

Portland Stage & MSMT Team Up with Smoke on the Mountain



PORTLAND, ME (July 13, 2022) -Maine State Music Theatre and Portland Stage will once again team up to present a co-production of Smoke on the Mountain August 2 - 28, 2022. The show tells the hilarious and heartwarming story of a Saturday Night Gospel Sing at a country church in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains in 1938. The show features two dozen rousing bluegrass songs played and sung by the Sanders Family, a traveling group making its return to performing after a five-vear hiatus.

Pastor Oglethorpe, the young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, has enlisted the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into "the modern world." Between songs, each family member "witnesses" - telling a story about an important event in their life. Though they try to appear perfect in the eyes of a congregation who wants to be inspired by their songs, one thing after another goes awry and they reveal their true – and hilariously imperfect - natures. By the evening's end, the Sanders Family have endeared themselves to us by revealing their weaknesses and allowing us to share in their triumphs.

The cast includes John Vessels Jr. (Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe), Larry Tobias (Burl Sanders), April Lee Uzarski (Vera Sanders), Andrew Crowe (Stanley Sanders), Elleon Dobias (Denise Sanders), Daniel Emond (Dennis Sanders), Sarah Hund (June Sanders).

The show is directed by Jeff Stockberger with set design by Anita Stewart (also Artistic Director of Portland Sta ge)

Performances take place at Portland Stage 25 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04101. For tickets, visit www.portlandstage. org or call 207-774-0465.

Dunkin' Iced Coffee Day Raises \$55K throughout Maine



Dunkin' Maine Franchisee Kim Wolak, left, recently visited the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center to celebrate this year's Dunkin' Iced Coffee Day fundraising total of \$55,000. Wolak present a ceremonial Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation grant check to Sharon Granville, The John D. Bancroft, M.D. Child Life Program Manager at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Credit: **Maine Medical Center**

PORTLAND, ME (July 13, 2022) - This past May, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation® called on America to sip from their hearts on Dunkin'® Iced Coffee Day and help bring joy to kids in local hospitals across the country.

Today, Dunkin' of Maine and eastern New Hampshire is proud to announce that \$55,000 will be granted locally to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH) at Maine Medical Center through the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation. Thanks to support from guests nationwide, Dunkin' Iced Coffee Day collectively raised \$1.8 Million to support kids in children's hospitals throughout the country.

As part of the May program, Dunkin' invited guests to have their iced coffee work double duty to both fuel their "go" and bring joy to kids battling illness in their communities. On May 25, \$1 from every iced coffee purchased at participating Dunkin' restaurants nationwide supported the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation's mission to bring joy to kids battling illness. Thanks to the generosity of Dunkin' franchisees across the country, 100 percent of the funds raised will be granted locally to children's hospitals in their respective communities.

Dunkin' Maine Franchisee Kim Wolak recently visited The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital to celebrate the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation grant of \$55,000 with hospital staff and present a ceremonial grant check to Sharon Granville, The John D. Bancroft, M.D. Child Life Program Manager at BBCH.

With this year's grant, BBCH will hire a dedicated Gaming & Technology Assistant. The new position is part of part of the Child Life care team and ensures that BBCH has fully functioning equipment, connectivity and games for patient use. The assistant also will engage patients in technology programming that supports socialization, normalizes the hospital environment and helps to distract patients during their hospital stay.

The Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation will award more than 80 local grants stemming from Dunkin' Iced Coffee Day to children's hospitals to support initiatives that help bring joy to patients. Throughout the country, grant funding will help enhance child life programming spanning from art, music and integrated therapy programs, including yoga and reiki, to electronic gaming equipment and specialized summer camps that provide joyful experiences and environments for patients and their families.

Funds will also support interactive play and learning equipment, adaptive equipment for kids with mobility issues, everyday essential kits for patients, wall

murals, hosting celebratory events for patient milestones, staffing of child life specialists and more. Difficult or unexpected events like surgery, illness, and hospitalization can be challenging for kids to process. These programs help to normalize the hospital experience and provide comfort and support needed for recovery.

"When children are faced with extreme hardship like battling a severe illness, it robs them of the joys of childhood. It was amazing to see the outpouring of support from our guests to help make a difference for these kids," said Wolak. "As Dunkin' franchisees, it is so important for us to give back to the communities we serve and show them we are here to keep them running beyond their daily Dunkin' run. We are thrilled to support our local hospital partners throughout the country and help them create joyful experiences that allow their patients to still be kids."

Since its inception in 2006, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation has granted more than \$37 million to national and local nonprofits. In 2021, the Foundation awarded 171 grants to hospitals and other nonprofits to help bring joy to kids battling illness.

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PORTLAND, ME (July 12, 2022) -- Those who live, work, worship or attend schools in Androscoggin, Oxford, Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties can now access all the financial services of Evergreen Credit Union. The Maine Bureau of Financial Institutions granted this expansion, enabling the credit union now to provide personal and business banking throughout 6 counties in Southern Maine. Evergreen currently had served York and Cumberland counties.

"This is a major win for everyone in these 4 northern counties bordering

Cumberland County who have been asking us for years if they could access our services," stated Evergreen President and CEO Jason Lindstrom. "There are so many that filter between all these counties that now can take advantage of our technology and products. We're ready to serve their financial needs!"

Evergreen Credit Union is the 5th largest in the state based on asset size, serving all Southern Maine. Forbes recently named the credit union to their Best-In-State Credit Unions 2022 for Maine.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces Happy 100th Birthday | Local Students Honored at





Dan Dionne, chair of the Board of Trustees of Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn, presented a balloon shower on behalf of the church members to Mae Donahue on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Recently, the church vestry was the setting for a birthday party/ luncheon. More than 90 of her relatives and church family honored the spunky centenarian, who was born on June 28, 1922, and joined the church May 28, 1961. Each week, she attends church services, does her own grocery shopping, and hosts a board game afternoon for a half dozen friends. And, earlier this year, Mae made her first commercial, an advertisement for **Community Concepts.**

Please help us in welcoming Fran Gagne to the Champoux

SkillsUSA Workforce Event



ATLANTA, GA (Grassroots Newswire) (June 30, 2022) - The following local career and technical students won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2022 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 22-23. More than 5,200 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsU-SA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients from your area:

* Vincent Lupardo, from Durham and a student at Portland Arts & Tech High School (Portland), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Demonstration.

* Abaigeal Lucas, from Lisbon and a student at Lewiston Regional Tech Center (Lewiston), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Pin Design.

* Joshua Gosselin, from Wales and a student

Certificate in T-Shirt Design.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 108 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,100 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

Skill Point The represents Certificate demonstrated workplace readiness in the student's occupational specialty. Students can add the certificate to an employment portfolio. Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants ficiency. All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 24 at the SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony at State Farm Arena, which was sponsored by partner Frontdoor Inc. with keynote speaker Darren Keefe of HGTV.

"More than 5,200 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2022 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/ postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled work-

Insurance Agency family.

Fran comes to us with over 24 years of knowledge & experience in the insurance industry. Her primary focus is commercial lines, but she also has personal lines experience.



Fran's clients look to her for her thoroughness and detail-oriented work habits. Fran's belief is her customers always come first.

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



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces Letter to the Editor | Portland's Carnisvale

SCOTUS FAILED US ALL, NOW WHAT?

The Supreme Court ruling, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, isn't about abortion. It's about your right to live your life as you see fit. It's about the fundamentals of the Constitution.

There is no place for strict constructionism in Constitutional matters. Applying Constitutional principles to contemporary life insists on expansive interpretation. Science, language, and society change.

No document written by an exclusive group of white men 237 years ago can be interpreted without considering contemporary language and concepts. The Constitution is not a fossil, but a living structure that underpins our society and our government.

Like a skyscraper that requires an unyielding foundation, but by design must allow for normal swaying to keep it from falling apart, and does so without endangering the building's structural integrity or the occupants inside.

That any widespread social activity may be wrong for society because it doesn't have a 100 year history of public practice and social acceptance is also untenable, just as it would be to allow an activity simply because it does have deep roots, like slavery does.

the terms Using "strict constructionism" or "originalism" implies it is a legitimate form of analysis, which it is not. Simply because issues like safe and effective contraception and gay marriage were unimaginable by the writers of the Constitution, does not mean they can be placed beyond the Court's purview and protection.

This imperils rights and liberties as yet unimagined, changing the fundamental nature of our Constitutional rights.

Fundamental rights and the regulation of those rights are two separate issues. If only Dobb's read: "It is Mississippi's right to regulate abortion for health and safety, as long as the regulations are not solely to obstruct or deny a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy." This would have safeguarded personal freedoms while allowing states to manage those freedoms.

Americans have many differences, but are alike in two ways. We cherish our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We fiercely guard our right to make our most personal decisions and to conduct our own affairs.

Obstructing or denying a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy is fundamental and it must not be left to the states to permit or prohibit. More than legalizing or banning abortion, Dobb's is about your rights to choose - when to start a family, whom you can love, whom you can marry, to conduct your affairs without undue interference - all now under attack

It doesn't matter which side of the issue you're on - we're all on the same side when it comes to the Constitution. Our recent July 4th celebrations show we have many basic values in common. We must not lose sight of those.

And so we demand of our judges, the ability to apply those values to a changing society. But the Court in Dobb's has failed to do that, and in so doing, has failed all of us.

The damage has been done, now what? The narrow thinking that gave us Dobb's will permeate all important decisions in our courts, towns, schools, and state, unless we elect candidates from both parties to office and to local positions of influence who understand the skeletal strength of the Constitution and the need for its flexibility to continue serving future generations of Americans.

In the aftermath of Dobb's, you can still make a difference. Know your candidates! Take personal responsibility to be informed, act locally, be persistent and above all, get to know the candidates and VOTE!

Jane Card

Jane Card is a Maine voter and activist. She created a foundation and statewide parenting program in honor of her daughter who died tragically as a teen, founded the Information Trading Network in 2016, and this year launched Freedom Fuel which helps working families in need of gasoline.

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PORTLAND, ME (July 12, 2022) -- Carnisvale is a collaborative event that serves as a platform for various local artists to simultaneously share their artwork while actively engaging with the local community in a public setting. The event is scheduled for July 23rd, 2022, from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM and will take place outside at Congress Square Park. The event is FREE for the public to attend and is funded through partnerships with local businesses, sponsors, and donors.

Communication in Unity= Community

All artists involved in the show use their platforms and art to promote social justice and equity for marginalized communities.

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LEWISTON / AU-BURN, ME (July 12, 2022) - The Great Falls Balloon Festival will be back in action, with its Returning from the Wild free festival running from August 19-21.

Their mission is to create an event to help local nonprofits have the chance to raise money for their missions and to drive tourism to Lewiston and Auburn, Maine. The event is organized by a board of volunteers, and the festival is funded by sponsorship and fundraising.

Balloons come from all over the country and sometimes other countries; there are two local pilots in the L/A area. The festival sees up to 100,000 guests over the three-day event.

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night at 9:00pm.

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Auburn.

The festival pays up to \$10,000 for our specialty shape balloons and supply the propane and hotels for all pilots; last festival helped raise over \$55,000 for local non-profits. You can help!

A volunteer can be on a balloon crew or help in so many ways! You can also become a Friends of the Festival Sponsor for just \$300.

For more information, see www.greatfallsballoonfestival.org







Thursday, July 21, 2022



Maine Community Health Needs Assessment Reports Released

AUGUSTA, ME (July 12, 2022) — Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (Maine Shared CHNA) 2022 Reports once again show mental health, social determinants of health, substance use, and access to care among the top health priorities identified across communities multiple throughout Maine. These findings, and more, are summarized in each of the 16 County Reports and the State Report.

There are two major sections to the State Report. The first section describes each of the four statewide priorities in more detail including their related health indicators and participants' key takeaways identified through the community engagement process. There is also a description of community-identified resources available to address those concerns and any related gaps or needs.

The second section provides similar input provided from just 10 of Maine's diverse communities. New this cycle is an expanded effort to reach

those who experience systemic disadvantages and therefore experience greater health disparities. Those communities included: · Black or African

Americans People who are

Deaf and Hard of Hearing · People who live

with a disability · People with low in-

come · People experiencing homelessness

· Immigrants

· Lesbian, gay, trans-

gender, bisexual, and queer community

People with a mental health diagnosis · Older adults

· Youth

Jo Morrissey, Program Manager said, "We want to gratefully acknowledge the countless community partners who committed to hosting, facilitating, attending, and engaging in this effort. In addition to the hosts in each of Maine's 16 counties, we'd like to thank our Community Event hosts (Consumer Council System of Maine, Disability Rights Maine, Green Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Health Equity Alliance, Maine Continuum of Care, Maine Council on Aging, Maine Primary Care Association, Maine Youth Action Network): and our Oral Survey partners (Capital Area New Mainers, City of Portland Minority Health Program, Gateway Community Services, Maine Access Immigrant Network, Maine Community Integration, Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, Mano en Mano, New England Arab American Organization, and New Mainers Public Health Initiative). These partners worked to adapt the City of Portland Minority Health Program's Oral Survey to collect input from 1,000 individuals within Maine's diverse immigrant community. The Maine Shared CHNA partners recognize that achieving health equity requires close collaboration with those who experience disparities to identify their priorities and what's working, and what's not working for them."

Other identified priorities included diabetes, oral health, cardiovascular disease, older adult health, cancer, and improved healthcare communication, especially among the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

The State Report and the 16 County Reports can be found on the Maine Shared CHNA website at (www.mainechna.org). The website also contains Data on Health Profiles by geographies such as Public Health Districts, counties, and 3 urban areas (Bangor, Lewiston/Auburn, and Portland). Health Equity Data Sheets are also provided by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sex, education, income, older adults, insurance status, and rurality. There are also two data sheets from the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey on LGBT and transgender youth youth.

The health reports will be used by

· Maine's non-profit hospitals to create community health improvement plans. Maine's District

Coordinating Councils to create District Health Improvement Plans within the next two years.

· the Maine CDC to create a State Health Improvement Plan within the next two years.

· policy makers, non-profits, businesses, academics, and other community partners for their strategic planning purposes and grant writing.

The Maine Shared CHNA is a unique public-private statewide collaborative effort between Central Maine Healthcare, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, an office of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine-General Health, Maine-Health, and Northern Light Health. Funding for the Maine Shared CHNA is provided by the partnering healthcare systems with generous in-kind support from the Maine CDC and community partners.

Significant analysis was conducted by epidemiologists at the Maine CDC and the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School of Public Service. Market Decisions Research provided quantitative and qualitative anal-

ysis, as well as design and production support. John Snow, Inc. (JSI) provided methodology, community engagement, and qualitative analysis expertise and support. The oral survey was adapted from the City of Portland's Minority Health Program's survey. Special thanks to the Partnership for Children's Oral Health for their data contribution.

The extended engagement efforts were pilot outreach initiatives made possible with additional funding support from the Maine Health Access Foundation and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (U.S. DHHS) as part of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (Awards NB01OT009343-01 & NB01OT009413-01; note the contents of these reports are of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by the U.S. CDC/HHS, or the U.S. Government.).

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Miss Moxie Titleholders Announced



Pictured here (left to right from front) are Madelynn Mishou, Abigail Sias, Olivia Kelley, Charlotte Martin with parents Shannon Desrosiers and Chris Martin, Kasey Jordan, Leah Herrick, and Sasha Rea.

MAINE (July 15, 2022) -- The Moxie Festival Committee has announced the winners of the recent 2022 Miss Moxie Pageant. The Miss Moxie Pageant was first held in the early 1990's when the event was a stable of the annual festival. In June 2019 the Miss Moxie pageant was brought back under new directorship and was held for 2 years before the 3rd year the event had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19. This year along with the Moxie Festival all festivities were held.

The winners across age categories were Tiny

Miss Moxie: Charlotte Martin; Miss Moxie Young Princess: Madelynn Mishou; Miss Moxie Elementary Princess: Abigail Sias; Miss Moxie Preteen Princess: Olivia Kelley; Miss Moxie Teen: Leah Herrick; Miss Moxie: Kasey Jordan; and Ms. Moxie: Sasha Rea

A special optional competition that some contestants competed in was for the Miss Moxie Ambassador Award. To win this award the contestant that brings in the most non-perishable food items to donate to LACO Lisbon Area Christian Organization wins. The Miss Moxie contestants brought in over 1200 items to donate to LACO and Miss Aleiah Ward won the prestigious Miss Moxie Ambassador award by donating over 300 items!

The winners participated in the Moxie Festival Parade and other festival activities. The event was emceed by the current Ms. Maine Pettite, Alison Lee. The judges were Jessica MacNeill, United States of America's Miss Maine 2022, Kat Pinkham, National SLICC Ambassador Ms/ Mrs 2021 and Erica Le-



Leah Herrick, Miss Moxie Teen



Kasey Jordan, Miss Moxie

Clair, Ms Maine Agriculture. The contestants were judged on a number of categories, including personal interviews.

Celebrating Maine's official soft drink, the Moxie Festival always takes place in Lisbon on the second weekend in July. Mark your calendars for July 12 through



Olivia Kelley, Miss Moxie Pre-Teen



Kasey Jordan, Miss Moxie and Abigail Sais, Miss Moxie Elementary Princess

14. For more information, including a complete events schedule, see www.moxiefestival.com or email missmoxiepageant@gmail.com for pageant inquires.



Madelynn Mishou, Miss Moxie Young Princess



Adelynn Mishou, Miss Moxie Young Princess and Charlotte Martin, Miss Moxie Baby

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Arts Jubilee Presents Allman Brothers Tribute July 21

NORTH CONWAY, (July 14, 2022) — Arts Jubilee presents Live at the Fillmore: The Definitive Tribute to the Original Allman Brothers Band on Thursday, July 21st at Cranmore Mountain Resort. Singer/guitarist Christian Martin will open the show at 6 PM, followed by Live at the Fillmore at 7 PM.

Live at the Fillmore performs the music of the original Allman Brothers Band as it was performed in the early years before the untimely deaths of Duane and Berry Oakley, and the departure of Dickey Betts. For many, those were the "glory days" of the Allman Brothers Band. Anyone who had the good

fortune to hear the Allman Pre-order tickets online at Brothers Band shows back in the day on the same or successive nights will corroborate that though they did leave room for improvisation and personal expression, for the most part the songs remained the same. This has been Live at the Fillmore's approach to performing their music. Live at the Fillmore brings back authentically the performances of the Allman Brothers Band for those who were there to hear and still remember them, along with those who have a similar love for this music and wish they had been there.

Concert admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for kids 12 and under. www.artsjubilee.org, or pay at the gate on the night of the show (cash or credit). There's plenty of free parking on site, food and beverages will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle for a variety of great prizes at every concert. Please note that we are using an alternate front gate entrance due to the current construction at Cranmore. Seating is not provided at the venue, so concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the show. Animals are not allowed on the property except for leashed service dogs. All concerts are rain or shine. For more information visit www.artsju-



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Tyler Rose Taking Sawyer Foundation Into the Future



Guest Column By **Kimberly Mills** GREENE, ME (July 5, 2022) -- Tyler Rose begins our tour of the Sawyer Memorial building by straightening his double Windsor tie knot, adjusting his cuffs and looking up at me with a grin. "Let me show you what makes this place so special to me and to so many others." We enter the lavish tan and beige granite stoned building through the front door...

Rose has been in his role as the Executive Director of the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, located on 371 Sawyer Road in Greene, upon his graduation from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2015. "Well, I graduated on a Saturday and started my first day here on the following Monday."

Throughout his 7 years with the Sawyer Foundation Rose has seen it all. "I've hosted all different kinds of events here during my time. We've had bands, comedians, authors, lecturers, filmmakers, magicians, puppeteers and that really just scratches the surface," Rose tells me as we walk into the beautifully crafted 210 seat auditorium

The Sawyer Foundation was established in 1937 by John Marshall "J.M." Sawyer, a successful businessman from Greene. The nonprofit organization had its first lineup of events in 1938. "We largely are doing many of the same things as we started off doing all those years ago, the same focus anyway. We are a family-friendly venue here to serve the community as a meeting place for family, friends and neighbors to gather and enjoy both educational and entertainment events," Rose explains to me

where portraits of J.M. and his mother, Araxine, rest on a mantle over a stone fireplace. J.M. formed the Sawyer Foundation to honor his mother to whom he attributed much of his success in business and in life more generally.

"Mr. Sawyer truly adored his mother. So much so that he built the Sawyer Memorial building and wanted to ensure that anyone, no matter their financial situation, could come to this space and attend the same types of events his mother brought him to in his youth."

The Sawyer Foundation's bylaws clearly state that there shall never be admission fees to any of the events held at the Sawyer Memorial. Rose directs my attention to a sole donation box positioned at the entrance of the auditorium where generous attendees can and often do donate. There were no opportunities for donating to that donation box in 2020 when the lineup of events had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

The Sawyer Memorial closed its doors for the first time since 1943



during World War 2 rationing. Rose says this was the hardest decision he ever had to make, but there was a silver lining. "The community really rallied around us. We received an outpouring of donations

despite not having shows and just as many letters, emails and phone calls encouraging us along through those difficult times," Rose says while picking up the donation book where gen-See Foundation, page 10

St. Dom's Academy Boys' Hockey Program Annual Golf Tournament Friday, August 12th, 2022



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Peace Camp at St. Anne Teaches Children Compromise and Calm

GORHAM, ME (July 11, 2022) -- Kindergarteners through fifth graders in Gorham gathered for a week of community, compassion, and compromise in late June at Peacemakers, a vacation Bible school at St. Anne Church.

"We set up a peace camp for the week and the kids learned how to handle situations that arise due to conflict and how to compromise, talk the situation out between each other, and come up with solutions that work best for all instead of fighting, yelling, or walking away," said Cindy Fiore of St. Anne.

The week was led by Sister Jackie Moreau, RSM, parish catechetical leader at the church.

"They learned to practice peace in their lives through music, games, crafts, and Jesus' example," said Sister Jackie.

The children met for

three hours per day for the five-day program and were assisted by parish teens and adult volunteers. The kids even learned the story of Fatima and organized a presentation for the parents at the end of the week.

"The kids got to reenact the story about the three children who Our Lady appeared to. They also learned how to pray the rosary," said Cindy. "It was a great week and experience for all involved."











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Foundation

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erous patrons have their names displayed in the lobby.

Rather than dwelling on not having a 2020 season of events, Rose took the opportunity to double his efforts in bringing the Sawyer Foundation firmly into the 21st century. "When I first started here I was using a typewriter that may very well have been here from the construction of the place," Rose tells me, showing where the typewriter sat in his office. Now the Sawyer Founda-

tion has the capabilities to stream and post all of their events online via their Facebook page.

"We had a very small Facebook following entering 2020. Now we have more than tripled the amount of people who follow us and there are even more who are checking out our page to see what we've got going on. This will be a key component and in my opinion it will be pivotal for our future growth."

Rose says that many of the filmed events from the 2021 season received tremendous attention and significant engagement. "It's been a goal for the Sawyer Foundation to catch up with the 21st century, but it's a delicate tightrope to walk. We want to remain a unique venue with that old-fashioned charm, but we also don't want to lose relevancy either."

The 2021 lineup of shows were all filmed and posted to the Sawyer Foundation's Facebook page where they were viewed, shared, liked and commented on from thousands of local residents and beyond. "It took a whole lot of planning, some sleepless nights and a half-dozen or so rolls of duct tape, but I pulled it off," Rose says with a laugh as we continue the tour to the projector and camera room.

The 2022 season of events is off and running and all events are planned to be held in person in addition to videos posted afterwards on their Facebook page. There are two new types of events on new days and times this year that the Sawyer Foundation is experimenting with.

On Saturday, July 30th there will be an event with the Greene Village Nature Trails that will begin with a presentation at the Sawyer Memorial followed by outdoor exploration on the nature trails themselves and refreshments served afterwards.

On Saturday, August 20th the Sawyer Memorial will be hosting a "Food Truck Social" where attendees will enjoy an afternoon of food, live music, games, prizes and more at one of the Sawyer Memorial's large parking lots.

"We wanted to try out a few new things, a couple different types of events and on different days in the hope that we can attract some new faces in addition to our familiar ones," Rose explained while we walked the path to the location of where the Food Truck Social will be held.

The complete list of 2022 events is available both on the Sawyer Foundation's website: www. sawyer-foundation.com and on their Facebook

Thursday, July 21, 2022

page.

A proud son of Greene, Rose has been involved with the Sawyer Foundation from a young age and he firmly believes the Sawyer Foundation's efforts to catch up technologically will help guarantee its place in the future. "I graduated preschool in this auditorium, I attended countless shows growing up, I spent many summers volunteering my time here. I understand the importance of a place like this in our community. Mr. Sawyer has long since passed, but I still look up to him and I want to ensure his mission of providing family-friendly educational and entertainment events for the public continues into perpetuity."

Applications Open for NVME Online Entrepreneurship Training



Venturing Forth past participant, Cyndi Prince, Founder & CEO of LooHoo (photo: Chris Bennett Photography)

A U G U S T A, **MAINE (STATEWIDE)** (July 6, 2022)—New Ventures Maine (NVME) has an open call for Venturing Forth: Business Planning for Entrepreneurs, a tuition-free, comprehensive, online course starting August 23, 2022. For new entrepreneurs or existing business owners, Venturing Forth helps participants create a written business plan from start to finish with feedback from facilitators and fellow entrepreneurs. The 14-week course covers topics including the customer, competition, marketing,

guest speakers, and homework assignments lead to the completed business plan and road map for success. This comprehensive course includes three follow-up networking ses-

sions. Individuals complete an online application and attend an orientation and individual interview to participate in the class. Applications are due by noon on Monday, August 15, 2022 and are accessible online.

The Venturing Forth class will meet remotely via Zoom on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., August 23 through work through this intensive class with their peers who are facing similar challenges and solving similar problems," said NVME Program Director Jean Dempster. "We cover a great deal of material in depth with the goal of each entrepreneur finishing the class with a complete business plan."

Anyone with a business idea or current business is welcome to apply. The 60-hour course also qualifies for three pass/fail credits from the University of Maine at Augusta upon approval of a completed business plan.

To request or complete an application, register for the orientation, or learn more, contact Gigi Guyton at New Ventures Maine (gigi.guyton@maine.edu) or visit the New Ventures Maine website.

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Green Amendment Day Tackles Environmental Injustice

(July 14, 2022) --Yesterday, over one hundred environmental advocates from 23 states across the country gathered virtually to celebrate the Second Annual Green Amendment Day. Entitled "Green Amendments: Transforming Environmental Rights from Rhetoric to Reality," programming aimed to shine a light on how enforceable environmental rights, in the form of constitutional Green Amendments, can help frontline communities' address toxic pollution, environmental racism, climate injustice, and air and water pollution harming their communities.

According to Green Amendments For The Generations, the organizer of this national day of recognition and action, the goal of the day's activities was to promote the value of securing constitutional protection for the inalienable right to a clean and healthy environment in all fifty states through passage of Green Amendments, constitutional environmental rights amendments that recognize and protect the rights of all people to pure water, clean air, a stable climate, and healthy environments.

Events included a welcome speech from Green Amendment Author and Founder Maya van Rossum, online action opportunities, prize giveaways, and a virtual panel discussion featuring stories of environmental harm and injustice from multiple communities nationwide. These stories were analyzed by leading advocacy and legal experts, who discussed the ways in which Green Amendments could make a meaningful difference in combating their issues on the ground.

In the spirit of yesterday's celebration, activists from a dozen states wrote letters to their state governors and to their local newspaper editors, rallying to support Green Amendment efforts in their state.

Maya van Rossum, leader of the watershed-based advocacy organization the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, founded the national movement and non-profit Green Amendments For The Generations in 2017 after winning the landmark case Robinson Township. Riverkeeper Delaware Network, et. al. v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2013), which breathed new life into Pennsylvania's long ignored environmental rights amendment.

Through advocating for the passage of Green Amendments in all fifty states and ultimately at the federal level, van Rossum aims to make states the trustee of their natural resources for all residents, invoking a constitutional obligation to uphold environmental rights while holding governmental leaders accountable for acts of environmental and climate injustice committed in their state.

As of July of 2022, there are 3 states where Green Amendments have been passed into law, 12 states with advancing Green Amendment efforts across the country, and growing interest from a handful of additional states. Most recently, New York passed its statewide Green Amendment in November of 2021.

Numerous environmental activists, community organizers, and legal experts all illustrated the benefits of passing a Green Amendment in their state: "Given the recent Supreme Court decision limiting the ability of government to act on environmental protection, and confirming that only rights explicitly recognized in the constitution will be given judicial viability, the passage of Green Amendments is now more crucial than ever before," said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and Founder of Green Amendments For The Generations, "Our highest court has made their decision, choosing to severely restrict the power of the EPA and the federal government to take meaningful action against the climate crisis. A Green Amendment provides a concrete way for states to tackle issues of climate and environmental injustice as it adds the right to a clean environment and

a stable climate into that state's constitution, ultimately paving the way for statewide solution-making and the passage of a federal Green Amendment."

"The importance of a Green Amendment can't be overstated," noted Eric Jantz, Senior Staff Attorney with the New Mexico Environmental Law Center. "a constitutional amendment protecting our right to a clean and healthy environment is a fundamental shift in power dynamics. Green Amendments put the power of environmental and public health decision-making back where it belongs - in the hands of the people, rather than leaving those decisions to the discretion of bureaucrats with no stake in the outcome."

"Clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment are critical for a healthy economy and the health of our families," added Kerri Evelyn Harris with the MidAtlantic Justice Coalition. "The Green Amendment is vital to ensuring our natural resources are protected for the families, farmers, and businesses of today and tomorrow."

Terrance Bankston, New Jersey Environmental Justice organizer with Clean Water Action, stated, "The NJ Green Amendment, as it relates to environmental justice, perpetuates both insurance and accountability at every level. For Blacks and Latinx, we are at the crossroads of crisis and opportunity. Our complexion deserves protection regardless of our area or zip codes."

"Communities work tirelessly to protect people and the environment from pollution, industrial domination, and bad government decisions. Often it is the failure of the very agencies charged with protecting our water, air and climate that make our struggles the hardest. The power of the Green Amendment is that it ensures that these goals are recognized as inalienable rights and provides us with a more powerful platform to insist that government must do its job and ensure that special interests who put their profits over people won't have free reign, like they do today," said Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

"States have really mobilized behind the Green Amendment movement," noted Dylan Mc-Dowell, Acting Executive Director of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, "Since 1970, when Montana and Pennsylvania were the only states to have passed Green Amendments, there are now over a dozen that have introduced or plan to introduce legislation this session to ensure the right to a healthy environment for their citizens. In November, New York became the third state to pass a Green Amendment by a decisive voter margin. NCEL is excited to see continued momentum at the state level on this effort."

Robert Meek, Chair of the Board of Directors of Green Amendments For The Generations, stated, "In light of the Supreme Court's decision in West Virginia v. EPA, eviscerating the EPA's power to regulate climate change, it is abundantly clear that the states must take action to protect our environment and be proactive in addressing the climate crisis. The current federal environmental regulatory system is a hodge-podge of rules that are difficult to enforce effectively. However, there is an alternative --- pass constitutional Green Amendments that will recognize the environmental, climate, and environmental justice rights of all people in their state. State passage of a constitutional Green Amendment - particularly one explicitly recognizing rights to a stable climate - can help fill the gaps in federal law and provide the clearest possible signal to our courts that climate change must be checked and our rights to a clean and stable environment are worthy of fundamental constitutional protection."

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age **Biking Round the Mountain**



A cyclist rides a narrow bridge over Thorndike Brook on Round the Mountain Trail

Guest Column by Ron Chase

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(July 10, 2022) --Several years ago, a friend mentioned he was working as a volunteer to help pioneer a route for a bike trail around Ragged Mountain in the Camden Hills. Subsequently, I crossed the beginnings of the new trail while hiking on Ragged Mountain. Each time I returned, progress was being made.

A 5.5 mile segment of Round the Mountain Trail (RMT) opened in late 2020. During a winter trek to the summit in early 2021, I noted the path had quickly become a popular venue for hiking and snowshoeing. It appeared that a heavy snowfall would provide for some exhilarating cross country skiing, and

fat tire biking would be another potential winter use. Later, I located the new Thorndike Brook Trailhead in Hope and resolved to bike RMT the following summer

When I returned in the summer, I found a unique multi-use trail available for hiking, running, and biking during non-winter months. The crushed rock and gravel course averages about six feet in width and travels around about seventy percent of the lower slopes of Ragged and Little Ragged Mountains. Numerous sturdy wooden bridges were constructed along the well-designed path. During my ride, it seemed I was always climbing or descending hills. Maybe it was function of my ad-

vancing years, but I found the outing a strenuous workout.

Recently, while discussing possible outdoor adventures with my longtime friend, John Stokinger, we decided to tackle RMT. Both seniors. we anticipated a challenge.

We began the outing at Thorndike Brook Trailhead, the western entrance to RMT, where there is parking for several vehicles and an information kiosk that includes a trail map. Initially, we experienced easy riding past an impressive stone seating area to a narrow metal bridge over Thorndike Brook. From there, the trail climbed gradually past a junction with the Georges Highland Path (GHP) Little Ragged Mountain Hiking Trail. At

about one mile, a spur trail turned left. A sign indicated it continued for 1.1 mile on the western side of Little Ragged Mountain.

We proceeded southerly on rolling terrain crossing several bridges to the first of three junctions with the GHP Ragged Mountain Hiking Trail. After easier riding for about a mile, Mirror Lake was visible through the trees on our right where the GHP joined RMT for a short distance. GHP quickly turned left to begin a steep 1.1 mile climb to the Ragged Mountain summit. Biking is prohibited on the hiking trails.

RMT began to climb more steeply north to the crest of the saddle between the eastern slope of Ragged Mountain and Spring Mountain. This area is punctuated by precipitous cliffs, a hairpin turn, and an exhausting ascent. Our reward was a long exciting descent with several warning signs recommending gentle braking to a location where the newly constructed RMT ends. Here the pathway connects with Kuller Trail which continues to the northern trailhead at the Camden Snow Bowl Ski Area.

During our partial exploration of Kuller, we encountered a long muddy sector of trail and decided to turn back. Anticipating a formidable climb to the top of the col between Ragged and Spring Mountains factored into the decision.

After reaching the saddle, we enjoyed a thrilling downhill plummet to the Mirror Lake area. Shortly beyond, I accidentally frightened a deer that was also enjoying the trail. Following some additional climbing to Little Ragged Mountain spur junction, the final mile to Thorndike Brook Trailhead was



A bike rider negotiates a typical section of Round the Mountain Trail



The western entrance for Round the Mountain Trail at **Thorndike Brook Trailhead**

predominantly a delightful circuitous descent.

While relaxing after the ride, John observed that the demanding climbs were worth the stimulating descents. We used hybrid bikes for our ride, but I think mountain or fat tire bikes are better suited for the trail system. John measured our trek to be 8.44 miles on his GPS and the actual moving time was about 1.5 hours.

Coastal Mountains Land Trust, partnering with several other entities, envisions extending the

My book, Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine contains narratives about five additional outstanding Maine trail rides and three scenic bike trips on offshore Maine islands.

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 or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast. net.



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FALMOUTH -- University of Maine Extension staff and volunteers will lead a hands-on, interactive program to teach youth ages 9 and up how to grow and preserve the garden's harvest. The 4-H Kids Can Can program will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesdays, July 20-Aug. 17.

Each session will begin in Extension's Tidewater Gardens in Falmouth where youth will harvest the fruits and vegetables needed to make jam, pickles, salsa and more. The program then moves to the UMaine Regional Learning Center Demo Kitchen where participants will prepare a batch of preserved foods. Each participant will take home a jar of preserves. Current 4-H enrollment is not required for participation.

The \$5 fee per child covers all classes. Register and find more details on the program page online. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, call 207.781.6099 or 800.287.1471 (in Maine).

July 21

FALMOUTH -- A Field Day at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Gardens at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth will be held from 5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 21.

The free public event is an opportunity to learn about Tidewater Farm and engage with the gardens through hands-on demonstrations led by UMaine Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers. Demonstrations begin at 5:30 p.m. focused on pollinator-friendly gardening and vegetable garden succession planting.

No registration is required. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, visit the website or contact Pamela Hargest, pamela.hargest@maine.edu; 207.949.4524.

July 22

GREENE The Mollyockett Chorus performs on Friday, July 22nd at 2 & 7 PM at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene. Free admission! FMI call 946-5311, visit sawyer-foundation.com or www.facebook.com/sawyer.foundation1937

July 23

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray, Saturday night Bean Supper, on Saturday July 23, 2022, 5:00 P. M. At the Parish House, 5 Brown Street. Handicapped Accessible.

Reservations Required. Accepting only 50 reservations! Contact Carol at 650-9093 and let her know your name, phone number and how many are in your party. Cut off for reservations is July 20, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Meals are single sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

The Menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, Red Hot Dogs, Biscuits, Variety of Casseroles and Salads, Assortment of Desserts, Cold Drinks and Hot Coffee.

July 27

LEWISTON -- Outdoor Hiring Event at the Lewiston Career Center, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston. The event will be held rain or shine and is open to all job seekers.

Day @10am at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd in Gorham.

July 27

GORHAM -- Instrumental guitar concert @ 6:30pm bring your lawnchairs! Held at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd in Gorham.

July 30

BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet Saturday, July 30, 2022 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

July 30

GREENE --The Sawver Memorial will host a nature walk with the Greene Conservation Committee on Saturday, July 30th at noon. 371 Sawyer Rd. in Greene. FMI 946-5311

Join us for an afternoon of local outdoor fun! We begin at the Sawyer Memorial for former Maine Park Ranger, now author. Tim Caverly's presentation "48 Hours With a Wilderness Ranger" followed by a brief talk by the Greene Conservation Committee. Afterwards, join us for a walk on the trails over at the Greene Recreational Park! We will explore the trails and refreshments will be served for all those who attend! Trail walking is not mandatory and there is easy accessibility to the location where refreshments and good times will be had. Seating will be provided.

FMI search "Sawyer Foundation" on Facebook, visit our website at sawyer-foundation.com or call 946-5311.

July 30

TURNER -- Inside Yard Sale on Sat. July 30. 8 to 1; Univ. Church Ves-



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August 10

LEWISTON LANDING THE LOB-STER, Wednesday, August 10th at 4:00PM

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This in-person program will allow participants to meet virtually through the big screen in Callahan hall. Free. For all ages in Callahan Hall. No registration required. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

August 11 – 21 AUBURN -- The

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August 13

LEWISTON -- SUM-CELEBRATION MER WITH LPL KIDS!, Saturday, August 13 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Celebrate summer with LPL Kids! Come join our end of summer reading celebration on Saturday, August 13 from 11:00 Am-1:00 PM and enjoy games and crafts, giveaways and prizes, mini golf, a frozen

sweet treat, and fun photo opportunities with mermaid tails, pirate treasure, shark heads, and giant fish!

This program will take place in Callahan Hall, on the 3rd floor of Lewiston Public Library, and is open to all kids ages 12 and under and their families. No registration required. We hope to see YOU there!! 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

August 18

LEWISTON BALLOON BONANZA, 4-5pm, Children's Program Room, third floor, Lewiston Public Library

Hold on to your hats: the Balloon Bonanza is in town! Join Ms. Alexis in an experiment with balloon balance using beads and buttons. Create a creature and take it for a ride in your very own helium "hot air" balloon. And all week long, come by the library to make your own spinning 3-D paper balloon. Free, no registration or library card required.

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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.



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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.

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Mackinac Island Trip - September 10-18, 2022 - Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Guided Carriage Tour in Mackinac Island. Boat ride through the Soo Locks with free time and sightseeing in Sault Saint Marie, visit to Mackinaw Crossing and "Michigan's Little Bavaria" and much more. A \$75. deposit is due upon signing up. Price is \$899. pp double occupancy. Make checks out to Diamond Tours and mail to Claire Bilodeau.

White Mountain Hotel & Resort - December 4 - 5, 2022 - Trip includes 1 night lodging - 3 meals including the Grand Sunday Brunch. Two different entertainment shows, Austrian Sleigh Ride through Jackson Village with a Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour. Stop at the Christmas Tree Shop and Lunch at Polly's Pancake Parlor. A \$100 deposit is due upon signing. Price is \$369. pp double occupancy which includes tips.

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Maine State Music Theatre's "The Color Purple" Starts on July 20

BRUNSWICK, ME (July 13, 2022) - Maine State Music Theatre will open the musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Color Purple on July 21 (with previews July 20) and run the show through August 6. The most inspirational show of MSMT's summer season, the production includes a joyous Grammy Award-winning score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues. This intensely

moving American classic is a story of hope is a testament to the healing power of love and a striking celebration of life.

The Color Purple features Jaden Dominique as Celie and Tavia Rivée as Nettie, Maiesha McQueen as Sofia with DeQuina Moore as Shug Avery. Mister is played by Kelvin Roston Jr. and Lawrence Flowers will play Harpo.

The cast is rounded out by Korie Lee Blossey (Pa), Dori Waymer

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(Squeak), La'Nette Wallace (Darlene), Nyla Watson (Doris), Tarra Conner Jones (Jarene), Darron Lorenzo (Ol' Mister), Courtney Blackmun and Mikayla Jane (Sofia sis-ters), Willie Clyde Beaton II (Adam/ Band Leader), Devin Price (Bobby), and Ron King (Bartender/Grady).

The creative team includes E. Faye Butler (Director), Flo Walker-Harris (Chore-ographer), Jarred Lee (Music Director), Jeffrey S. Koger (Lighting

July 22

July 29

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August 26

Designer), Ryan Swift Joyner (Project Designer), Charles S. Kading (Set Designer), Shannon Slaton (Sound Designer), Kevin S. Foster II (Wig Designer), Bottari and Case (Costume Designers), Kathleen Pay-

ton Brown (Costume Coordinator), and Mark Johnson (Stage Manager).

The show is sponsored by The Times Record and The Brunswick Hotel. The premier sponsors are Oceanview at Falmouth, Highland Green, and Cumberland Crossing.

Performances take place at the Pickard Theater, 1 Bath Road, Brunswick, Maine. For tickets, visit www.msmt.org or call (207) 725-8769.

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Playground for Asylum-Seeking Children Seeks Donations

SOUTH PORT-LAND, ME (July 15, 2022) -- A hotel in South Portland that is housing newly arrived, asylum seeking families has asked for our support in making their playground a better place for the dozens of kiddos that live there.

Kids need safe, outdoor spaces to get out their energy, engage their imagination, make friends, explore and just have fun. first summer in their new home?

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Currently, the playground is pretty bare and it's showing in the way the kids interact with it.

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What if they had a place so exciting, they could get lost in play for hours & their parents could use that time sorting out how to settle into their new community or to get some rest?

Do you have any outdoor playthings no longer in use that you can pass along to help these kids have a great contributions off at the hotel. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO MAINE NEEDS. The hotel manager asked that donations be dropped off directly at the hotel so that they can be put to immediate use.

Donations can be brought to:

Quality Inn, Main Office

738 Main Street South Portland ME 04106

Attn: Michelle Let's make this a place kids want to be. Let's help them have a memorable summer.



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