

## McCallister Proposes Gender Neutral Terms in Gorham Schools

**GORHAM, ME (October 28, 2022)** -- The following was proposed by Stewart McCallister, Gorham School Committee member and candidate, on October 26 at a special meeting.

Gorham School Committee resolution to affirm its support of LGBTQ+ students and staff in Gorham Schools.

WHEREAS, our vision statement says that All Gorham students learn in safe, positive, and inclusive environments that support risk-taking. Our staff builds strong, caring relationships with all students. Classrooms are collaborative and interactive where students have real choices and responsibilities.

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, to access a free public K-12 education and the Gorham School Department welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, the Gorham School Department recognizes that all employees are valued members of the school community regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, the Gorham School Department recognizes that the families in our community are comprised of various configurations and the Gorham School Department values all families and caregivers of students, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, The Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination because of sex and sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression

WHEREAS, in Bostock v. Clayton County decided on June 15, 2020, the United States Supreme Court recognized that discriminating on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity is always a form of sex discrimination, and federal law prohibits sex discrimination in employment and education;

WHEREAS, creating a welcoming and safe school environment for our LGBTQ students, staff, families, and caregivers makes our school community more welcoming and safe for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gorham School Department will not tolerate discrimination against all persons, whether student, family/caregiver of a student, or Gorham School Department employee, on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or the actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of their associates;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Committee directs the policy committee to review and revise its policies with gender neutral and culturally responsive terms that are necessary to align our policies to the core values of the Gorham School Department and to protect students and staff from discrimination in all protected classes, but specifically in the area of gender and gender identity.

## Gorham's Skolfield Sports Performance to Hold Performance Testing Night

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weaknesses are in our state of the art sports performance training center. The event is free and will be attended by our current clients as well.

You must be at least 13 years old to attend. Current and returning clients are reminded to sign up as well to measure your progress. Feel free to bring a friend and/or teammate.

Look forward to seeing you there and registration is available at <https://forms.gle/bze9LTeycKDj97rw5>

## Gorham: Be a Santa to a Senior

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If you are unable to shop for an older adult but would like to

contribute, there are extra items always needed.

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- \* plush throws
- \* puzzles: word search, crossword, Sudoku

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- \* socks, gloves, scarves, hats
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- \* gift cards to Walmart, Hannaford,

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- \* dog and cat treats and toys
- \* and...we always need large & Medium gift bags and tissue paper (Reusable bags welcome)

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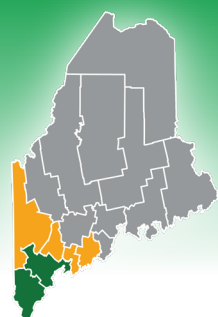
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# Candidates Who Support Parents Rights on Graphic Sexual Content in Schools

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Maine Parents:  
I warn of a threat to the health of Maine children. People who know me know that I gave up a lucrative law practice, and the support of living where I grew up, to have time to raise my children. 15 years later, librarians still tell me they remember me giving lessons to my 3 preschool kids daily at the Camden Library. My first law job

was for a NY legislator named Eric Vitaliano. He told me his legislative priorities were kids and older people. "You can't repeat the second grade". I have tried to reflect my wise, kind mentor's priorities ever since.

At a yard sale, a kid, maybe 24, sold dorm room junk. Trendy posters of four years ago had the glitter of things outgrown. He

had breasts and a wispy goatee. He said in a tenor speaking voice, "Twenty-five cents for anything. I need to get rid of it all."

Getting rid of the trappings of immaturity is a rite of passage. It helps us start anew. But what if those things you chose in immaturity stuck with you forever? We don't allow advertisement of many products to children. In-

terposing mature judgment between a child and irreversible harm is what it means to be a parent. And if your kid gets hurt, you are the one left to help. No politician, activist, social worker, or surgeon is going to stroke their head or feel their pain or help support them.

Many Maine parents and grandparents adamantly oppose school focus

being shifted away from academic achievement and onto hyper-sexualization and racialization. And yet the press does not ask the candidates their position on this critical issue. Does the candidate support parents' rights legislation? There is clear evidence of graphic sexual content in many Maine school libraries, of non-academic curricula paid for by special interest

groups, of the indoctrination of young children into a racialized and hyper-sexualized world view. And all before a backdrop of falling test scores. Before they cast their ballots, voters have a right to know if a candidate would outlaw sex change surgery and irreversible drug therapy for minors.

Jesse Bifulco  
Camden ME 04843

## 2022 Veterans Small Business Week Launches Oct. 31-Nov. 4

AUGUSTA, ME (October 27, 2022) – The U.S. Small Business Administration just announced that the SBA will celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week (NVSBW) Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, with a series of virtual and in-person events highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit and resilience of our veteran small business owners. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, increasing support for our service members, veterans, and their families has been a key priority. In October 2022, the SBA announced additional funding opportunities for community-based organi-



zations to create targeted, impactful programming and expand access to SBA resources to support veteran entrepreneurs.

"Each year we celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week to honor America's nearly two million veteran entrepreneurs who have answered our nation's call to

serve and protect us and are now making a difference every day for local communities and our nation's economy," said Administrator Guzman. "This week, and every week, the U.S. Small Business Administration is committed to doing its part to fulfill our responsibility to our veteran entrepre-

neurs by ensuring they can access the tools and resources they need to start, grow, and build resilient businesses."

"I'm honored to recognize the achievements of the nearly twelve thousand Veteran owned small businesses across Maine and to celebrate the strength and resiliency of the veteran business community this National Veterans Small Business Week," said Mike Vlasic, SBA New England Regional Administrator. "Our veterans don't have

to enter the mission of entrepreneurship alone, they have served us and now it is our turn to support them. Through the SBA, the military community has a partner to support them at all stages of small business ownership."

The Maine District Office of SBA is recognizing National Veterans Small Business Week by holding a workshop with the Veterans Business Outreach Center to inform Veterans of the opportunities available to their businesses through Gov-

ernment contracting. Any Veteran or family member interested in attending the online event on Tuesday, November 1st at 11:30am can learn more and register by visiting <http://ow.ly/xvbb50LnaNe>.

"Maine's community of Veteran entrepreneurs run successful businesses in every industry, and often form the anchor for main streets and downtowns across the state," said Diane Sturgeon, SBA's District Director for Maine. "We truly enjoy the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of and opportunities for Veterans in our state, especially since Maine has one of the highest rates of military veterans in the country," she added.

For more information about National Veterans Small Business Week and to find events in your area, visit [sba.gov/nvsbw](http://sba.gov/nvsbw). Sign up for an event and join the online conversation using the hashtag #VetBiz.



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# McCallister Supports LGBTQ Youth

## Letter to the Editor

I attended the October 19th "Meet the Candidates" event at the North Gorham Library, and it solidified my decision to vote for Stewart McCallister and Jen Whitehead for School Committee.

I was encouraged by the responses given by McCallister and Whitehead in response to how our schools can support LGBTQ youth. A recent study found 50% of LGBTQ youth considered suicide within the past year while those who live in a community that is accepting of LGBTQ people reported significantly lower rates.

Here in our com-

munity, the Gorham Middle School Civil Rights team found that 44% of surveyed students have witnessed students being targeted based on gender identity or sexual orientation. It is clear to me we need to continue fostering a community that accepts our students as they are.

I was discouraged by the response of candidate Andrew LaPlaca who seems to think we need a "welcoming group" for all students, rather than focus on the population with an acute need. By this logic, firefighters should douse all homes, not just the ones which are on fire.

I encourage you to

join me in voting for Stewart McCallister and Jen Whitehead for Gorham School Committee.

Eileen Armstrong,  
Gorham Resident

### Voting for School-board

This election I'll be voting for Jennifer Whitehead and Stewart McCallister for Gorham school committee. Both have a proven ability to listen, collaborate, and create solutions through compromise and respect.

Listening to Stewart (up for re-election) talk about the intricacies of Aspire Gorham (a community-wide initiative encouraging students in

every grade, in every Gorham school, to think about their futures), is impressive. Collaborations with businesses and community organizations in and around Gorham have been forged, a partnership with USM allows high school students to earn college credits (for free!), and Little Rams will make pre-k available for Gorham families, filling a massive need and better preparing our children for school. Stewart is well-versed in every consideration, from budgeting to understanding exactly what it takes to make things happen and is looking out for the best interests of our students,

the primary stakeholders in our schools.

Jennifer Whitehead, who has vast experience as a special ed, arts, and reading teacher, holds unique insight into how best to support our educators, who are increasingly tested and challenged by COVID and attacks on their professionalism. They need to be supported by our school committee, not challenged by it.

Jennifer also started the civil rights team at Narragansett and supported DEI training in our schools. She's a champion for all students, working to make sure they feel safe and included in their

schools. Feeling safe and valued is vital to a child's development and ability to learn. This doesn't mean more SROs (though those have value too), this means that students feel a sense of inclusion and belonging.

Both will address the need for upgrades to our schools in ways that are fiscally responsible. As a realtor, Jennifer has a keen understanding of how taxes impact the community, as well as growth trends.

Together for Gorham! Please join me in giving Whitehead and McCallister your vote on November 8th.

Emilia Dahlin, Gorham Resident

# Gorham Football's Players of the Week



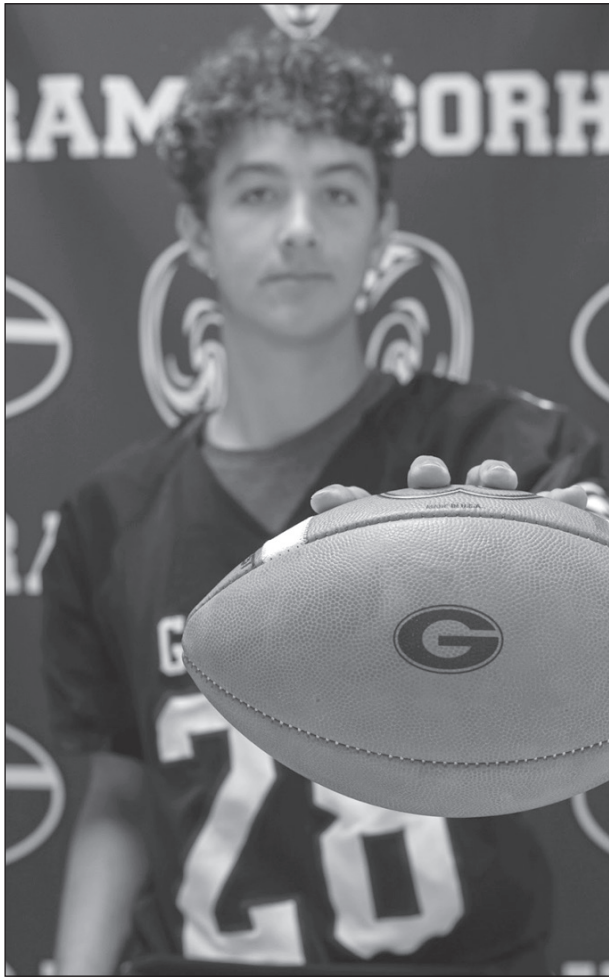
**Cordell Jones #34 – Defensive Player of the Week**

Cordell had a great night swarming to the Football for the Rams. He finished with 11 Tackles including 1 for Loss!



**Gabe Michaud #10 – Special Teams Player of the Week**

Gabe's strong Special Teams play has come at the right time for the Rams. He had 2 Booming Touchbacks and 3 PATs on the night.



**Jack Karlonas #28 – Underclassmen of the Week**

A Sophomore, Jack has become one of our Key guys in all 3 phases of the game and is a tireless worker week in and week out!



**Aiden Lee #7 – Upperclassmen Teammate of the Week**

A player we ask to do many different things and always does it with a smile! He is a great leader on our Special Teams units as well as with our WR/DB Groups.

### Offensive Player of the Week

He was a great teammate this week and also had a good night for the Rams on Offense. He had 4 Catches for 43 yards and 2 TDs to get the Rams on the board early and seal a Week 8 Win.

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## Seniors Not Acting Their Age

# Paddling Runaround Pond



Paddlers depart the landing on Runaround Pond



Colorful lily pads clutter a sector of Runaround Pond



A kayaker negotiates a narrow passage on Runaround Pond

### By Ron Chase

My one-word description for Runaround Pond is serene. I found the narrow 2.7-mile-long pond located in Durham last fall when I was looking for an easy kayak paddle while recuperating from hip surgery. I located it in my Delorme Maine Atlas when plotting a course to another pond and decided to stop on the way. From the moment I arrived at Runaround Pond Park, I was enthusiastic about everything I found.

The park has a boat landing, picnic area, hiking trail, toilet, and parking space for a few vehicles. The landing is ideal for a hand-carry launch. I

backed my vehicle down to the water and literally dropped my kayak in the pond.

The Runaround Pond Recreation Area is part of Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT). As can be evidenced by the RRCT Landscape Map, there are lots of nooks and crannies to explore. One only has to paddle around the first bend to find the pond hosts an abundance of wildlife.

Runaround Pond has an interesting history. In prehistoric times, the locale was home to Wabanaki Native Americans for centuries. In the mid-18<sup>th</sup> Century, an early settler named Judah Chandler moved to the area. He built

a dam and sawmill at the head of a falls on a stream now named Chandler River. The dam created picturesque Runaround Pond.

My first visit to Runaround was a very pleasurable paddling experience. I went back for another early this summer. Each time, I returned home extolling the benefits of my new-found kayaking adventure. Intrigued, my wife Nancy joined me on a recent visit.

When we arrived at the park, Nancy immediately remarked, "This is nothing like what I expected." That was similar to my first reaction. The landing on the eastern end of the pond is nestled in a wooded area that looks

more like the entrance to a rest area than a pond. From the landing, only about an acre of pond is visible. From that viewpoint, an observer would not expect that a much more substantial paddling outing is forthcoming.

Shortly after launching, a Great Blue Heron wading in swamp grass loudly squawked at us and begrudgingly flew farther west. Each time I've paddled Runaround, lone Great Blue Herons have been encountered at different locations. I'm unsure if they're the same bird or several.

With the exception of a home situated at the top of a clearing near the western terminus, the shoreline of winding Runaround Pond is undeveloped. Besides the ubiquitous herons, wildlife is plentiful in this wilderness setting. Beavers, otters, eagles, osprey, and kingfishers are frequently spotted. Multitudes of turtles can usually be found lined up on logs along the shore.

We passed a beaver hut on the left at the outlet of a tiny tributary but no sign of beavers. In that same area, we met a solo kayaker fishing. She reported several bites. Runaround Pond is a popular fishing destination. Bass

and pickerel are plentiful.

Shortly after passing the mouth of Libby Brook on the right, we entered a sector cluttered with colorful lily pads. Locating a route in the maze was similar to negotiating a slalom course. The dense vegetation continued and the pond narrowed as we progressed west. Beyond the distinctive home on the right, we arrived at a dock where a pontoon boat was moored. Since aquatic vegetation thickens at that location, it had been my turnaround in the past.

Nancy and I decided to continue with our exploration. Although shallow and congested, we slowly progressed to an area where swamp grass appeared to block further advancement. Careful inspection identified an attenuated passage we negotiated using our paddles as setting poles. Just beyond, we converged on a culvert under Pownal Road. This was truly the end of the line, as submerged rocks prevented further progress.

On our return, we followed Libby Brook tributary to the end of nav-

igation. An otter swam in front of us just before we rejoined the pond. Approaching the landing, we turned right and paddled through a tunnel under Runaround Pond Road and entered a unique ravine. The pond ends there at what appears to be Judah Chandler's original dam. The 250 year old barrier continues to provide for the serenity of Runaround Pond.

*Read about more than two dozen exciting paddling exploits in my book, Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine.*

*Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is available at [www.north-countrypress.com/maine-al-fresco](http://www.north-countrypress.com/maine-al-fresco) 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.ronchase-outdoors.com](http://www.ronchase-outdoors.com) or he can be reached at [ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net).*

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Book now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you for taking the time to give this fall, all who come to give Nov.1-22 will receive a

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11/10/2022: 12 p.m.

- 5 p.m., Saint Marys Regional Medical Center, 99 Campus Ave.

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11/14/2022: 10 a.m.

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Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

# Collins, Rosen MOBILE Health Act Signed into Law

**WASHINGTON D.C. (October 18, 2022)** — U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jacky Rosen (D-NV) applauded news that President Biden has signed their bipartisan, bicameral Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act into law. The legislation provides community health centers with

the flexibility to use federal funds to establish new, mobile health care delivery sites to increase access to health care services in rural and underserved communities.

“Community health centers in Maine and across the country play an indispensable role in ensuring that rural and underserved communities receive affordable and quality health care,” said Senator Col-



lins. “The MOBILE Health Care Act will help community health centers further expand their reach to the most rural parts of our state by giving them greater flexibility and allowing them to bring clinics even closer to the patients they serve.”

“I am proud to have

worked in a bipartisan way to draft and pass this critical legislation to increase access to quality health care across Nevada and our country,” said Senator Rosen. “The MOBILE Health Care law will make it easier for community health centers to take their care on the go with mobile clinics,

bringing much needed care directly to underserved and rural communities.”

“On behalf of Community Health Centers and the 30 million patients they serve, I want to thank Senator Jacky Rosen and Senator Susan Collins for pushing this important bill to extend access to high-quality primary care to rural communities through an expansion of mobile clinics,” said Ra-

chel Gonzales-Hanson, Interim President and CEO of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). “Nearly half of health centers are located in rural and frontier communities, but we know there is still unmet need. Additional mobile health clinics have the potential to leverage the reach of health centers and fully serve hard-to-reach across the country patients.”

# Maine Aviation Unit Slated for Deployment Next Year

**BANGOR, MAINE (October 25, 2022) (readMedia)** -- Thirty-six Maine soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation Regiment (3-142) will deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of operations in February 2023, Maine National Guard officials publicly announced today.

The unit operates the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter and is trained

to conduct air assault and air movement missions in support of combat and sustainment forces. The 3-142 will provide air support to Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield for approximately one year.

“The nation continues to rely on the National Guard to support our active-duty brothers and sisters around the globe, and we don’t anticipate

that slowing down anytime soon,” said Brig. Gen. Dean Preston, commander of the Maine Army National Guard. “Our soldiers have been training hard – just as you’d expect them to be doing – and we know they will do Maine and our country proud.”

The last deployment for an Army aviation unit from Maine was in 2018, when Company G, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation

Regiment supported operations in Afghanistan.

“As always, our sincere thanks to all our military families and employers,” said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine’s adjutant general. “These men and women have a lot on their plates to balance in order to lead a life of service, and your support is critical to mission accomplishment.”

The detachments of

3-142 are split between the Maine and Connecticut Army National Guard.

Historically, Maine air and maintenance crews have supported operations in Iraq, Kuwait, Guatemala and Bosnia, as well as domestically at the Southwest border and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

Bangor-based Army National Guard aircraft are also periodically tasked with supporting the Maine

Warden Service, Maine Forest Service, Acadia or Baxter park rangers, and numerous local fire and rescue agencies in cases of lost or injured civilians.

Information on Inherent Resolve can be found at: [www.inherentresolve.mil/](http://www.inherentresolve.mil/)

Information on Spartan Shield can be found at: [www.usarcent.army.mil/About/Units/Task-Force-Spartan/](http://www.usarcent.army.mil/About/Units/Task-Force-Spartan/)

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## Bar Mills Community Church Invites Gorham to Christmas Marketplace

**BUXTON, ME (October 28, 2022)** -- We at Bar Mills Community Church have many more beautiful handmade items for the Christmas Marketplace this year. As usual we will have a great selection of fresh greens to decorate your home, a wide variety of baked goods-cookies, breads, pies and candy to

satisfy your taste buds. Don't forget to pick up a couple of jars of Wanda's Wonderful Homemade Pickles. There will also be plenty of handcrafted gift ideas for your family, friends and even your pets.

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# UMaine to Study Climate Change Resilience For Mobile Homes

**ORONO, ME (October 24, 2022)** -- The University of Maine will partner with regional institutions to study climate change resilience of mobile home parks in the Northeast, thanks to funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

The NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships program, formerly the Regional Integrated Science and Assessments (RISA) program, awarded more than \$79,000 to Sean Birkel, Maine state climatologist and assistant professor with a joint appointment in University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the UMaine Climate Change Institute, for a study of climate change resilience in mobile home park communities along with collaborators in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mobile home park communities are com-

monly found in rural and ex-urban areas in the northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Mobile homes in parks are an affordable housing option at a time when there is a regional housing crisis.

However, these communities are especially vulnerable to climate-related extreme events. Most parks were developed before land use regulations were in place and are sited in low-cost, but often unsuitable and hazardous locations vulnerable to risks presented by climate change. For example, in Vermont, 6% of mobile home parks had land in floodways with more than 20% of parks at least partially located in FEMA-mapped floodplains, according to prior research from the University of Vermont. During Tropical Storm Irene, mobile homes accounted for 15% of homes damaged

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during the storm in Vermont, though mobile made up only 7% of the state's housing stock.

"Mobile, or manufactured, homes are susceptible to damage from severe weather such as high winds and excessive rainfall, especially for structures that are not anchored," says Birkel.

Birkel, along with colleagues at the Universities of New Hampshire and Vermont, will use the NOAA grant to develop a deeper understanding of how mobile home parks in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are being impacted by climate change. They will create a database of mobile home park com-

munities in the three states—Vermont is the only of the three that currently maintains a mobile home park registry—and convene meetings with representatives of the mobile home park communities to determine climate change impacts in different ecoregions across the Northeast. The meetings will also build relationships that will support climate resilience efforts with mobile home park frontline communities.

"Mobile home communities are an important part of Vermont's affordable housing landscape, yet, as Tropical Storm Irene demonstrated, they face greater risks from cli-

mate change," says Kelly Hamshaw, co-principal investigator and senior lecturer in the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics at the University of Vermont. "This collaboration across northern New England will allow us to better understand the disproportionate risks posed by climate change, build partnerships across sectors and take a broader look at challenges and opportunities for supporting the resilience of these unique communities across the region."

"Mobile home park management structures and practices vary from one community to the next and in many parks, residents may own their home but not the land," says Mary Stampone, co-principal investigator and associate professor of geography at the University of New Hampshire. "These factors present a different set

of challenges, unique to mobile home park communities, that must also be considered when assessing the risks posed by climate change."

The researchers will also identify key external agencies and connect local and non-local stakeholders like state agencies and non-profits that can reduce the vulnerabilities of the communities to climate change. Then, they will hold a final cross-state virtual meeting of all key stakeholders to discuss commonalities across each state and to develop an action roadmap for future collaboration and information sharing.

"By reaching out to vulnerable communities we can learn their climate adaptation and resiliency needs, and help connect people to needed resources. Ultimately, this project contributes to the important work of Maine's Climate Action Plan," says Birkel.

# Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan Efforts Continue

**LEWISTON, ME (October 25, 2022)** -- The City of Lewiston is announcing construction for storm water improvements currently underway along Saratoga Street and Forrest-

al Street.

This work is part of the ongoing effort by the City to implement the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan ([www.lewistonmaine.gov/hartbrookimprovements](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/hartbrookimprovements)) and improve the water quality of Hart Brook.



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St. Laurent and Son is the construction con-

tractor who is doing the work, which will continue throughout the beginning of November. In addition,

30 shade trees have recently been installed along Hart Brook in the Saratoga Street area.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has contributed fund-

ing for this project under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA.

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# Collins, King Announce \$84,000 for Gorham Fire Department


WASHINGTON D.C. (October 27, 2022) – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced that 23 fire departments and organizations in Maine have received a total of \$3,311,791 to upgrade equipment and support personnel. This funding was awarded through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and the FY 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins champions annual funding for these grant programs within the budget of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“Firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect Maine residents, homes, and businesses,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “This funding will allow Maine firefighters to acquire updated equipment so they have the best tools available to protect themselves as they serve our

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families and communities.”

The funding for Gorham Fire Department was \$84,000 to purchase vehicle exhaust removal systems.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, Senator Collins has been a longstanding advocate for Maine’s first responders. She annually leads a bipartisan letter, signed by Senator King, to the Senate Appropriations Committee urging robust funding for FEMA’s firefighter grant programs, which she helped create.

## Town of Gorham Refreshes South Street Cemetery Stone Wall



GORHAM, ME (October 28, 2022) -- The South Street Cemetery stone wall is finally getting a much needed refresh! The 105’ section

from GHOP to the gate opening on South Street is currently being worked on. The foundation of the wall is solid so the contractor is currently re-

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# RTT's Triple B Brings People Together Again!



Featured speakers Debbie Hutchinson, RTT client, and Janis Childs, RTT volunteer. Photo credit: Jennifer Bechard Photography



Triple B emcee Michelle Taylor of 99.9 The Wolf with her husband, Dana Caron. Photo credit: Jennifer Bechard Photography



Triple B attendees get time with the herd. Photo credit: Jennifer Bechard Photography

**WINDHAM, ME (October 26, 2022)** -- For the first time since 2019, last Saturday people gathered together in person to celebrate Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center's 14th Annual Triple B ~ Boots, Band & BBQ. The excitement was palpable as attendees were welcomed back into the arena, some for the first time since before the pandemic. The joy of friends dancing together once again was matched only by the outpouring of support for RTT's programs – with the evening grossing over \$200,000 to benefit the clients, horses, and programs of Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center (RTT).

This year's event was a celebration of the community's support of and devotion to RTT's mission through the pandemic. It welcomed back many familiar faces. Popular local band, Under The Covers, auctioneer Elizabeth Hol-

mstrom, and emcee Michelle Taylor of 99.9 The Wolf, all returned to donate their time and engage the attendees in enthusiastic bidding. Schilly's Catering and Food Services offered delicious barbeque to the hungry crowd and St. Joseph's baseball team put their base running skills to good use, collecting bid cards as hands shot into the air.

There was no greater example of the power of being present at RTT than those set by the two keynote speakers. Debbie Hutchinson, a RTT client, shared her story and the role that RTT's horses have played in her journey navigating Multiple Sclerosis – detailing not only the differences that riding has made to her physical health, but also how her relationship with RTT's Paxton has improved her emotional health. Janis Childs, a RTT volunteer and board member, took the mic next, moving her-

self and the crowd to tears as she discussed the power of working with riders like Debbie and how the impact that the horses have on clients is always more than is known. She highlighted this with stories she was told by people after RTT had to say goodbye to a beloved member of the herd, Luke, this past summer. Childs ended her speech by galvanizing the crowd for the auction, pointing out that money is like manure – "spread it around and good things grow."

Sarah Bronson, RTT's Executive Director, shared, "Saturday night was truly a celebration of being "Together Again"—the outpouring of support from our sponsors, table hosts, guests and the amazing crew of volunteers who helped to transform the arena leading up to the event (and putting the arena back together after the event) was simply astounding!! My deepest

gratitude to everyone who was involved in making this year's Triple B not only a night to remember but a record breaker that will help to support the clients, horses and programs at RTT as we look forward to 2023!"

This year's event was particularly important following the rise in demand for services in 2022. The continued impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the mental and physical health of both children and adults, coupled with the closing of the second largest therapeutic riding center in Maine earlier in the year led to more people seeking out RTT's services. As RTT works to get people off their wait list and into activities, support from the community is more vital than ever.

If you want to be part of that community, there's still time to donate at [ridingtothetop.org](http://ridingtothetop.org)! All Triple B proceeds support the riders and horses of RTT.



RTT Equine Manager Kristin Meaney and surprise Triple B guest, Champ. Photo credit: Jennifer Bechard Photography

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**MAINE, STATE-WIDE (October 18, 2022)**—New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for November to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business, build a career, and manage money. Classes include single

and multi-session classes provided in interactive and self-paced online formats. The full class schedule with offerings for November 2022 and beyond is accessible at [bit.ly/NVMEClasses](https://bit.ly/NVMEClasses) and include the following:  
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ber 1 - 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.  
Managing Your Money workshops: Wednes-

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Building a Strong Future: Wednesdays, November 2 - 16, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Take steps toward work that aligns with your values and skills while also meeting your needs, such as desired salary and benefits. In three, 90-minute class sessions, you will begin to build your plan for the strong future you envision.  
Building Confid-

dence: Tuesdays, November 8 - 22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.  
Job Search Workshops: Tuesdays, November 8 - 22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ready for a new job or a career change? Join us for one, two, or all three of these workshops. November 8: Job Search Strategies; November 15: Resume Strategies; November 22: Interview Strategies.  
Start a Business Introduction to Self-Employment: Tuesday, November 1, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Is self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)  
Tax Readiness for the Self-Employed: Wednes-

day, November 30, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Learn how to organize your financial records, understand your tax responsibilities, become familiar with tax forms, and file your taxes with confidence. This workshop is designed for sole-proprietors.  
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To sign up for any of the above classes, visit [bit.ly/NVMEClasses](https://bit.ly/NVMEClasses) or call 207-621-3440.

## KVCC Announces Fall 2022 Enrollment Numbers



**FAIRFIELD, ME (October 27, 2022)** -- Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) of Fairfield, one of the seven members of the Maine Community Col-

lege System, is announcing their Fall Enrollment Census Data for the Fall 2022 semester. These numbers serve as important benchmarks for the college for tracking year-

over-year enrollment, identifying trends, planning future budgets, etc. When comparing the enrollment data to the Fall 2021 semester, KVCC saw positive growth in

multiple areas. There was a 5.3% increase in total credits enrolled for Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2021, as well as a 30% increase in enrollment from students directly out of high school. KVCC's total student body for Fall 2022 was 2,119, up from 2021, with 47% of the student body being from Kennebec County and 28% from Somerset County. 76% of students are enrolled part-time at KVCC, with an average age of 24. Of the 2,119 Fall

2022 students, 1,311 (62%) are enrolled in degree-seeking programs. 530 students in degree programs became eligible for free college tuition via the Free College Scholarship, which allowed high school graduates or students with GED/HiSET equivalencies from the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to receive 100% of their tuition and mandatory fees paid for. KVCC currently offers over 30 programs of study, focused on teaching students valuable and

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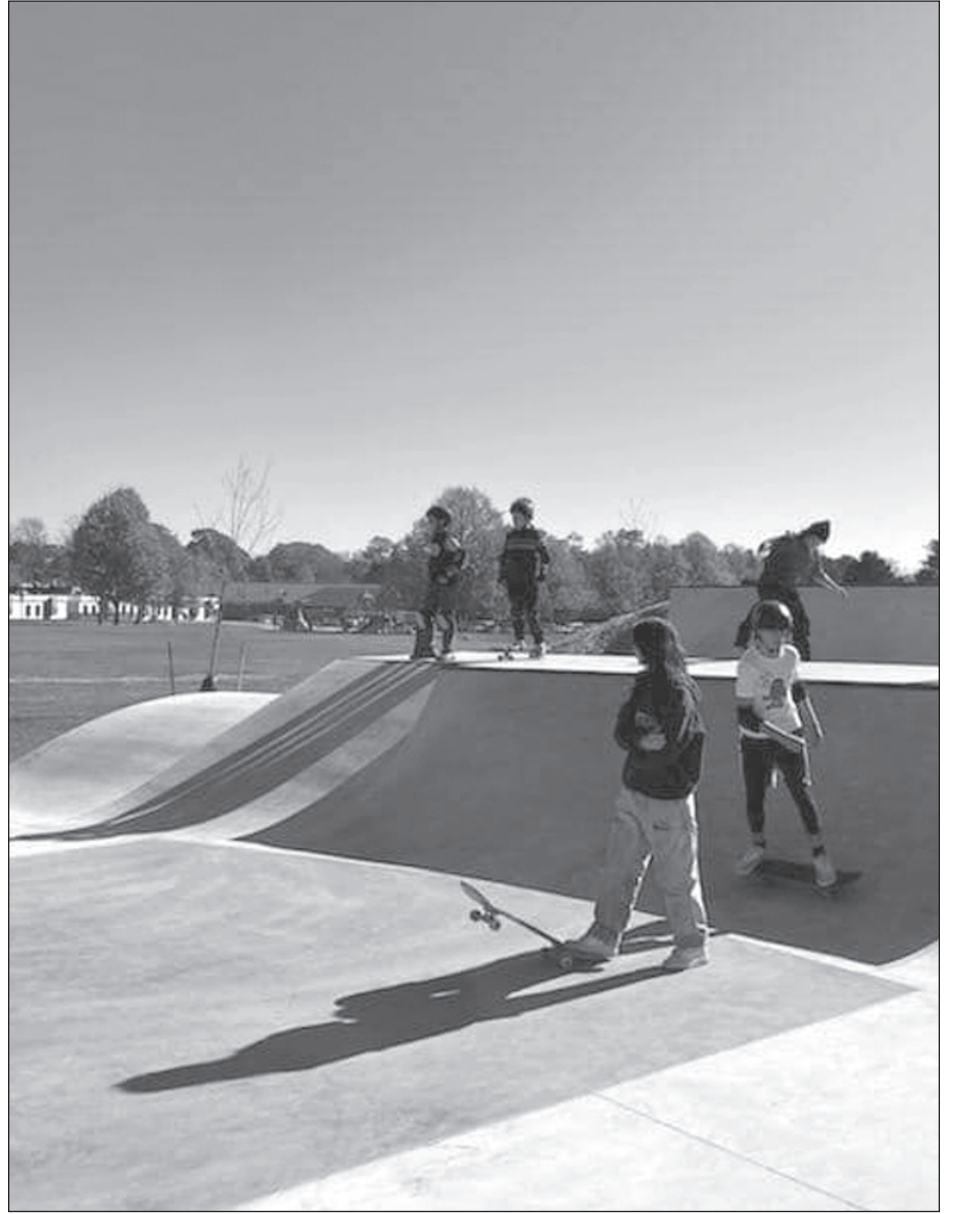
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The prospectus and other details can be found on the gallery's website: [www.boothbayartists.org](http://www.boothbayartists.org).

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**November 5**

**MINOT** -- Come to the Holiday Fair at Minot Corner United Methodist Church, Rt. 121 Corner of Minot Ave. & Empire Rd. 9 a.m. Until 1 p.m. Home-

# Calendar

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made Baked Goods, Candy and Fudge Table, Crafts, Soaps, Old Fashioned Cabot Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Jams & Jellies, Pickles and More. Take-out Luncheon Available at 9:00 a.m. Silent Auction Table with great Christmas Gifts.

**November 5**

**LEWISTON** -- The Ladies of Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International are bringing back their annual Teddy Bear Fair on November 5th from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Lewiston High School gym. The Ladies of Mu are all Educators, active and retired, from the Lewiston/Auburn area. Money generated by our Fair goes to scholarships, one for a graduating senior from one of the high schools in the Twin Cities and surrounding communities, who plans to go into education; the other goes to a DKG Member who is working on an advanced degree. The Fair includes raffles, baked goods, harvest items, books, and a variety of crafts!

**November 5**

**GORHAM** -- Public Bean Supper White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham. Saturday, Nov 5, 4:30-

6:00pm

We are back inside! Eat in or take out, no pre-orders. Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. Wearing of masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested.

\$10 adults, \$5 under 12 Follow us on Facebook for updates: [facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub](https://facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub)

**November 7**

**AUBURN** -- The Auburn Art Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7 at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn. The program for this month will be our annual scholarship auction with auctioneer Mary Ann Norcross providing great fun. Members are urged to bring items to be auctioned. It is suggested that members arrive early so that they can view displayed items. Hostesses for this meeting are Jean Pacheco, Lucky DiBello, and Bonnie Ross.

**November 10**

**LEWISTON** -- The Southern Maine Squadron SAFBVA will have the last get together of the 2022 summer schedule at noontime at the Gov-

ernors Restaurant in Lewiston, Thursday November 10. The Summer schedule will resume in May 2023.

Veterans of all branches and their guests are welcome to join. FMI call 207-657-4909 Bob Sawyer or email [wwmk-wkr1933@gmail.com](mailto:wwmk-wkr1933@gmail.com)

**November 10**

**LEWISTON** -- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library, or virtual: GREAT FALLS FORUM: OVERLOOKED STORIES AND HISTORIES: AFRICAN AMERICANS IN MAINE

This Great Falls Forum panel will share stories to advance our knowledge of African Americans in Maine. Along with building a more honest and inclusive narrative of the community's racial-ethnic heritage, panelists offer creative ways to preserve and celebrate told and untold stories of work, community-building, and the region's multifaceted heritage.

Free. In person or virtual. Bring your bag lunch. The Zoom link will be posted to the Library website and Facebook prior to the event. 513-3135; [www.LPLonline.org](http://www.LPLonline.org)

**November 12**

**AUBURN** -- West Auburn Congregational Church at Public Supper. Come join us for dinner or take yours to go. Ham or Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,

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**November 12**

**TURNER** -- We are having a Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 to 2 at the Turner Center Universalist Church, Route #117, in Turner across from the Gazebo.

We will have a good variety of crafts, white elephants, a baked goods table, and a food basket raffle. We also will have a light lunch available consisting of hotdogs and/or soups.

**November 16**

**AUBURN** -- JobsInME is hosting a Career Fair at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn, on November 16, 2022 from 3-6 PM. ME Career Fairs are back by popular demand — live and in person! JobsInME, a leading resource for Maine employment advertising,

is proud to present the ME Career Fair! For more than 20 years we've provided job seekers with real, quality jobs online. And, with our popular ME Career Fairs, we also bring you the opportunity to meet face-to-face with recruiters from some of the best companies in Maine. Job seekers, pre-register now at [www.mecareerfairs.com/](http://www.mecareerfairs.com/) and be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card upon check-in at the event. It's fast and free — plus you'll avoid registration lines at the door! Employers, if you are interested in registering as an exhibitor, contact our sales team at 877-374-1088 or email [sales@jobsinme.com](mailto:sales@jobsinme.com)

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## CONCERT

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Trip includes 1 night lodging and 3 meals, including the Grand Sunday Brunch, 2 different entertainment shows, Austrian Sleigh ride through Jackson Village with a Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour. Stop at the Christmas Tree Shop and Lunch on Sunday at Polly's Pancake Parlor. A \$100 deposit per person is due upon signing. Price is \$369 pp double occupancy.

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Trip includes 5 days, 4 nights lodging, 3

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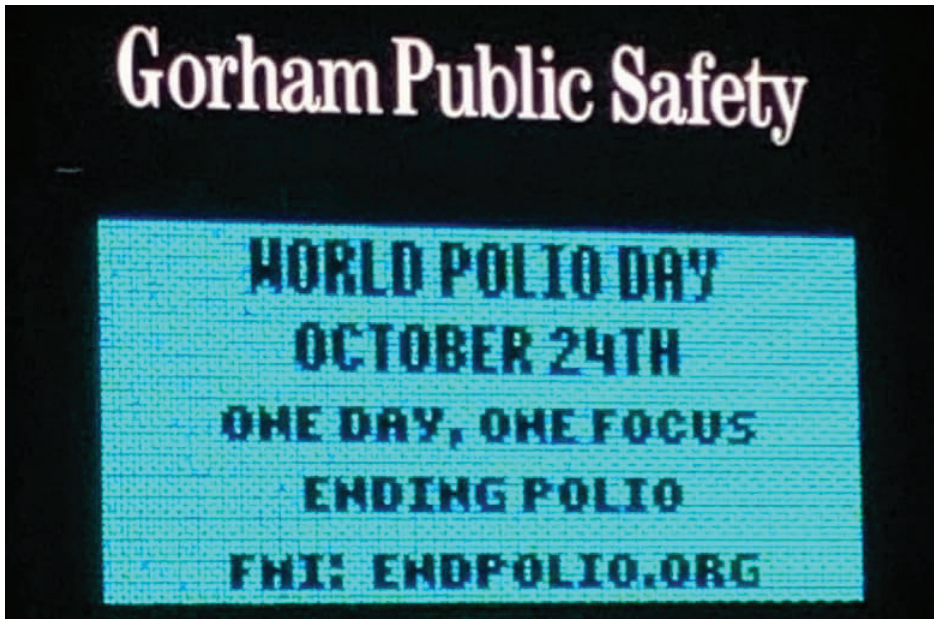
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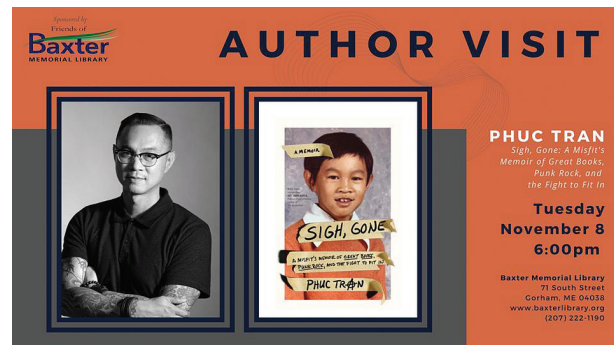
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# Gorham Library to Host Author Phuc Tran




a steady diet of Saturday morning cartoons, John Hughes, Star Wars, Bones Brigade videos, and bootlegged cassettes of Minor Threat and TSOL, he graduated high school in 1991. He majored in Classical Languages and Literature at Bard College, got his Master's Degree at University of Massachusetts Amherst, and then moved to New York City in 1997. There he apprenticed to be a tattooer while teaching Latin during the day, and he's been teaching and tattooing ever since.

**GORHAM, ME (October 28, 2022)** -- Join us to hear local author, educator, classicist, and tattooer Phuc Tran speak! Phuc's memoir, *Sigh, Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In* was published in 2020. Born in Sài Gòn Việt Nam, his family fled to America in 1975, and he grew up in Carlisle PA. Reared on

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