

Updates from the Gorham Historical Society



GORHAM, ME (August 9, 2022)

-- We hope you are enjoying your summer! This is a letter to keep you informed about recent historical activities. We awarded our annual GHS Scholarship this year to Josiah Irish who will be attending USM this fall. We also had great success fundraising with calendar sales again this year! We will be brainstorming themes for our 2023 calendar.

As you have probably heard or read in the newspapers, The Shaw Family Foundation has generously offered to lease space (\$1 per year) in the Old Richardson/Mosher Barn they are reconstructing at the Cherry Hill property. There is a large space upstairs with a locked room for our archives. We have outgrown our space on School St. and parking is hard to come by there. A big thank you to the Town of Gorham for the use of that building for several years. The space at Cherry Hill will be climate controlled, has bathrooms, parking, and plenty of space for displays and storage. It will be available later this fall. Here is a photo of the space upstairs.

This letter is to inform you of the possible move that the executive board recommends. We have also been in touch with past officers to get their input. If you have any questions, concerns or objections regarding this decision please contact President Suzie Phillips 207-892-9847 or suziephillips@gmail.com.

In other exciting news, we have been contacted by the Boston Tea Party Association that they are planning to put grave markers for each member involved in the dumping of the tea into Boston Harbor in 1773. One of the men is buried here in Gorham. We will be planning a ceremony this October. We will get you more information as we put the event together.

We will resume meetings this fall and hopefully have an open house at our new space! Just a reminder that we began collecting membership dues (\$10 per person) again this year. Thank you for your continued support of the Gorham Historical Society!

The Gorham Historical Society Executive Board



Absentee Ballots Available

GORHAM, ME (August 8, 2022)

-- Absentee ballots are now available for request for the November 8, 2022 Annual Municipal Election and State Election. You may request an absentee ballot by visiting <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670, and one will be sent to you when available.

Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 8pm on Election Day. You can return your ballots by mail (two stamps required) or drop them off in the Ballot Box at the Municipal Center.

You may also return your ballots in person to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Important Dates:

August 8 – Absentee ballots may be requested **REQUEST ONLINE | PAPER APPLICATION**

We will mail your ballot to you once absentee ballots arrive (around October 8)

October 10 – Absentee voting begins

If you requested your ballot, we will mail it to you. If you would like to vote absentee in person, you may do so at the Town City Clerk's office, starting Monday, Octo-

ber 10 and any time the Town Clerk's office is open: Monday-Wednesday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday, 8:00-6:30 and Friday, 8:00-1:00.

October 18 – Last day for Registrar's office to receive mail-in voter cards

After this date, voter registration changes and enrollments must be done in person

Beginning October 24 thru November 3

You may vote absentee in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, October 24-October 28; Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday, 8:00am-6:30pm, Friday, 8:00am-1:00p, and October 31-November 3; Monday-Wednesday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday, 8:00am-7:00pm.

November 3 – Last day an absentee ballot may be requested without special circumstances

November 8 – Election Day! All polling places will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8:00pm. New voters may register to vote and vote at the polling place on Election Day.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Ocean State Job Lot Holds “Educator Deal Days”

NORTH KINGS-TOWN, R.I. (August 11, 2022) – Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL), the region’s premier discount retail chain with store locations across the Northeast, is pleased to offer its “Educator Deal Days” at all store locations from August 18th through August 24th.

All educators, teachers, school management and school support personnel who are authorized to make purchases on behalf of their school, and who are registered Job Lot Insiders, are eligible to participate in this promotion. During the promotion, participants will receive a Crazy Deal® Gift Card equal to 40% of their purchase when they spend \$20.00 or more at Ocean State Job Lot. (For example, spend \$50.00 and receive a \$20.00 Crazy Deal Gift Card with your purchase.) To obtain the Crazy Deal Gift Card, customers



must present proper photo identification at checkout.

“Each year, educators dip into their own personal finances to purchase the supplies needed for their students and classrooms, sparing no expense while putting our children’s needs first,” said Curtis Corl, Chief Marketing Officer, Ocean State Job Lot. “Ocean State Job Lot’s “Educator Deal Days” is our way of showing appreciation for those who help our children grow to be happy, productive, and successful members of the communities in which

we operate.”

This promotion is in-store only and does not apply to Ship-to-Store purchases. The promotion may not be combined with any other discount, offer or promotion, including but not limited to advertised sale items, Crazy Deals®, Insider coupons, and Insider Exclusive Deals. There are no rainchecks. Merchandise credit and Crazy Deal Gift Cards cannot be used as a form of tender during this promotion. Limited product exclusions apply, including Ocean State Job Lot gift

cards, third party gift cards, clearance items, propane tanks and refills, beer and wine, and live plants and flowers. Offer may not be applied to past purchases. All warranty and return rules apply.

About Ocean State Job Lot: Founded in 1977, Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL) is a growing, privately held discount retail chain with stores in New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, approximately 5,600 employees, and annual sales exceeding \$800 million. OSJL Shop-

pers find an ever-changing array of brand name, first quality merchandise at closeout prices, including household goods, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal products (holiday, gardening, patio, pool, and beach supplies), and kitchen pantry staples at a fraction of their typical price. The company was named a four-time “Best Employer” by Forbes® Magazine*, a two-time US Best Managed Company by Deloitte, and received a first-place Inspiring Workplaces in North America Award.

*Ocean State Job Lot is not affiliated with Forbes®.

The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation has a long history of philanthropic leadership, supporting numerous causes, including feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, assisting veterans and military families, aiding animal rescue, caring for children, advancing healthcare, supporting the arts, and promoting learning. The Foundation’s operational, administrative, and overhead expenses are covered by Ocean State Job Lot, not the Foundation, ensuring that 100% of every dollar raised through the Foundation goes directly to helping those in need. Ocean State Job Lot is headquartered in the Quonset Point Business Park at 375 Commerce Park Road, North Kings-town, RI 02852. Phone: (401) 295-2672; Website: OceanStateJobLot.com.

What do you think?

We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor, Op/Eds, columns or any other submissions from our readers. Agree with us or another columnist? Disagree? Write to us and let us know! Email all submissions, including name, address and phone number, to the editor.

Hospice Volunteers Of Waterville Area Announce Retreat



WATERVILLE, ME (August 10, 2022) -- Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area (HVWA) is pleased to announce that they will be hosting Camp Ray of Hope (CROH), a statewide weekend retreat for Maine individuals and families who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. CROH will be held September 24-25 at Friends Camp in South China. Attendees are given opportu-

nities to connect with other people from throughout the state of Maine who are also in the midst of transition from loss by death. Adults, teens, and children will spend time in respective peer group settings and participate in workshops that encourage healthy outlets and self-care. There is time for artistic and athletic expression both individually and as a family, as well as several relaxation experiences. In addition, there

are opportunities to canoe or kayak, swim, participate in arts and crafts, receive bodywork, and commune with nature in surroundings that are peaceful and unspoiled. Childcare is available for children under three years of age.

HVWA will be following CDC Covid guidelines for large gatherings. There will be testing upon arrival and masks will be required during certain activities. Cost is \$60.00 per person or \$180.00 for a family of three or more. If cost is a barrier, please contact Diane Worryingham at 873-3615 ext.19 or dworryingham@hvwa.org.

For questions or to request a brochure and registration form, contact Jillian Roy at 873-3615 ext.11 or email jroy@hvwa.org.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

MaineHealth, Partnering Institutions Awarded \$20M Grant

PORTLAND, ME (August 8, 2022) – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced a five-year, \$20 million research grant to the MaineHealth Institute for Research (MHIR) and its partnering institutions, the University of Vermont and the University of Southern Maine, to expand the transformative work of the Northern New England Clinical and Translational Research Network (NNE-CTR) in improving community health through biomedical research in rural New England.

The NNE-CTR was established five years ago to give researchers in rural communities the tools they need to develop and implement innovative medical treatments for chronic diseases common in Northern New England such as

cancer, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and substance use disorder. Principal Investigators Cliff Rosen, MD, Director of the NNE-Center for Clinical and Translational Research at MHIR, and Gary Stein, PhD, Chair of the Department of Biochemistry at the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, established a set of research cores to support clinical and translational research in Northern New England, with one focus being the engagement of rural providers and practices in research. Some of the pilot projects that researchers developed, such as using telemedicine to quickly identify newborns at rural hospitals who need treatment with therapeutic hypothermia, have now become standards of care in

MaineHealth

Maine.

Once the COVID-19 pandemic became a threat to health throughout the region, the NNE-CTR also supported the NIH-funded RECOVER study of long COVID, a study of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy, as well as the National COVID Cohort Collaborative registry that shares clinical data as a part of national COVID research.

"In just a few years, we are seeing the impact that access to clinical research has on rural communities," Dr. Rosen said. "This new grant will help us build on this success and do more to address health equity and disparities encountered by at-risk populations."

Funding from the new grant will allow the NNE-CTR to invest in professional development for young researchers, new pilot programs to develop innovative disease treatments, community engagement throughout Northern New England, and improved data collection and research navigation capabilities. The NNE-CTR also is focused on ensuring that the research reflects Northern New England's diversity in race, gender and socioeconomic.

"The MaineHealth Institute for Research is invested in improving the health of all members of our community," said Liz Jacobs, MD, MPP, Vice President for Research at

MaineHealth. "We appreciate that the NIH recognizes the importance of engaging our rural and at-risk populations as we search for treatments to chronic disease in our region."

Maine's Congressional delegation has shown strong support for the NNE-CTR and biomedical research in the state.

"We welcome this funding, which will help spur the advancement of treatments, means of prevention, and cures for diseases that affect nearly every American family as well as improve the delivery of health care in rural communities. The establishment of this consortium five years ago has already yielded a number of benefits for Maine patients, and its continuation is a true credit to the skilled scientists at the MaineHealth

Institute for Research and its partnering institutions, including the University of Southern Maine," said Senators Susan Collins and Angus King in a joint statement. "By helping to foster collaboration among researchers and implement innovative medical treatments, this investment will help us conquer so many diseases that take both an emotional and financial toll."

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Updates from the Town Manager's Office

GORHAM, ME (August 12, 2022) -- **Gorham Schools First Day & School Bus Safety Reminder**

As all Gorham grades return to school the week of August 29th, we want to remind citizens to be aware and stop for school buses. Please remember cars must stop a safe distance away and not start again until a school bus's red lights stop flashing, the stop sign has been folded back, and the bus begins to continue on its way. A great visual reminder and PSA on distracted driving and School Bus Safety, created by Gorham Community Access Media (GoCAM) and Gorham PD, can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/303121561>.

Gorham Backpack Program

The Gorham Backpack Program provides school-age students experiencing food insecurity enrolled in the Gorham School Department with healthy snacks and staple meal items helpful to families for the weekend. The

program aims to provide food that is child-friendly, non-perishable, and easily consumed; and to distribute the weekly bag discreetly to students, with the help of school staff. Folks can sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqWodmVG-PeTrAOm2AIHCZLbz5S-94fE6244dowUYWqrcWQuJA/viewform> or contact Heather Whitaker

at heather.whitaker@gorhamschools.org for help with questions.

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Out and About

A Visit to The Boothbay Country Club Garden

By Rachel Morin

My daughter, Elizabeth, has a friend, Patrick Thornton, who is a member of The Boothbay Country Club, and knows how Liz and I love flowers, have our own gardens, and travel to flower garden tours in Lewiston, Auburn, Portland, South Portland, Brunswick, Bath, to mention a few, and any other place we hear about. He wanted to surprise us with tickets to the Boothbay Country Club's flower garden reserved for its members and their guests.

We were thrilled and looked forward to the date. It was like no other garden tour we had been on where we wander through flower beds, appreciate the flowers, take pictures and sometimes stop at flower shops or stands on the way home to buy more plants!

It was mid-June and we entered the Boothbay Country Club, gave our tickets and were told the tour was ready to start outside the front door. We went out to where a small group of 5 of 6 women were waiting. But what we saw surprised us. They

were all holding open notebooks with pencils of pens poised on the page. What a picture!

Liz and I glanced at each other, realizing we were unprepared and these women must be serious gardeners! We stood straighter and prepared to listen intently. Seconds later, the Club's Horticulturist, Karen Neill arrived. She welcomed us to the Horticultural Educational Tour!

We learned about Karen's job. She works full time and has help. Each year the garden beds are dug up and the bulbs are stored. A color and flower theme is chosen every year and is repeated throughout the beds.

Karen talked about fertilizing techniques, plant combinations, and how to "save" a plant that is not doing well. Karen gave us several tips and tricks for our gardens. The women had several questions about their own gardens and Karen was able to answer in detail so everyone was satisfied.

This year's theme featured a riot of color with



Some of the beautiful trees at Boothbay Garden Club. Photo by Rachel Morin.



One of the pretty flower beds with trees in the background. Photo by Rachel Morin.

fuchsia impatiens as the main star. The beds also featured dusty miller.

Karen designs and lays out a plan over the winter and presents it to her manager, the Director of Operations. If it meets with his approval, it is presented to Paul Coulombe, Owner of the Boothbay Country Club. Paul is particular and has his hand in mostly everything. He gets final approval on everything, down to wine glass choices and flower beds.

Karen has learned Paul does NOT like yellow so there are no yellow flowers. He does like orange, however, and big showy

flowers. Paul Coulombe is a native of Lewiston and is well known there as the owner of White Rock Distilleries which he sold and then purchased The Boothbay Country Club which is one of the top five golf clubs in Maine.

As Karen continued her educational tour, we admired the beautiful flower garden beds, and many, many beautiful trees along the winding paved roads. Karen spoke of each flower or tree and answered questions as we walked along.

The tour was ending and so we decided to

look around the club. We saw beautiful, comfortable couches and chairs with small tables and a lovely chandelier. The bar with its plush seating and views of the beautiful green golf course. We went into the ladies' locker room which was as deluxe as any spa facility you could imagine. Every detail had been thought of...fragrant soaps, shampoos, hair conditioners, so many amenities arranged beautifully. It really does not seem like a locker room.

Next it was off to see the pool and gym facility,

filled with state of the art equipment and huge TVs. The changing rooms there almost as lovely as the locker rooms. Huge soft towels were neatly folded.

The huge pool area has comfortable chaises around the pool with a large jacuzzi on one end. There are numerous shade umbrellas and a snack bar with full bar available.

We thought all of these lovely extras and Patrick is there just for the golf! We've included some photos so you can see the beauty at The Boothbay Country Club.



Learning about the plants at Boothbay Country Club. Photo by Rachel Morin.



Rachel Morin and Karen Neill, Horticulturist at Boothbay Country Club.

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Great Falls Balloon Festival Schedule

Find below the current schedule for the 28th annual Great Falls Balloon Festival. Please note that things are subject to change as we get closer to the festival.

Friday, August 19th - Lewiston

6:00 am Balloon Launch
 4:00 pm Food Booths Open
 4:30 pm Elvis - Robert Washington
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch
 6:30 pm Breakin' Strings
 Dusk Moon-glow
 8:15 pm Shugah Kitty

Friday, August 19th - Auburn

4:00 pm Food Booths Open
 4:30 pm Christie Ray
 6:15 pm LA Harley Band
 Saturday, August 20th - Lewiston
 5:30 am Pancake Breakfast
 6:00 am Balloon Launch
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:00 am Parade



12:30 pm Show Time Athletics
 1:30 pm Cheer Envy
 2:30 pm The Old Gold Blues Band
 4:00 pm Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers
 4:45 pm Right Amount of Wrong
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch

6:30 pm Jumpin' Willys
 8:30 pm Jessi and the Cruisers
 9:00pm Fire-works
 Saturday, August 20th - Auburn
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:00 am Parade
 12:30 pm Justin

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 2:15 pm POSH!
 4:00 pm Ricki

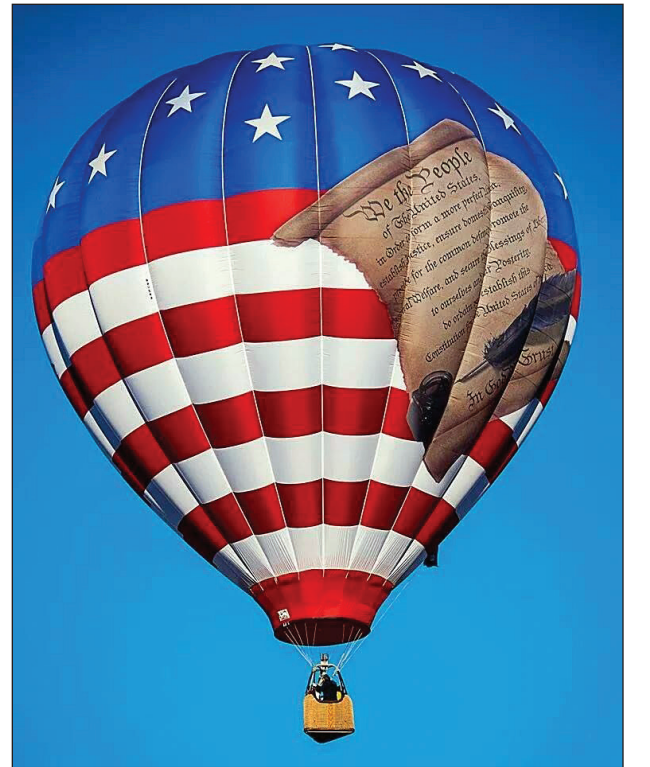
George
 5:30 pm Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers
 6:30 pm Attention, Perfection!

Sunday, August 21st - Lewiston

5:30 am Pancake Breakfast
 6:00 am Balloon Launch
 9:00 am Family Fun Day Activities in the Field
 9:30 am Phoenix No Limits Karate
 10:00 am Camp of Rock
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:15 am The Root Notes
 12:45 pm Country Roads

2:45 pm Continental Shakedown
 4:30 pm Bonnie Edwards & The Practical Cats
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch
 Sunday, August 21st - Auburn
 10:30 am Dragon of Wortley
 11:00 am Food Booths Open

1:30 pm Stackhouse
 Mike
 3:15 pm Drunk in Public



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Directions and Parking

Directions

The main launch site for the festival is Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park), off Oxford Street in Lewiston.

From Points North

Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 80, Lewiston. At the light, turn left and follow ME-196 W/Lisbon Street downtown (about 2.5 mi.). At the intersection of Lisbon Street and Main, turn left. At the next light, turn left onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

From Points South

Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 75, Auburn. At the light, turn left and follow US-202/ME-4/ME-100/Auburn (Washington Street and Minot Avenue) for about 4.75 mi., to the intersection with Court Street. Turn right onto Court Street. Cross the bridge into Lewiston. Take the first right onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

Parking

Ample parking is available in the downtown area and in several lots adjacent to the festival grounds. Many non-profit

organizations will be raising money for their organizations by offering parking for a donation. This parking will be located around the Bates Mill and along Lincoln Street in Lewiston. The City of Lewiston is graciously donating the use of these areas to the non-profit organizations. This does not include the parking lot across from the Franco Center on Oxford St.

Handicap parking is available just over the bridge, inside the main gate to Simard-Payne Memorial Park. The Auburn Municipal Parking Garage also has many handicap spaces.

Balloon Ride Information



Balloon rides are available for 6 launches throughout the weekend. Morning flights launch at 6 a.m. and evening flights lift off at 6 p.m.

All balloon rides are free-flying and go where the wind takes them. Balloons range in size—from 2 to 10 passengers. Whatever the size of your group, we can find a balloon to fit your needs. At the end of each balloon ride, there will be a champagne toast to celebrate your adventure.

The earlier you book, the better the selection.

Availability

Friday, August 19, 2022 (morning *limited availability* and evening launch); Saturday, August

20, 2022 (morning and evening launch); Sunday, August 21, 2022 (morning and evening launch)

Cost

\$225/person. All purchases must be prepaid with either a check or a credit card; we can also send you an invoice via email after you send in your form where you can pay securely online. (see Ride Application).

Passenger Ride Application Form

Hot air balloon rides during the 2022 season are getting full. To confirm there are openings or to be placed on a stand-by list, please email rides@GreatFallsBalloonFestival.org

Ticket Delivery

All tickets will be

mailed out prior to Monday, August 15, 2022. If tickets are purchased on or after August 15, 2022, tickets will be available on the day of your flight. Please refer to your email confirmation for time, location and pick up information.

If traveling and you have not received your tickets in the mail, replacements will be issued during flight registration per your confirmation email.

Questions?

Contact: Rides@GreatFallsBalloonFestival.org

We hope to see you at the festival and that you will join in on the fun and excitement of taking a hot air balloon ride!

 An advertisement for Evergreen Credit Union. The background is a lush green forest. The text reads: "We're growing to better serve Mainers." Below this is a map of Maine with four counties in the south highlighted in orange. Text next to the map says: "We innovate every day to make the experience of banking with us one of the best in Maine." "Our financial services are now available in 4 more counties in Southern Maine." "We were just named the Best-In-State Credit Union 2022 for Maine.*" "We've helped Mainers for over 60 years." "Let us help you." The Evergreen Credit Union logo is at the bottom left, with the website "egcu.org" and phone number "(207) 221-5000". To the right, it lists the counties served: "Now serving Cumberland, York, Oxford, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln". A small footnote at the bottom left states: "*For details visit egcu.org/news. Equal Housing Opportunity Lender. Evergreen is federally insured by NCUA."

An advertisement for Lewiston, Maine. The background is a blue sky with several colorful hot air balloons. The text reads: "LEWISTON ME" in large, bold letters, with "Opportunity Lives Here!" in a script font below it. "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant script font. At the bottom, the website "www.lewistonmaine.gov" is listed.

Entertainment Schedule

We couldn't be more excited to share the full line up of this year's entertainment!

First, we want to thank each and very entertainer for donating their time and talent by coming to the festival to perform! Their generous support really helped us put together a great festival this year!

Their donation shows their commitment to our mission and the local non-profits which benefit from the festival. Please show your support by coming out and cheering them on!

~Maine Stage (Lewiston):~

Friday, August 19th

4:30 pm - Elvis - Lewiston Stage

6:30 pm - Breakin' Strings - Lewiston Stage

8:15 pm - Shugah Kitty - Lewiston Stage

Saturday, August 20th

12:30 pm - Show Time Athletics - Lewiston Stage

1:00 pm - Cheer Envy - Lewiston Stage

2:30 pm - The Old Gold Blues Band - Lewiston Stage

4:00 pm - Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers - Lewiston Stage

4:45 pm - Right Amount of Wrong - Lewiston Stage

6:30 pm - Jumpin' Willys - Lewiston Stage

8:30 pm - Jessi and the Cruisers - Lewiston Stage

Sunday, August 21st
9:30 am Phoenix No Limits Karate - Lewiston Stage

10:00 am - Camp of Rock - Lewiston Stage

11:15 am - The Root Notes - Lewiston Stage

12:45 pm - Country Roads Rocks the Great Falls Balloon Festival- New Country Style

2:45 pm - Continental Shakedown - Lewiston Stage

4:30 pm - Bonnie Edwards and the Practical Cats - Lewiston Stage

~Festival Plaza Stage (Auburn):~

Friday, August 19th

4:30 pm - Christie Ray - Auburn Stage

6:15 pm - LA Harley Band - Auburn Stage

Saturday, August 20th

12:30 pm - Justin Carver - Auburn Stage

2:15 pm - POSH! - Auburn Stage

4:00 pm - Ricki George - Auburn Stage

5:30 pm - Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers - Auburn Stage

6:30 pm - Attention, Perfection! - Auburn Stage
Sunday, August 21st

10:30 am - Dragon of Wortley - Auburn Stage

1:30 pm - Mike Stackhouse - Auburn Stage

3:15 pm - DIP at the Balloon Festival

~Other great events at the festival:~

Friday, August 19th:
9:00 pm - Moonglow

Saturday and Sunday:
5:30 am - Great Falls Balloon Festival Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 20th:

11:00 am - Great Falls Balloon Festival Parade

9:00 pm - Firework Show

PLUS! Hot air balloon launches Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 6 am and 6 pm

**All scheduled events are subject to



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change. For most up to date times and events, please check the schedule on our website here: <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/>

schedule/** Thanks once again to all of our entertainers this year! We can't wait to see you all perform!



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What are hot air balloons made of? The bag or envelope is made of a reinforced fabric called rip-stop nylon (some balloons are made of dacron). The material is very lightweight but very strong. The fabric is coated to prevent leaks.

What are the baskets made of? The baskets are made from rattan or wicker. The material is lightweight and very durable. Each basket is individually woven by hand.

How fast does it go? As fast or as slow as the wind. Since the balloon has no forward propulsion system, its speed is determined entirely by the speed of the wind. That is why balloon competitions are strictly for accuracy, not for speed.

How high does it go? The balloons will fly from ground level to anywhere from tree level to a couple of thousand feet above ground level, depending on wind direction and speed.

When is the best time to fly? Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the

time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up? It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1 to 2 hours, but factors like outside air temperature, the weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

What kind of fuel is used? Propane is kept in pressurized tanks in the basket. The balloon carries 30-40 gallons of liquid propane. It is carried under pressure through flexible hoses to the burner. When the valves are opened, the propane atomizes and is ignited by a pilot light in the burner. The flame may shoot out as much as ten to twenty feet, making a loud whoosh.

How do you get back? With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow)

and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear? We recommend wearing casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Consider light layers of warm clothing so you can easily adjust to the temperature as the sun comes up. The coolest you will be is on the ground. Once you're in flight, the burners tend to keep the baskets nice and warm.

DISCLAIMER:

Due to weather conditions, the best times for balloon launches are 6 a.m. for morning launches and 6 p.m. for evening launches. Launches are always weathered permitting and times may vary depending on conditions.

The Moonglow (hot air balloons tethered and lit up with propane) is scheduled for Friday night (usually at dusk) after the balloons return from the evening launch. If the weather doesn't allow the Moonglow show on Friday night there will be one on Saturday night instead.

Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is a great experience for the whole family!

With activities like fun runs, toddler trots, diaper derby, face painting, and so much more. We are excited to have the Kora

Shrine clowns join us this year!

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Are you interested in flying your hot air balloon at The Great Falls Balloon Festival? We are always excited to speak with and welcome new pilots to the festival. Flying at the Great Falls Balloon Festival includes tons of benefits including lodging, food, gift packs, and more.

Want to fly at this year's festival? Fill out this form at <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/fly-with-us/> and we will reach out.

Participate in the photo contest!

First, second, and third place will receive a Souvenirs Swag Bag at the 2021 Great Falls Balloon Festival

Volunteer!

Are you interested in volunteering at The Great Falls Balloon Festival? The success of the festival is dependent upon the skills and time of our countless volunteers. We are looking for volunteers in these areas:

- Balloon Crew
- Crowd Support
- Bridge/Gate Support
- Souvenir Booth
- Welcome/Greeter at Entrances

- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade Support
- Family Fun Day
- Committee Member
- Runner/Festival Support

- Logistics
- Balloon Ride Assistant
- And much more!

Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must meet all these requirements:

Volunteer must be over the age of 16, 18 for balloon crew; Volunteer must not bring children, for their safety; Volunteers who are working one of the gates or crowd control must wear a safety vest which will be provided; Balloon crew members should report to Simard-Payne Memorial Park at 5:30 am for morning launches and 5 pm for evening launches; Potential balloon crew volunteers are asked to please take into consideration that some of the balloon equipment is heavy; All volunteers must be respectful to all guests

Want to get involved in this year's festival?

Fill out this form or email volunteer@greatfallsballoonfestival.org and we will reach out closer to the festival.

Join us at the parade!

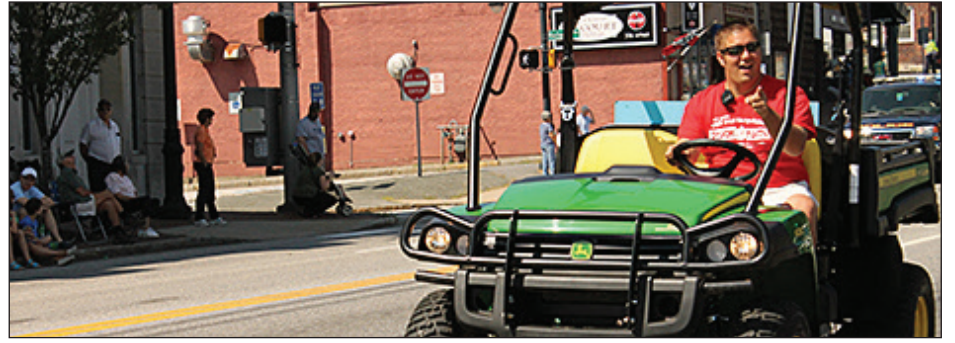
Please join us on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 11 a.m. for the festival parade!

The parade will line up on Elm Street, Auburn, proceeding down Elm Street. It will turn left onto Main Street, right onto Court Street and across the Longley Bridge. It will then turn right onto Lincoln Street, and then a right onto Chestnut Street and disperse on Oxford Street. The parade will last approximately 2 hours.

Sponsor us!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of the 28th annual Great Falls Balloon Festival.

In 1992, a group of business people, civic leaders and friends began discussing new ways to celebrate our community, while at the same time providing fundraising opportunities to local non-profits and civic groups. With the help of local businesses, an army of volunteers and the cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, the Great Falls Balloon Festival has become more than anyone could have imagined.



The festival now reaches well beyond the great community of Lewiston/Auburn—it enjoys a national reputation as a first-class event and is a destination for many visitors to the state of Maine.

The sight of dozens of hot air balloons in the skies over Lewiston/Auburn is a spectacular experience. With free admission, annual attendance above 100,000, financial impact

in excess of \$2,000,000 and hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by participating non-profit groups, it's easy to see why our community eagerly anticipates the festival.

Like any business or event, cash flow is the most difficult task to manage. Support from local businesses enables continued growth and free attendance for festival visitors. If you are unable to make a cash

donation, please consider a contribution of goods or services. In either case, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Download our complete sponsorship guide at <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/sponsor-us/> for more details about sponsoring the festival.

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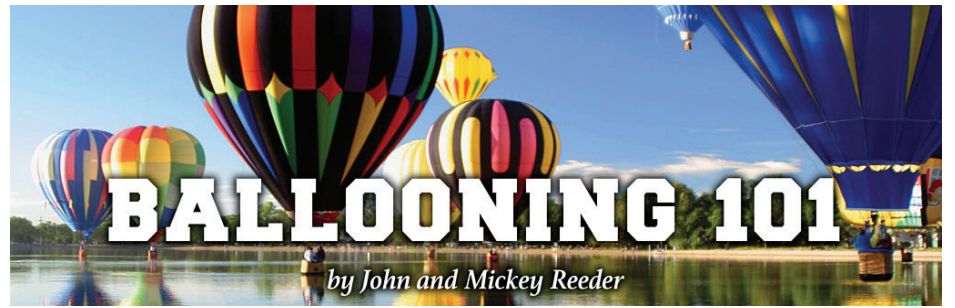
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The first impression that comes to mind when we see hot air balloons is the free spirit and grace of floating where ever the wind decides to take you. But there is much more to a hot air balloon launch and flight than just riding the wind.

Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

The balloons themselves must pass a yearly safety inspection which includes testing the fabric of the balloon, fuel system, integrity of the basket, burners, and all other related equipment before the balloon receives its annual airworthiness certificate to fly.

Unlike fixed-wing

aircraft, a hot air balloon is dependent upon fair weather. Ideal conditions are calm winds below 8 mph and cool temperatures. Since wind and heat come with the sun, the ideal time for a balloon to fly is early in the morning before the sun gets too high in the sky and in the early evening as the sun begins to descend. The exception to this rule would be wintertime flying when the sun is less intense.

To inflate the balloon, pilots use inflation fans to fill the balloon with outside air. This process is called cold packing. When the balloon is inflated enough the pilot uses his burner to heat the inside air to approximately one hundred degrees warmer than the outside temperature. This is when the balloon takes shape and is ready to fly on a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add

more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

Hot air balloon pilots are always aware of the weather and the function of their equipment. The safety of the people in the basket is a top priority for the pilots always have the final say in whether the conditions are right for them to fly.

The experience that our visitors get at the Great Falls Balloon Festival is rare in the ballooning world. At most festivals, spectators are not allowed in the area where balloons are launching.

However, this up-close-and-personal venue also poses some challenges. Our main launch site is small. Our visiting balloons are huge. Our visitors are smitten. But our pilots and crews need space. A lot of it. They also need to be able to see and hear each

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Moonglow



Following Friday's evening balloon launch, pilots return to the field, inflate their balloons, and put on a spectacular light show at ground level. This exciting event is accompa-

nied by live entertainment on the main stage.

This year's Moonglow is planned for Friday night with a rain date set for Saturday. You will not want to miss this!

This year's Moonglow event has been sponsored by LA Tent & Awning. You can learn more about them at <https://www.latentsandevents.com/>

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Fireworks Spectacular



Our Fireworks Spectacular show is once again back this year! Following our Saturday hot air balloon launch, we will be setting off a firework

show like never seen before!

This year's Fireworks Spectacular is brought to you by Central Maine Pyrotechnics and

the City of Auburn Maine. You can learn more about them at <https://www.centralmainepyrotechnics.com/> and <https://www.auburnmaine.gov/>



Carnival Hours

Friday 4-10pm

Saturday 10am-11pm

Sunday 11am-8pm



Great Falls Balloon Festival: Our Mission

Mission

The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations, while celebrating our community and promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination.

About the festival

Established in 1992 by a group of business people, civic leaders, and friends, the Great Falls Balloon Festival is a weekend-long celebration featuring hot air balloons, food, and entertainment.

With the support of local businesses, an army of volunteers and the cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, the festival has gained a national reputation as a first-class event and is a destination for many visitors to the state of Maine.

Based at Sismard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston—with additional entertainment

and food offerings at Festival Plaza in Auburn—the festival attracts approximately 100,000 visitors throughout the weekend. The Androscoggin River and rocky Great Falls provide a picturesque setting for the dozens of balloons that visit each year, including some special shape balloons. With free admission, hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by participating non-profits and economic impact in excess of \$2,000,000, it's easy to see why our community eagerly anticipates the festival each year.

Balloon launches are scheduled for 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, weather permitting. When the balloons aren't overhead, there is still plenty to do: dozens of food booths offer everything from lime rickies to taco salad, pancake breakfast follows the morning launches, craft and trade booths invite browsing, a children's area with games,

a bounce house, and face painting and live entertainment on two stages. Carnival rides, a parade, and various demonstrations and contests round out the weekend's events.

Pancake Breakfast Information



What better way to watch the hot air balloons than enjoying a fresh made pancake breakfast right

from the field!

Proceeds of the breakfast goes to directly benefit the festival and As-

centria Care Alliance non-profit. You can learn more about them here: <https://www.ascentria.org/>

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other to keep themselves and everyone else on the field safe.

Maintaining a safe environment is a top priority, and it is crucial to the future of the festival.

Below are some things to keep in mind when visiting the festival:

THE BIG 4:

Don't Smoke. Our visiting balloons carry tanks full of propane gas. Due to the obvious fire hazard created by the use of propane gas, as well as the risk of damage to the balloon envelopes, smoking is prohibited.

Don't bring your dog. Or your cat, or bird, or snake. With the exception of service animals, **NO PETS** of any kind are allowed on festival grounds.

Don't bring your wheels. This includes bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, and unicycles. The level of foot traffic on the walkway around the park is very high, especially at launch time.

Don't drink. No alcohol is allowed on festival grounds.

LAUNCH TIMES AND SITES

Launches are scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm throughout the weekend and are always weather permitting. This includes wind and clouds as well as more obvious conditions like rain and lightning.

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour

if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45 p.m. This time frame provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston is our main launch site. Additional launch sites may be added if needed.

SPECIAL SHAPE BALLOONS

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the special shape balloons will inflate and stay at the field to glow for the crowd. They are large, complex, and hard to pack up in the dark.

MOONGLOW

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Friday evening launch, some of our visiting balloons will

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August 11 – 21
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August 13 – 27
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Saturday, August 13, 7:00 pm Tides Institute, Eastport

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Thursday, August 18, 7:30 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, George-

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August 18
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Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewiston-maine.gov

August 18
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August 18
GREENE -- The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers present "Everybody Loves Pirates" on Thursday, August 18th at 2PM only for Children's Day at the Sawyer Memorial. 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. FMI 946-5311. Free Admission!

August 20
TURNER CENTER -- Yard Sale, 8 AM to 1 PM -- inside at The Turner Center Universalist Church across from the Gazebo on Rte 117.

August 20
GREENE -- Food Truck Social with live music and games will be held at the Sawyer Memorial on Saturday, August 20th from 12-3PM! First 100 to attend received a \$5 voucher! 371 Sawyer Rd, Greene. FMI 946-5311

August 24
LEWISTON -- Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public

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August 27
GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray, Saturday Night Bean Supper held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, 5:00 PM 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 in your party.

Cut off for reservations is Wednesday August 24, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Meals are single sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

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GORHAM, ME (August 12, 2022) -- The Town of Gorham is seeking contractors to preform stone wall repairs at the South Street Cemetery located at 43 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038. Sealed bids shall be submitted using the enclosed bid form. Bids shall either be hand delivered to Town Hall, or by US mail in sealed envelopes marked "Stone Wall Repairs – 2022" and addressed to Ephrem Paraschak, Town Manager, 75 South Street, Suite 1, Gorham, ME 04038. Electronic bids shall not be accepted. Bids shall be received on or before Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM, and at

said time will be opened and read aloud. All pre-bid correspondence shall be submitted electronically to Terry Deering, Public Works Director, at tdeering@gorham.me.us or Deputy Director, Jeff Grant at jgrant@gorham.me.us

Questions regarding this bid/proposal shall be accepted until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

The Town of Gorham reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids, to accept any bid and to reject any or all bids should it be deemed in the best interest of the Town to do so. The Town of Gorham further reserves the right to cancel or amend this RFP at any time.



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MSMT's "Kinky Boots" Opens on August 10



Stephane Duret (Lola) and Matt Farcher (Charlie) and cast of Kinky Boots. Photo Credit: Jared Morneau Photography.

BRUNSWICK, ME (August 10, 2022) – Maine State Music Theatre will open the Kinky Boots on August 11 (with previews August 10) and run the show through August 27. The six-time Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of Charlie Price as he reluctantly inherits his father's failing shoe factory. Trying

to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola – a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. Lola turns out to be the one person who can help Charlie become the man that he is meant to be. As they work to turn the factory around, the unlikely pair



finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible... and discover that when you change your mind about someone you can change your whole world.

Kinky Boots features Matt Farcher as Charlie Price, Stephane Duret as Lola, Liz Shivenner as Lauren, and Blake Hammond as George.

The cast is rounded out by Amber Carson (Trish), Abby C. Smith (Pat), Shane Donovan (Harry), Nathaniel Hackmann (Don), Jay Poff (Mr. Price), Ron King (Richard Bailey), and Taylor Quick (Nico-

la). Young Lola and Young Charlie are played by local youths Milo Livingston and Aidan Walton respectively. Angels are played by Jonathan Bryant, Donovan Hoffer, Chad Takeda, Joshua Bellamy, Diego Cortes, Devin Price, and Jalen Michael Jones.

The ensemble cast includes Monica Blume, Mikayla Jane, and Diego Cortes. Brooke Taylor Cottrell and Preston Karp are Swings.

The creative team includes Marc Robin (Director), Kenny Ingram (Choreographer), Ben



L-R: Angels Jaden Michael Jones, Chad Takeda, Donovan Hoffer, Jonathan Bryant, Joshua Bellamy, Devin Price and Stephane Duret (Lola). Photo Credit: Jared Morneau Photography.

McNaboe (Music Director), Paul Black (Lighting Designer), Robert Kovach (Set Designer), Shannon Slaton (Sound Designer), Kevin S. Foster II (Wig Designer), Anna Grywalski (Costume Designer), and Amy M. Bertacini (Stage Manager).

The show is spon-

sored by LL Bean. 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.

Nomination Papers Available for Municipal Election

GORHAM, ME (August 11, 2022) – A Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for the purpose of electing:

Three (3) persons for Town Council to serve

a three-year term

Two (2) persons for School Committee to serve a three-year term

One (1) person for Portland Water District Trustee to serve a five-year term

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's Office now. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by 4pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for any of these positions must submit

nomination papers with no less than 35, and no more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters in the Town

of Gorham.

Please reach out to the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 with any questions.

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