

Gorham Rec Dept Announces Schedule for Courts

Notice from Gorham Parks and Recreation:

This schedule is our starting point .
Subject to change as we see where the need is.

Be patient. This is new to all of us

M-W-F 8am-11am

Pickleball for level 2.0 and under get court priority

Tues-Thur 8am-11am

Basketball has priority

M-W-F 3pm-dusk

Basketball has priority

Tues-Thur 3pm-dusk

Pickleball for level 2.0 and under has priority

Saturday & Sunday

Court 1 Basketball

Court 2 Pickleball

If either court is not in use for specific sport in the schedule, feel free to play.

However, should someone come along wanting to play the scheduled sport, please allow them the court time.

Thank you!



GORHAM, ME (June 9, 2023) -- We are happy to announce the multisport courts at Chick Property are open! The courts are to be used for tennis/pickleball, basketball and shuffleboard. We are also trying a schedule to accommodate usage. Please see the schedule.

Also! Please do not use any bicycles,

skateboards, rollerblades, wagons, or anything with wheels. The new lines have just been painted and this is NOT the surface for wheels.

We are excited to open this multisport court and hope you all enjoy it, as well! Thank you!!!



What do you think?

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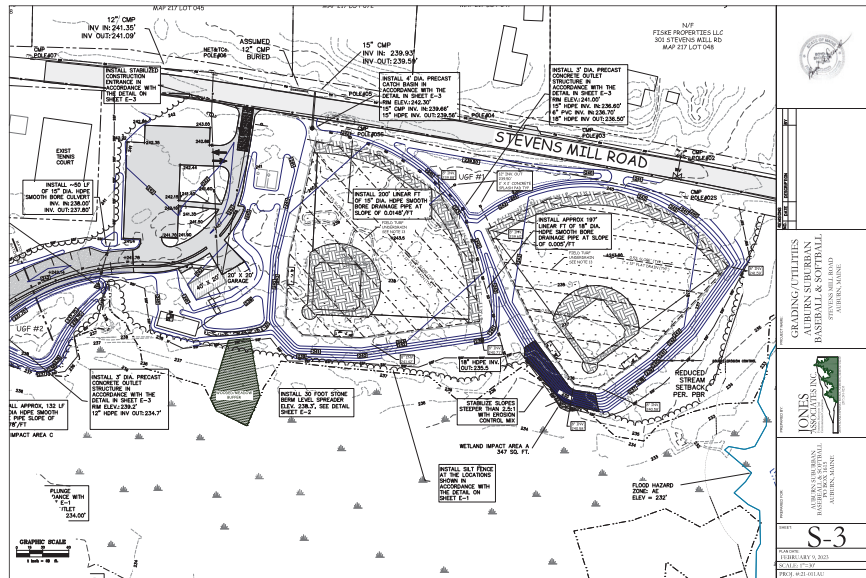
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National Guard Summer Outreach Project Comes to Auburn



AUBURN, ME (June 9, 2023) – The Maine Army National Guard is here in Auburn, and they are working on a community outreach project that will impact Auburn youth for generations. According to a media release from the Maine National Guard regarding

their summer “Innovative Readiness Training” projects (included at the end of this advisory), units under the 133rd Engineer Battalion, including the 136th Engineer Vertical Construction Company and the 262nd Engineer Construction Company, are in Auburn and they are clearing,

grubbing, and grading a property at the intersection of Hotel Road and Stevens Mill Road.

This work is being done to help prepare the parcel for the construction of the beautiful new Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball youth sports complex.

Maine House Enacts Cloutier Bill, Expands Healthcare Workforce

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2023) – The Maine House of Representatives voted last week to enact legislation sponsored by Rep. Kristen Cloutier, D-Lewiston, that would expand Maine’s health care workforce.

LD 937, which received unanimous support in the Legislature’s Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, would create a 13-member commission to examine the existing skills and training of foreign-trained physicians, with a focus on those with refugee or asylum-seeker status, and determine how best to utilize their talents in Maine’s health care workforce.

“For years, Maine has had to grapple with a shrinking workforce, including within our health care industry,” said Cloutier. “LD 937 would establish a commission that engages a wide range of stakeholders, including health care employers, immigrant advocates, workforce development professionals, those who serve on licensing boards, members of the Legislature, representatives from the Governor’s Office and of course, foreign-trained physicians. If we hope to fill gaps in our workforce, we must explore how to best utilize the unique skills, training and talents of foreign-trained physicians who wish to live and

practice in Maine.”

The bill has been placed on the special study table and is now pending final passage.

Cloutier is the Assistant House Majority Leader and is currently serving her third consecutive term in the Maine House of Representatives. She represents House District 94, which includes part of her hometown of Lewiston.

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

Sen. Rotundo Welcomes Maine Recovery Connections



Sen. Peggy Rotundo, Brandy Hiltz, Jeremy Hiltz and Michael Connors in the Senate Chamber.

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2023) – On Tuesday, June 6, Sen. Peggy Rotundo, D-Lewiston, and other members of the Legislature welcomed staff members from Recovery Connections of Maine to present them with a legislative sentiment for receiving a Spirit of America Foundation Award.

“Now more than ever, with two Mainers per day succumbing to opioid addiction, we need to shine a spotlight on the good people who work hard to turn these numbers around,”

said Sen. Rotundo. “Maine Recovery Connections treats patients with respect and understanding, getting to know them in order to prescribe the best method of treatment. I am proud of them for representing Lewiston in the very best light and grateful for their important work.”

Recovery Connections of Maine employs a holistic approach to treating addiction. Services include assessments, intensive outpatient care, individual and group counseling and even driver education. Attending

the Senate session on Tuesday were Founder and CEO Jeremy Hiltz, Co-Founder and Director of Administration Brandy Hiltz and Residential Program Manager Michael Connors.

A legislative sentiment acknowledges and recognizes academic, athletic, civic, professional or service-related accomplishments. It is approved by the full Legislature and signed by the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House.

Maine CASA to Hold Training on August 15–18, 2023

MAINE (June 9, 2023) -- Interested in advocating for the best interests of a child? The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program is holding its next training for volunteer advocates on August 15-18, 2023.

This free, four-day training is designed to prepare attendees for certification as volunteer guardians ad litem (GALs) in Maine child protection cases. Trainees may participate virtually or in person. For those who wish to partici-

pate in person, the training will be held in Augusta. Accommodations may be available.

The foundation of a CASA’s work is learning about the case and then advising the court what the CASA believes is in the child’s best interest. CASAs come from a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds and are guided throughout the process by CASA program staff.

If you are willing to advocate for a child’s best interests, we encourage

you to apply to become a CASA volunteer. Those interested in the training must complete an application and, if invited to participate, must also complete criminal and child protection services background checks.

Are you ready to advocate for a child’s best interests? If so, we hope you can join us for our August 15-18, 2023 training. For more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact Maine CASA at 213-2865 or e-mail us at casa@courts.maine.gov.



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Maine National Guard Awards Best of the Best

AUGUSTA, ME (June 4, 2023) (readMedia) -- On Sunday, June 4, the Maine National Guard held the 2023 Outstanding Airman and Best Warrior ceremony to recognize Maine soldiers and airmen who have distinguished themselves in their fields.

"All of you are here because you set the example for others to follow," said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine's adjutant general, to assembled family, friends and coworkers. "I think we can all agree we live in an increasingly complex world, one where we have to consistently be ready for how we might be called into service next. Your commitment to self-improvement, personal and unit readiness, and living the Army and Air Force values not only speaks volumes to others in uniform, it makes all of us that much more ready to face the next challenge. Thank you all for that, and thank you to all the families we have here supporting you. Family plays an enormous role in our organizational success."

Each service component has its own standards for selecting the award recipients.

The Army Best Warrior competition consists of fifteen events over a 36-hour period, designed to test soldiers' tactical

abilities, technical competence and physical stamina. These events include an oral interview board, live fire weapons event, live fire stress shoot, timed written test, day and night land navigation, physical fitness test, 12-mile ruck march with 35lb pack, and various Army warrior task evaluations. State winners represent their state at the regional competition, and regional winners go on to the national event.

The Outstanding Airman of the Year program calls for each state's headquarters to select nominees in three categories: Airman, Non-Commissioned Officer and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer. Nominees for First Sergeant of the Year and Honor Guard Member of the Year are also submitted for their respective categories. Additionally, the Maine Air National Guard selects and recognizes a Company Grade Officer of the Year. All candidates are rated on their performance for the previous calendar year in the following areas: leadership, job performance, fitness, education, community service, and civilian employment.

Following the formal award presentations, all winners also received a command coin from Brig. Gen. Dean Preston and Brig. Gen. Frank Roy,

commanders of the Maine Army and Air National Guard, respectively.

2023 Maine Army National Guard "Best Warrior" winners:

Soldier of the Year
Spc. Zakary Toothaker, 488th Military Police Company

Spc. Toothaker is from Jay and distinguished himself above his peers at his unit level competition last fall, won the state competition as the "Soldier of the Year" in April, and won the Region 1 Best Warrior Competition (New England, New York, New Jersey) in May. He will compete at the national competition in Alaska in July.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Sgt. Jacob Dow, 1136th Transportation Company

Sgt. Dow is from Ed-dington, Maine, and distinguished himself above his peers at his unit level competition last fall, won the state competition as "NCO of the Year" in April, and represented the state at the Region 1 Best Warrior Competition in May. Sergeant Dow scored among the top 3 in every event during this competition, finished second in Region 1 in the NCO category, and will continue to prepare for the national competition in July, should the winner be

unable to attend.

2023 Maine Air National Guard winners:

Outstanding Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Matthew Hamel, 265th Combat Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Hamel is from Windham and deployed to Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe and Africa Command, working in the satellite communication operations office, where he supported 38 gateway access requests and 54 super high frequency satellite access requests, providing communications to North Atlantic Treaty Organization response forces deterring Russian aggression in support of the European Defense Initiative.

Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Branden Barnikow, 265th Combat Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Barnikow is from Topsham and deployed to Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe and Africa Command, where he spearheaded six communications requirements, coordinating necessary bandwidth upgrades to six organizations supporting the European Defense Initiative which enabled four MQ-9 unmanned aerial vehicles to maintain 180 flights, ac-

cumulating 1,900 flying hours.

Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Kyle Milan, 101st Civil Engineering Flight

Senior Milan is from Old Town and deployed to U.S. Central Command's Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia as a Fire Chief. During this time, he was the incident commander for five large incidents involving unexploded ordnance, a large fuel spill, and a mass casualty event where he directed 25 first responders with zero lives lost.

Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year

Master Sgt. Scott Morrill, 101st Medical Group

Master Sgt. Morrill is from Bar Harbor and initiated the "MAINEiac for a Day" event for the Gross family whose father was killed in the line of duty for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. The mother brought their two children, and each brought a friend for the day's events where they toured the hangar and KC-135, utilized the flight simulator, experienced the boom simulator, and were presented with several MAINEiacs gifts and apparel. The event was lauded by all and very much appreciated by the

Gross family.

Outstanding Honor Guard Member of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Chelsea Kennie

Tech. Sgt. Kennie is from Standish and served as the lead non-commissioned officer of the Honor Guard for multiple retirement ceremonies in addition to providing process improvements through fine tuning procedural instruction for Honor Guard members, resulting in precision close order drill movements during the station's ceremonies.

Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Matthew Stewart, 243rd Engineering and Installation Squadron

Lt. Stewart is from Brunswick and was hand selected as the Director of the Maine Air National Guard Special Programs where he expertly identified capabilities of the Depot Cyber Fielding Team to support mission requirements for the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance and Mission Planning System divisions resulting in 3.7 Million dollars of manpower and 650 thousand dollars of travel and material procurement funding to support five Air Force weapons systems.

Gorham Fire Department Reminds Town of Burning Permits

GORHAM, ME (June 9, 2023) -- It has come to Gorham Fire Department's attention that there are some questions regarding burning permits.

In the Town of Gorham we have strict criteria we have to follow when determining if we are burning or not. Every morning the State of Maine determines the class day. If it is a high class day we do not issue permits. If it's a moderate class day winds/wind gusts can only go as high as 10 mph. On low class days the winds/wind gusts can only go as high as 15 mph. We understand how this can be frustrating for anyone that is trying to burn

but this criteria is in place because it only takes a few seconds for a fire to start and get out of control.

The two sites we use to determine the winds in Gorham are www.weather.gov and www.weather.com. Weather.gov is used to determine wind gusts and Weather.com is used to determine the hourly winds (please keep in mind if there is an hour during the day that the winds exceed the criteria we do not issue permits).

The two sites we use where you can get a burn permit at are: www.maine.gov/burnpermit and www.wardensreport.com. Any day that we are issuing



permits you can get them from 9:15am until midnight. Both of these sites are updated daily by our staff.

Please keep in mind that not following these burning rules you are in vi-

olation of outdoor fire laws, which can result in a class E crime. Class E crimes includes: burning without a permit, kindling in an imprudent manner (burning on a high fire danger day with no regard to the

fire danger), burning prohibited materials (anything that's not wood), burn permit criteria (not following the guidelines on the issued burn permit), fire on land of another (burning on property you don't have

permission to do so), failure to extinguish (not fully extinguishing your fire before leaving), and disposal of a lighted material (disposing of anything lighted to include cigarettes, stove ashes, fireworks, etc.).

We really appreciate everyone's cooperation and hope that this clears up all the questions regarding burn permits. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to the administration office at 207.222.1660. Our main goal is to keep this community safe.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Continuing Adventures on Sebeois River Part II: Snowshoe Lodge to Hay Brook Landing



Ken Gordon paddles an expedition kayak on the Sebeois River



Eggman DeCoster launches his canoe from Snowshoe Lodge



Paddlers look for Whetstone Falls on the East Branch of the Penobscot

By Ron Chase

On the second day of a three-day Sebeois and East Branch of the Penobscot River canoe/kayak trip, three of us awoke at Snowshoe Lodge on the Sebeois River. Built by Butler Conservation Trust (BCT) in conjunction with the Sebeois Riverside Trail, the exceptional cabin provides unusually elaborate accommodations in a remote river setting. Riverside Trail begins at Grand Lake Road and the lodge is located about two miles downriver. The wilderness path continues south for another five miles to Wipiti Road where Philpot Bridge crosses the river.

The cozy lodge is available to hikers and paddlers on a first-come-first-serve basis. The interior contains four wooden cots with comfortable mattresses, a table with four stools, and a woodstove in one corner. A toilet and woodshed are nearby. Fortuitously, it was unoccupied when we arrived the previous afternoon and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay.

Our paddling goal for the day was to complete the remaining fifteen-miles on Sebeois River and find a campsite after joining the East Branch of the Penobscot. There would be nothing comparable to Snowshoe Lodge downriver.

Although sunny and seasonably warm, the defining weather feature of the day was wind. We experienced gusty winds throughout. Fortunately, it was the rarest of all paddling winds, a tailwind. An added benefit, the blustery conditions kept the blackflies in hiding.

We soon passed prominent Sugarloaf Mountain on the left. The Riverside Trail could be seen in several locations as we progressed downriver. Easy rapids and quick water continued to Philpot Bridge. The tailwind helped propel us swiftly along to a noteworthy narrows with sheer cliffs on the right. The impressive escarpment consti-

tutes the lower eastern face of Peaked Mountain.

About three miles of additional paddling brought us to the Sherman Lumber Company Road Bridge where a campsite is located on the right. We found refuge from the wind below an embankment on the left and stopped for lunch. An isolated location, we were surprised to encounter two parties gathering fiddleheads.

More quick water continued for three miles to the confluence with the East Branch. There, we transitioned to big water paddling as an estimated 4,000 cubic feet per second was flowing.

After some exploration, we located a suitable campsite. A topic of concern during our evening conversations was what to expect at Whetstone Falls the next day. The river was almost three times higher than any of us had experienced and the Class III falls would be a challenge. Proceeding with caution would be the strategy when we arrived at the beginning of the falls.

The blustery northwest winds ushered in very cold overnight temperatures. Two of us wore camp clothes inside of our sleeping bags to stay warm. All

of us slept late waiting for the sun to warm the morning chill.

When the sun climbed in the sky, the temperature quickly rose to a comfortable level. Our boats were carefully packed in anticipation of big waves and turbulent conditions at the falls. Although winds had diminished from the previous day, we still enjoyed a feisty tailwind.

Large waves were observed as we approached the first Whetstone rapid. Unable to boat scout a safe passage, we paddled to the right shore to investigate. From that vantage point, descending on the right side of a robust wave train appeared to be the safest strategy. We navigated through the substantial waves without difficulty.

Around the next bend, the river narrowed and Whetstone Falls Bridge was sighted looming high over river-wide breaking waves. Scrutiny from the shore was essential. We eddied right and scrambled over rugged terrain to the top of the bridge. Careful inspection revealed dangerous obstacles on both sides of the river. The preferable route appeared to be a narrow channel between cascading

waves in the center.

The river was so wide that setting up rope safety on shore was not practical. We elected to run close together in case someone had difficulty. Successfully navigating through the menacing waves without mishap, ours was a problem-free descent.

The pleasant remaining nine miles of quick water to the BCT Hay Brook Kayak/Canoe Facility in Grindstone passed too quickly. Thanks to a Matagamon Campground shuttle, our vehicles were waiting at the landing.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates six more exciting Maine canoe trips.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is available at www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco or in bookstores and through online retailers. His previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England." Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net

Outdoor Experiential Ed Program Bill Advances

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2023) – The Maine House of Representatives voted unanimously Tuesday to advance a measure from Rep. Kathy Shaw, D-Auburn, that would help Maine schools create outdoor experiential education programs.

LD 1682 would establish the Maine Experiential Education Program Fund, which would support grants to facilitate new staff positions within participating public schools dedicated to providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities related to gar-

dens, food and agriculture. The fund would improve healthy academic, physical and emotional development for students and would be housed within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

"Experiential learning is an impactful way to engage students who might otherwise have a difficult time in the classroom," said Shaw. "Giving schools an opportunity to provide hands-on learning experiences for students without mandating a curriculum change opens up new potential for deepening

connections to the land while also equipping the next generation with the fundamental skills needed to feed and fend for themselves."

The bill faces further votes in the House and Senate.

Shaw is serving her first term in the Maine House, representing part of Auburn. A lifelong farmer and president of the Cumberland and Falmouth farmers markets, Shaw serves on the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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Safety Advisory: ALA's Trek Across Maine Is This Weekend

BRUNSWICK, ME (June 9, 2023) – For nearly four decades, the American Lung Association's (ALA) "Trek Across Maine" has drawn in hundreds of cyclists to ride 180 miles over three days through Maine communities. This year, the Trek will bring more than 600 cyclists to Maine in-person (with a virtual option), setting the same goal of raising \$1 million as last year. Taking place from Friday, June 16th to Sunday, June 18th this year, the Trek has already raised \$500,000 to date.

Trekkers aim to raise the \$1 million to support the ALA's mission to research, educate, and advocate to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. The ALA is asking local drivers and residents for their support, patience, and extra care as the cyclists make their way through

Brunswick, Freeport, Durham, Auburn, Lewiston, Naples, Standish, and surrounding cities and towns. The Trek attracts cyclists ranging in skill and age, support vehicles, medical vehicles and police escorts through small towns, often causing traffic delays and congestion on the roads — rain or shine. With that in mind, extreme caution is required.

Safety is always the first priority with Trek Across Maine, and cooperation with municipalities is the key.

The Trek schedule can be found below:

Friday, June 16, participants ride from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Starting line is at Thomas Point Beach and Campground in Brunswick

Day 1 finish line at Bates College in Lewiston

Saturday, June 17,

participants ride from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Day 2 start line is at Bates College in Lewiston

Day 2 finish line is at St. Joseph's College in Standish

Sunday, June 18, participants ride between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Day 3 start line is St. Joseph's College in Standish

Finish line at Thomas Point Beach and Campground in Brunswick

Along the route, some areas can experience more traffic slowdowns than others. Law enforcement officers will be positioned at all major intersections where cyclists need to pass through traffic. Motorcycle officers and state police vehicles will also drive the Trek route to ensure the safety of motorists and Trek cyclists alike. Local drivers play a



key role in making the Trek safe and fun for everyone. Please slow down and

share the road with families, friends and neighbors. Once again, your patience

and care are greatly appreciated for this important event.

Leadership Transition at Southern Maine Community College

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2023) – Joe Cassidy will be stepping down as president of Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) effective August 1, to become the president of Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

Cassidy has served as SMCC's president for six years and was previously president of Washington County Community College (WCCC) for five years.

"Joe has been an exceptionally engaged and intentional leader at our colleges, and we are sad to see him go," said Joyce Maker, Chair of the Maine Community College System (MCCS) Board of Trustees. "He made deep, meaningful connections to the students, colleagues, and many partners and friends of the colleges. We wish him well in his new role."

"My fondness for SMCC and the entire MCCS has not diminished

in the least," Cassidy said.

"I continue to be proud of the work that we do to educate and uplift Mainers and to support the Maine economy. I know I step away from SMCC leaving it in the very capable hands of its world-class leaders, teachers, and staff members. For my family and I, we are excited for our next adventure in higher education at Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish."

A nationwide search for the next SMCC president will begin immediately. MCCS President David Daigler will appoint an interim president by June 15 to serve from August 1 until a new president is seated, which will likely be in spring 2024.

"Joe has become a trusted colleague and a good friend. His calm, open style, warmth and humility are the characteristics that made him the right kind of leader for the college and helped us all weather the

pandemic with agility and fortitude. I am very grateful to Joe for his strong leadership and deep commitment to our colleges over the last dozen-plus years," Daigler said.

"I appreciate his commitment to our students, growing our colleges, and deepening our ties to local communities," Daigler continued. "Fortunately, through his leadership, the college has the depth and strength to sustain its trajectory during this transitional period. It is with both gratitude and sadness that I have come to accept his departure from SMCC. I will miss working with Joe and I wish him well at Saint Joe's."

In addition to serving as president at SMCC and WCCC, Cassidy simultaneously served as interim president at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor for the 2015-16 academic year. Cassidy began his career at WCCC as a faculty member. He once

served as president of the WCCC Faculty Association and as mayor of the City of Calais.

At SMCC, Cassidy always remained focused on the college's goal of transforming lives and communities through education and training. Among his key accomplishments:

Leading a strategic plan process reorganizing SMCC around academic pathways that save students time and money while improving student outcomes.

Expanding short-term workforce training programs.

Developing the SMCC campus in Brunswick.

Leading the college community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instituting a culture of respect and learning for a diverse community and adding resources such as an Intercultural Student Center.

Adding courses and programs to address im-



mediate workforce needs, including the doubling of nursing students, expanding the Construction Institute, and adding e-vehicle battery repair.

Expanding partnerships with organizations such as Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, Prosperity Maine, and In Her Presence, among

others. Southern Maine Community College is the system's oldest, largest, and most diverse college, with more than 6,000 students and offering 40-plus programs of study at the Portland and Brunswick campuses, online, and at satellite locations across southern Maine.

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Maine Military Community Network to Hold Conference

BANGOR, ME (June 9, 2023) -- The Maine Military Community Network is excited to announce the 11th Annual Statewide Conference, Thursday, June 29th, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Bangor High School, 885 Broadway, Bangor, Maine. Maine veterans, veteran service providers, health-care professionals, and others who would like to

learn more about the veteran experience and the needs of veterans once they leave active service are invited to attend.

The theme for this year's conference is Life After Military, and the conference will include a keynote address on Post-Traumatic Growth by Suzanne Rancourt, veteran, poet and counselor for Traumatic Brain Injury. Registration is

required and is available at <https://cvent.me/kX5VRz>. The deadline to register is Thursday, June 20th, 2023. The cost of general attendance is \$40, and \$25 for veterans. The cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The conference will also include presentations by Maine's Congressional Delegation, annual awards, and breakout sessions on

Expressive Arts Therapy, Vicarious Trauma in the Family Unit, Voices from the Field, Military 101, and columnist and author Sarah Smiley. The attached agenda for the conference fully demonstrates the conference's scope and breadth.

For veterans, the conference will include a briefing on federal and state benefits, and a resource fair featuring providers of vet-

eran benefits and services throughout the state. For clinicians, the conference offers 6 CEUs sponsored by AdCare Educational Institute of Maine, Inc.

For over a decade, The Maine Military & Community Network Annual Conference has grown to be a well-attended and important event in the Veteran and Veteran service provider community alike. The con-

ference serves to strengthen connections between communities, military members, and their families. Our objectives are to engage civilian communities in the reintegration of veterans and service members and to increase awareness among service members, veterans and providers of the issues and opportunities related to the wellbeing of those who have served in the military.

4-H Offers Workshops During Summer Learning Series



Photo courtesy University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

ORONO, ME (June 9, 2023) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H will offer its hands-on virtual

summer learning series July 5–Aug. 5.

The series presents more than 20 workshops on a wide variety of top-

ics. Originally launched in 2020 to provide additional educational opportunities for youth during the pandemic, it contin-



ues to play an important role in helping to alleviate some of the learning loss that occurs each summer.

The series features engagement-building activities in the fields of arts and crafts, food and nutrition, STEM, marine science and aquaculture, animal science and agriculture, and more. Participants logon and learn from a diverse range of knowledgeable UMaine staff and volunteers. The workshops also provide opportunities to learn

more about the 4-H program and to connect with other youth from across Maine. All materials needed to complete the hands-on activities will be mailed to participants at no cost.

Workshops are free with optional sliding scale fee and open to all youth ages 5–18. Registration is required, and can be done on the UMaine Extension 4-H Summer Learning Series webpage. For additional information or to request

a reasonable accommodation, contact [Jessy Brainerd](mailto:jessica.brainerd@maine.edu), 207.581.3877; jessica.brainerd@maine.edu.

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Senior Piano Recital Held at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham




GORHAM, ME (June 9, 2023) -- Alexander Mathieu will be joined by friends and faculty for his senior piano recital. The program will feature music ranging from contemporary classical to jazz tunes. All are welcome to see the culmination of

years of composition in this performance.

This event is free and open to the public and in-person. The live performance takes place at Corthell Concert Hall on our Gorham campus on Thursday, June 21st at 7:30 pm

If you have questions about disability access or need to request disability accommodations (e.g. sign language interpreters, materials in electronic format, etc.), please contact the USM Music Box Office, (207) 780-5555, hanna.s.naji@maine.edu, TTY 711 (Maine Relay). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the accommodation process.

Author Event: Jerry Farnham



Join us to hear from Gorham's own Jerry Farnham, discussing his book *Red at Night*.

When lobsterman Jack Flynn fishes Hollywood starlet Melissa Andrews out of the water, will they connect? Is there room in his heart after great loss? Can she outrun the bad press by taking up residence in Maine? Farnham draws on his own experiences, family, and friends growing up and lobstering in Boothbay Harbor to capture characters that feel very real on the page.

Learn more about the process of writing, get introduced to the characters, and hear a reading from *Red at Night*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

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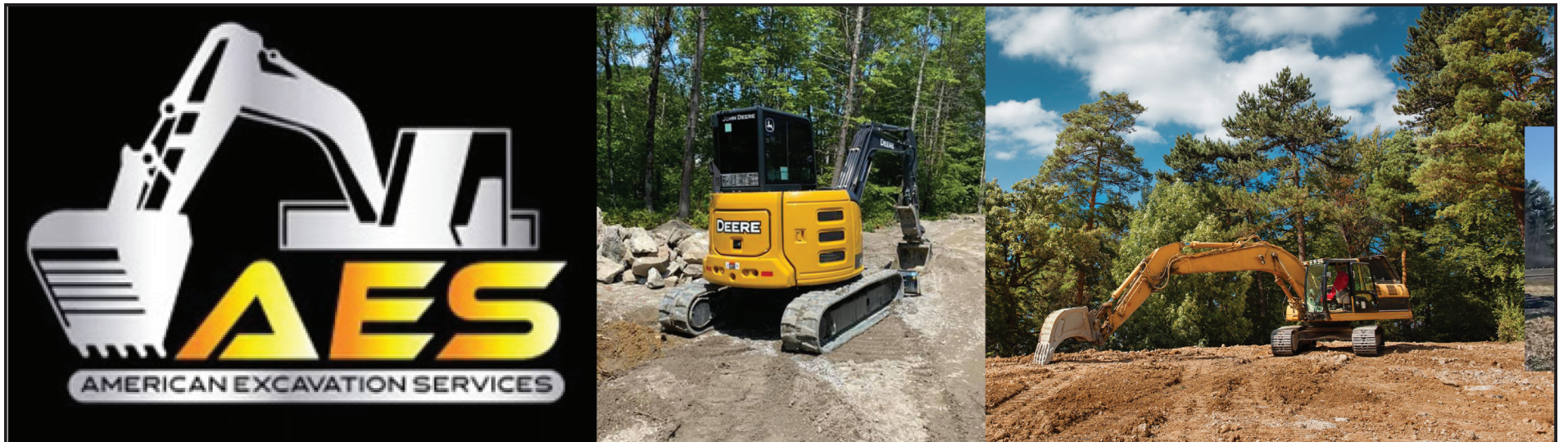
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MSMT Sets Sail with TITANIC Season Opener



BRUNSWICK, ME (June 9, 2023) -- The sinking of the Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912, remains the quintessential disaster of the twentieth century. A total of 1,517 souls — men, women, and children — lost their lives (only 711 survived). The musical Titanic examines causes, conditions, and characters involved in this ever-fascinating drama. This is the factual story of that ship — of her officers, crew, and passengers — but she will not serve as merely the background against which fictional narratives are recounted. The central character of our Titanic is the Titanic herself.

In partnership with The Fulton Theatre, Maine State Music Theatre (MSMT) is gearing up for the launch of their 64th season with the soaring and epic musical Titanic. With music and lyrics by Maury Yeston and book by Peter Stone, Titanic premiered on Broadway in April of 1997 and went on to win five Tony Awards, including Best

Musical. Of note, Grammy nominated Yeston is a long-time friend of MSMT and currently serves as an Advisor to the Board of Trustees. Titanic will open on June 7 at The Pickard Theatre on the campus of Bowdoin College, where it will run through June 24, 2023.

“I cannot wait for the spectacle that is Titanic to wash over the town of Brunswick,” says Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark, now entering into his tenth year of leadership for MSMT.

Titanic arrives to MSMT direct from a record-breaking and critically acclaimed run in Lancaster, PA at The Fulton Theatre, where it was heralded as “luxurious, first-class entertainment” by Broadway World, praised for its “very talented and diverse cast.”

MSMT’s cast of Titanic features (in alphabetical order): Jonathan Arana, Kelly Autry, Linda Balgord, Nick Case, Michael Di Liberto, Kevin Earley, David Girolmo,



Blake Hammond, Matthew Hydzik, Michael Iannucci, Ian Knauer, Andrew Kotzen, Charis Leos, Eric Jon Mahlum, Alan Mendez, Carolyn Anne Miller, Sarah Miramontes, Manna Nicholos, Michael Nigro and Kat Wolff.

Also featured are the 2023 MSMT Singers: Colin Flanagan, Jasmine Gilenwaters, Jalen Kirkman, Elijah Koch, Chelsea Pena, Camila V. Romero, Albert Sterner and Cari Walton. The MSMT Singers will be performing in the ensembles of Titanic and 9 to 5 as well as all Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) productions and various special events throughout

the season.

MSMT’s production and creative team of Titanic: Marc Robin (Director/Choreographer), Ray Fellman (Music Director), Erik Wakar (Associate Music Director), Amy M. Bertacini (Production Stage Manager), Paul Black (Scenic and Lighting Designer), Jorge Cousineau (Video Designer), Shannon Slaton (Sound Designer), Jane Alois Stein (Costume Designer), Kevin S. Foster

II (Wig Designer), Katelin Walsko (Props Designer).

Tickets for Titanic, and all MSMT productions, can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 207.725.8769 or by visiting www.msmt.org.

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Upcoming at MSMT:

- Mainstage
 - o Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (June 28 – July 15)
 - o 9 to 5: The Musical (July 19 – August 5)
 - o Something Rot-ten! (August 9 – 26)
- Music Concerts
 - o Karen as Dolly (June 18 & 19)
 - o Imagine: The Beatles, The Solo Years (July 9 & 10)
 - o King in Concert: Victor Trevino as Elvis (July 30 & 31)
- Theatre for Young Audiences
 - o Rapunzel (June 12)
 - o 3 Little Pigs (July 24)
 - o Alice in Wonderland (August 21)

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Journey Through Time this Summer with TAM

MONMOUTH, ME (June 9, 2023) – TAM celebrates 54 years of producing classic theatre in Maine. Join us for Theater at Monmouth's Brave New Worlds Season. From the Divine Right of Kings to the awkward banter of young love, TAM's 54th season explores Shakespeare's flawed rulers in Richard II and forest-dwelling lovers in As You Like It; Peterson and O'Hare's modern take on the repercussions of war in An Iliad, Wilde's effervescent wit & wisdom in The Importance of Being Earnest, and Bartram & Hill's exploration on the reach of the bonds of friendship in The Story of My Life. TAM's Brave New Worlds Season is a lesson in humanity that will tickle your funny bone with one hand and pluck your heartstrings with the other.

"It's been TAM's mission to foster a more diverse, more inclusive, more welcoming environment for audiences and artists alike," says producing artistic director Dawn McAndrews, "to educate young minds, engage patrons with new and differing points of view, and to program seasons that represent a range of perspec-

tives, beliefs, and circumstances."

Season Sponsor: The Shakespeare Fund of Theater League of Kansas City
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SUMMER REPERTORY SEASON

Performances take place in Cumston Hall, a 250-seat Victorian opera house designed by Harry Cochrane. Since its founding TAM has rehearsed and performed in rotating repertory, inviting audiences to see the actors in different roles in different shows in one weekend. Each of this season's seven productions features artists "From Away" and "Made in Maine" both newcomers and TAM favorites.

The Story of My Life | July 1 - August 12

Music & Lyrics by Neil Bartram, Book by Brian Hill | directed by Adam P. Blais

The Story of My Life Follows the friendship of Alvin and Thomas, two men from a small town. These lifelong friends are reunited after Alvin's mysterious death. In the abstract world of his mind, Thomas struggles to write

Alvin's eulogy while recounting the many turns that their lives have taken since meeting as children. Alvin searches through manuscripts and stories in Thomas's mind to lead him on a journey of remembrance.

An Iliad | July 8 - August 12

by Lisa Peterson & Denis O'Hare | Originally directed by Bill Van Horn | Directed by Dawn McAndrews

An Iliad is a modern-day retelling of Homer's classic. Poetry and humor, the ancient tale of the Trojan War and the modern world collide in this captivating theatrical experience. The setting is simple: the empty theater. The time is now: the present moment. The lone figure onstage is a storyteller—possibly Homer, possibly one of the many bards who followed in his footsteps. He is fated to tell this story throughout history.

Richard II | July 8 - August 11

by William Shakespeare | directed by Kathryn Walsh

Richard II is dangerously out of touch with his kingdom. He wastes money, raises taxes to support

his lavish

lifestyle, plays favorites and cares more about his vanity than the common good. When Henry Bolingbroke—father of the future Henry V—challenges Richard for the throne, it's a fight the king can't win. But in losing his crown he gains far greater things: his humanity and his soul. Shakespeare's luminous, poetic masterpiece is the first of four plays that chronicle the House of Lancaster's rise and the beginning of the Wars of the Roses.

The Importance of Being Earnest | July 20 - August 11

by Oscar Wilde | directed by Nathan Winkelstein

Jack and Algernon have chosen to lead double lives to evade the tedium of polite society. However, when they attempt to win the love of two women who declare they will only love a man called Ernest – chaos reigns. The Importance of Being Earnest is a tale of mistaken identities, rapid-fire wit, and cucumber sandwiches. There may not be a funnier, more socially insightful play chock-full of eccentric characters than this masterpiece by Oscar Wilde.

As You Like It | July 27- August 13

by William Shakespeare | directed by Dawn McAndrews

Welcome to Arden.

This is the story of Rosalind. Oppressed and exiled from Court under threat of death, she escapes with her cousin, cross-dressed and gartered, into the wild and unpredictable Forest of Arden. Disguised as a boy, she creates a world of her choosing, revelling in her newfound agency and self-discovery. But chance encounters with the love-struck Orlando complicate her new adventure. All the world's a stage in As You Like It, Shakespeare's gender-bending comedy, where poetry, mistaken identities, and true loves lost and found abound.

TICKETS, AND GROUP SALES

A TAM subscription offers savings and exclusive benefits like priority seating and ticket exchanges. Gold, Flex, General, or Senior Passes are available for purchase, so whether you want a ticket for each show or five tickets to one show, there's an option for you. Single tickets for the Summer Repertory and Fall Show are \$40 for adults, \$35 for senior citi-

zens, and \$25 for students (18 and under). Family Show tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children. Masking is not required but strongly encouraged.

Opening Nights are Educator Nights. Educators receive 20% off tickets with a photo ID at the Box Office.

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Expert Grilling Safety Tips to Help Prevent Accidents, Injuries

BATH, ME (June 9, 2023) – There's nothing like a backyard barbecue on a beautiful summer day, but it's important to remember that grills can also cause serious damage and injuries if not used safely. According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 10,600 fires involving grills each year, and nearly 20,000 people

seek medical care annually because of grill-related injuries, about half of which are burns. The experts at Rocky's Ace Hardware stress the importance of grill safety, especially as we enter the most popular months for grilling.

"We are big fans of the grilling lifestyle, but it's only fun if it's safe," said Rocky's Ace Hardware President Rocco Falcone. "This starts with



having a working fire extinguisher on hand every time you grill. Hopefully, you'll never need it, but you'll be glad it's there if you do. Remember, water doesn't work on a grease fire, so a nearby hose is not enough."

Falcone said ongoing grill maintenance is a key safety factor. He recommends doing a thorough grill inspection at the start of the season to look for rust, cracks or damage to the fuel line and other parts.

"Address any issues you find before you fire up the grill," he said. "That may mean buying replace-

ment parts or a whole new grill, depending on the extent of the problem."

A deep clean at the start of the season, and then regular cleaning after every use, is also advisable.

"Not only will your food taste better on a clean grill, but you'll head off potential hazards as well," said Falcone. "Based on the type of grill you have, empty ashes and unburnt coal, check for clogs on burners and in tubes and thoroughly clean the grease pan. Depending on how often you use the grill, check these items periodically throughout the year."

When it comes to the grates, Falcone advised cleaning them before and

after each use.

"There are a variety of tools designed for this, including wire brushes and scrapers," he said. "If you opt for a wire brush, be sure to inspect the grill carefully afterward to ensure none of the wire bristles remain on the grill, as they can be very harmful if they attach to food and are swallowed."

To prevent flare-ups, Falcone noted that best practices include trimming excess fat from meats, keeping the lid open when searing high-fat foods, leaving space on the grill to move food away from a flareup and avoiding grilling in windy areas.

In terms of grill placement, Falcone said to choose a flat, open area at least 10 feet from the home or other structures.

"Never grill in your garage, even with the door open, or on a covered pa-

tio," he said. "Also, never leave a grill unattended, and make sure children and pets stay at least 10 feet away."

In closing, Falcone reminded area grillers to familiarize themselves with their grills and follow the instructions for each model as well as any safety recommendations. The experts at Rocky's Ace Hardware are available to answer questions and offer advice when needed.

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Gorham Announces New Municipal Center Office Hours

GORHAM, ME (June 9, 2023) – The business hours for Town of Gorham municipal departments located at 75 South Street will be changing effective July 1, 2023. The Municipal Center will now be open to the public Monday through Thursday, 7:00am - 5:00pm and closed on Fridays.* This change is being made in an effort to improve our ability to serve the public.

A significant review of each department's hours of operation revealed that the current Municipal Center hours lack uniformity and consistency, which is often confusing for the public. The new hours will be more consistent and will improve public access to Town services by aligning interdepartmental hours and adding extra time before and after the current workday for business transactions to be completed. We hope that this new schedule will better accommodate the public and improve overall accessibility.*

The Recreation Department will continue offering Friday programming as usual.

The Gorham School Department Administrative Offices will continue to be open on their existing schedule, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will the new days and hours of the Gorham Municipal Center be?

Effective July 1, 2023, the new hours of Town departments within the Municipal Center will be Monday through Thursday, 7:00am to 5:00pm for our predominantly public-facing departments. This includes the Finance Office, Town Clerk's Office, Community Development (Code Enforcement, Planning, Economic Development, Assessing), and Recreation Department. *Any regular Recreation programs scheduled on Fridays will still take place and be unaffected.

What are the current Municipal Center hours?

Municipal Center hours are currently Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm for the Finance Department and Community Development Offices (Code, Economic Development, Assessing, and Planning). The Town Clerk's Office is currently open Monday through Wednesday, 8am to 4pm, Thursday 8am to 6:30pm and Friday 8am to 1pm. The Recreation Department office hours are currently Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Will Baxter Memorial Library hours be affected?

No, Baxter Memorial Library will remain open on Monday, 9am to 4pm, Tuesday through Thursday 9am to 7pm, Friday 9am to 4pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Why did the Town make this change?

This change was contemplated for nearly a year as other municipal organizations made the transition, and as we explored opportunities to improve accessibility for the public and strategies to better compete in the labor market with expense-neutral solutions.

Who has the authority to change Town Hall hours?

The Town Manager has the authority and re-

sponsibility for the management of municipal departments, including establishing hours of operation. Over the last several months, the Town Manager has kept the Town Council informed that a change in municipal hours was being contemplated.

Does this affect Public Safety?

At this time, the business hours of the Police and Fire Rescue departments are not changing, and the schedules of on duty and public-facing police officers and firefighters / EMS providers will not be affected.

Will employees be working less hours?

No. Employees

will be working the same amount of hours and in some cases more.

How is the public being notified of this change in hours?

The Town of Gorham has placed notices on our website, social media accounts, flyers within Town Hall, notices through our announcement listserv, as well as notification at public meetings. The Town will continue to make an effort to announce this change throughout the next year into 2024.

Do you envision changes to this schedule in the future?

While we envision this change remaining in place for the foreseeable

future, we will assess the feedback from both the public and staff on an ongoing basis. Should we identify opportunities to improve our accessibility to the public in the future, we will remain open and willing to consider further adjustments.

I still need a permit or registration on a Friday. What are my options?

Many of the Town's services are available online, including most functions within the Gorham Clerk's Office such as motor vehicle re-registrations. Building permits can also be applied for via email through our Code Office with an online software for permitting going online in

the fall of 2023. All departments will make reasonable accommodations for our residents and business clients.

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Maine CDC Warns of Increase in Rabid Animal Cases

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2023) — Following a rise in animals testing positive for rabies in the state since the start of this year, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) urges Maine people and visitors to take steps to prevent rabies.

Between January and May of 2023, the Maine CDC confirmed 30 cases of rabies in raccoons, skunks, bats, a fox, and a woodchuck. Cumberland

County recorded 12 of the 30 cases. Rabies activity was significantly lower in 2022, with a total of 35 cases for the year.

Rabies is a virus that infects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. Rabies spreads when infected animals bite, and in some cases scratch, other animals or humans. All mammals can get rabies, but raccoons, skunks, foxes, and bats are the most common animals to test positive for rabies

in Maine. The rabies virus does not spread in blood, urine, feces, skunk spray, or dried saliva.

A rabid animal may show a variety of symptoms or no symptoms at all. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal. Timely post-exposure treatment can prevent disease in people; a rabies vaccination is required for all pet cats and dogs of a certain age in Maine and offers the best protection against rabies.

The Maine CDC urges everyone to take precautions around animals that you do not know and to take steps to protect yourself and your animals against rabies.

To help protect yourself and your pet against rabies:

Keep your pet's rabies vaccination up to date.

Feed pets indoors.

Keep garbage cans or other sources of food tightly secured.

Do not feed, touch, or

adopt wild animals.

Be cautious of stray dogs and cats. If you spot a stray cat or dog, contact your local animal control officer.

Do not move wildlife. This can spread rabies into new areas.

Wash bite or scratch wounds thoroughly with soap and water for 10-15 minutes and contact your health care provider.

Who to contact:

If an animal bites or scratches you, contact your

health care provider.

If an animal bites or scratches your pet or livestock, contact your veterinarian.

If you want to report a dead or suspicious-looking raccoon, skunk, fox, or coyote in Maine, contact a game warden with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Maine CDC disease reporting & consultation line: 1-800-821-5821 (Available 24/7)

Letters to the Editor

We need reliable and affordable energy

I remember Jim. You know the one. "No line is safe to touch...evah" He was someone I respected because he was concerned for the people of Maine. Seeing Jim plug for CMP now is not as endearing. Iberdrola (Spain) is greedily gobbling up our energy companies all over the U.S. and sadly CMP was one of them.

A majority of Maine voters rejected CMP/Avan-grid's "Clean Energy Connect". People obviously

saw the lies being peddled and smartly saw through the millions of dollars in advertising. I hope they realize that nothing has changed since last November. CMP is dictated to directly from Spain. Look up employee reviews. Even those who gave good ratings say Spain makes all the decisions. It's time to take back control of our electricity.

We need reliable and affordable energy. Our hard-earned money should

be invested in our future, not a Spanish company's. We need a company that puts the grid before the investors. We need a company that puts Maine before Massachusetts. We need a company that's straight with us, not misrepresenting facts on behalf of its parent company in Europe.

I miss CMP that was the local company I knew and I trusted. Let's get back to that model.

Jennifer Harmon
Windham, ME

Let's rebuild trust in our democracy

Hello, I write to you today as a concerned citizen who believes deeply in the power of our democracy and the strength of our republic. I am aware of the growing disillusionment and doubt that many American citizens feel towards our political system.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties have contributed to the trauma experienced by the average citizen, leading us to question the true impact of our voices and the state of our democracy. Partisan politics have fueled divisions and polarization, prioritizing winning over the needs of ordinary Americans. As a result, many of us have lost faith in our government's ability to effectively represent and serve us.

But I want to assure you that it doesn't have to be this way. We, the people, hold the power to reclaim our democracy and restore trust. It is time for a new approach, one that transcends party lines and prioritizes unity, collaboration, and the common good.

As a candidate for the presidency, I offer an alternative. I am not a product of the existing political establishment, but a concerned citizen who understands the frustrations and doubts that many of us share. I believe in listening to everyday Americans, respecting their diverse perspectives, and working together to find common-sense solutions that benefit all.

I am committed to healing the wounds caused by partisan politics and restoring faith in our democracy. Let us break free from the constraints of party loyalty and embrace a new era of collaboration and cooperation. Together, we can reject divisive rhetoric and fear-driven politics. Instead, let us unite around our shared values of fairness, justice, and equality.

To learn more about my platform and my vision for our nation, I have embraced my personal Facebook Page as the primary platform for public interaction. I have shared a Manifesto on this page, highlighting the strengths

and weaknesses of our Republic, and presenting solutions to the divisive issues that have fragmented our nation. These include privacy and personal information rights, the complex debates surrounding Pro-Choice and Pro-Life, and the highly contentious topic of gun control. Visit my Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/daniel.slack.75/> to delve deeper into my political, social, and existential views and engage in ongoing conversations.

In the upcoming election, I humbly ask for your support and vote. Together, let us rebuild trust in our democracy and restore the power to the people.

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Thank you for considering my candidacy and for your commitment to a stronger, more inclusive America.

Sincerely,
Daniel Slack
Lincolntonville, ME

Old senators hurt us

To the Editor: Angus King is Maine's very elderly US Senator. If re-elected, he'll be 86 when he finishes his term. That's only 4 years younger than California's 90-year-old Diane Feinstein. She's too old to even show up to important judicial appointment meetings. The Courts are at war with women over their Healthcare. Old

Senators hurt us! Now ultra-rich Angus King even wants to take away Social Security benefits rather than tax rich people, and he brags about giving corporations, making billions per year, a loophole with a lower tax rate than a middle-class worker making 40,525. King creates extra corporate profits that often go to foreign investors, out

of the country, rather than give lower rates to working people, who mostly keep their money in this country. Voters need to reject old and reduced functioning Presidents and US Senators - from ALL Parties - who are clearly too old to do their jobs!

Sincerely,
Bob Jean
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A Shameful Denial of Protection

Asylum seekers are men, women and children fleeing violence, persecution and political upheaval who have crossed borders

to seek safety in another country. Most eventually return home when it's safe, some stay in temporary refugee settlements,

and a small fraction resettle in a third country. The Department of Homeland Security implemented a rule in May which

disqualifies people from seeking asylum in the United States if they did not first apply in countries they crossed earlier in their journeys.

Most who seek asylum in the United States travel through Mexico but Mexico is far from equipped to process large

numbers of asylum applications. Those who become trapped in Mexican border encampments often become victims of crimes, including kidnapping, sexual assault and robbery. The Biden administration should be ashamed of pursuing Trump-era policies that unjustly deny

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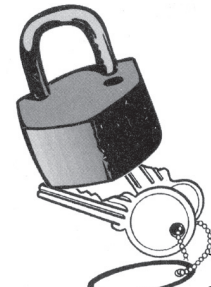
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June 17

MINOT -- Church Auction at Minot United Methodist Church, 142 Minot Ave, Minot, Maine 04258

Our church will be holding an Auction on June 17th 2023 at 6 p.m.

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

This is a Benefit for our Kitchen Renovation Project. Admission is free

June 20

LEWISTON -- Outdoor Hiring Event on Tuesday, June 20th from 10:00am-noon at the Lewiston CareerCenter, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston. Bring your best self and speak with multiple employers all offering great job opportunities! The event is free, open to the public and will be held rain or shine. For a list of participating employers, visit: <https://www.mainecareercenter.com/locations/jobfair.shtml?id=10945557>

June 24

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night

Church Supper on Saturday June 24, 2023 @ 5 P. M. at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray. Handicapped Accessible. Meals are Singled-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the Door.

The Menu includes: A variety of Casseroles and Salads, Baked Pea Beans, Red Hot Dogs, Breads. Assortment of Desserts, and Beverages. Phone # day of the supper - 657-4279.

June 24

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June 24

BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

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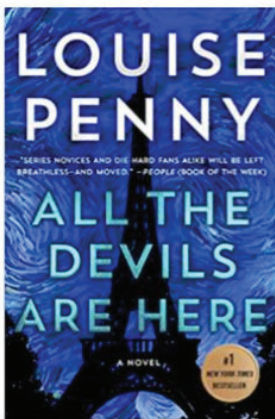
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Every second Monday

LEWISTON -- Caregiver Support Groups, Date: Monday, January 9 (every second Monday); Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Facilitator: Dana Morrell, SW. Location: SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston.



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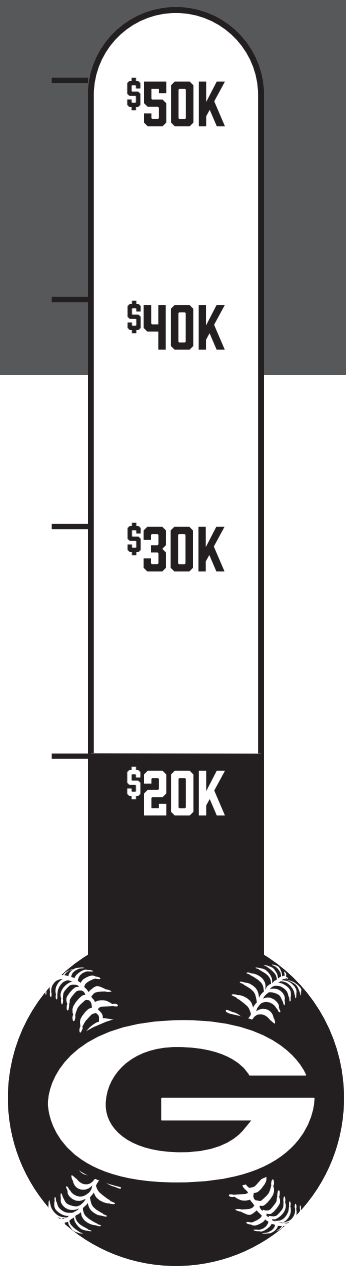
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