your most recent electric bill and get one-on-one assistance with signing up for a program that is the best fit for you after the presentation concludes.

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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 lplreference@gmail.com.

Updates from the Town of Gorham Manager's Office

GORHAM, ME (June 24, 2022) -- The following are updates from the Town Manager's Office:

Town of Gorham Senior Property Tax Assistance Program Applications Now Available

Senior Property Tax Assistance Program applications are now available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Gorham Municipal Center and online on the Town of Gorham's website as a downloadable form via https://www.gorhamme.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4456/f/uploads/senior_property_tax_application_4.pdf.

The deadline to submit applications to the Town Clerk is August 1, 2022. For questions and/or assistance with completing an application, residents can email seniorrebate@gorham.me.us or call 222-1671.

The Senior Property Tax Assistance Ordinance can be read at

https://www.gorhamme.org/sites/gorhamme/files/uploads/senior_property_tax_assistance_ordinance_amended_6-4-19.pdf

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Villages Master Plan Project Update

Community members attended the first public meeting on the Villages Master Plan project, a collaborative effort between the Towns of Gorham and Windham, on May 25, 2022 at which the project team discussed project goals and previous master plans.

A video recording

of the meeting can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/39O6AaM>.

The Villages Master Plan survey is still open and input is still needed to help shape the upcoming design and next steps in the process. Folks can access the survey at <https://www.villagesmasterplan.com/survey>.

Survey to Update Long Range Transportation Plan for Gorham & Greater Portland Region

Folks can share feedback and ideas for im-

proved mobility in Gorham and the surrounding region via the Greater Portland Council of Governments "Connect 2045" survey at <https://www.connect2045.org/>, and help guide the types of transportation projects to be funded over the next 25 years.

Food Truck Thursdays Starting June 30, 2022

Folks can enjoy a variety of options from a lineup of food trucks and help support local businesses every Thursday,

beginning June 30th at the Little Falls Recreation Area.

Employment Opportunities with Gorham Fire & Rescue

The Gorham Fire and Rescue department is currently hiring for the positions of Firefighter/Paramedic, and Assistant Fire Rescue Chief. Those interested in applying can find the job openings on the Town website at <https://www.gorhamme.org/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities>.

Sustainable Fishing, Solar Energy 4-H STEM Toolkits

ORONO, ME (June 23, 2022) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H has two new STEM toolkits available for use by formal and informal educators in hands-on science-based activities with youth.

The Sky's the Limit is designed to increase awareness and understand-

ing of solar energy through basic circuitry; energy collection and transfer; engineering design principles; and building design challenges. Suitable for grades 6-8. Support for this toolkit is from the Maine 4-H Foundation and RLC Engineering.

The Sustainable Fishing toolkit is designed for



use with grades 3-5 to explore and investigate what

species are fished for in Maine waters and meth-

ods of finding fish, including showing how eDNA is used to detect species' presence in the water and the difference between sustainable and unsustainable fishing.

This toolkit is supported by National Science Foundation award #OIA-1849227 to Maine EPSCoR at the University

of Maine and developed by UMaine Extension as part of the Maine-eDNA research, education and outreach program.

For more information contact 207.581.3877 or 4-HScience@maine.edu. More information also is available on the Extension 4-H STEM Toolkit webpage.

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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.

Flag Hill Distillery and Winery in Lee, NH - October 11, 2022 - Lunch at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery and an afternoon tour and tasting at Flag Hill Winery. Time for shopping after the tour. Price is \$83.00 per person which includes the bus and tip for the driver, lunch, and tour and tasting at the winery. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens Office at 65 Central Avenue, Lewiston.

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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