

Sebago Brewing in Gorham Celebrates Staff



Sebago Founders, Kai Adams, Tim Haines, and Brad Monarch



Co-Founder Tim Haines talks to friends at Sebago Brewing's 25th anniversary party



Sebago Brewing Company's 25th anniversary party

Nearly \$30M for Infrastructure Projects in Southern Maine

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 23, 2023) — U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced today that Maine will receive nearly \$30 million through the federal RAISE grant program to fund two projects: \$25 million to implement several safety and mobility improvements along U.S. Route 302 and State Routes 35 & 115 in North Windham, and \$4 million to develop two sections of the Eastern Trail in York County.

In 2022, Senator Collins authored the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. This bill included \$800 million for RAISE grants, which provide federal assistance for vital transportation projects across the country and is in addition to the \$1.5 billion for RAISE grants provided by the bipartisan infrastructure law in FY22.

“This funding will improve Maine’s infrastructure, bolster our economy, and enhance the quality of life for residents across our state,” said Senator Collins. “Throughout the Appropriations process, I strongly advocated for these projects, which will deliver substantial benefits to both York and Cumberland Counties.”

Earlier this year, Senator Collins sent two letters to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in support of the North Windham and Eastern Trail grant requests.

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. The RAISE program was previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants.

Since 2009, when Senator Collins became a member of the Appropriations Committee, she has secured more than \$1 billion in competitive transportation grants for the State of Maine.

GORHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) --

After an extremely busy summer brewing beer and hosting thousands of guests at its five locations, Sebago Brewing Co. took some time to celebrate. On June 25, company co-owners Kai Adams, Tim Haines, and Brad Monarch honored its hardworking crew with an outdoor party at the Tasting Room on Main Street in Gorham.

Of their 161 employees, Sebago Brewing honored four employees who have worked at the company for 10 years, four 15-year veterans, and four marking their 20-year work anniversaries.

“From brewers and packaging crew to kitchen staff and servers, all of our employees have been working so hard to bring the Sebago Brewing experience to the public,” said Kai Adams, VP and company co-founder. “We weren’t able to host our annual party last year because of the pandemic, so we’re extra grateful that we got to celebrate together this year.”

Sebago Brewing employees were treated to lawn games, food, and, of course, beer. Local favorite FOG AVE provided music.

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Letter to the Editor

Women's Football Team Tackles Opposition, Barriers



To whom it may concern,

I'm not much of a writer but this women's tackle football team right here in Maine, are doing things never been done before. Our last home game had a huge turn out and now has fought and won the WFA DIVISION III Northeast Region Championship in Double OT against the New York Knockout! Mayhem is now on to the Eastern Conference Championship, July 8th in West Palm Beach Florida to face the Coyotes. Really shows how women's tackle football is

growing. (The Pro Division finals will be on ESPN)

The Maine Mayhem started the season with high hopes, coached and led by Bryant Oja. He's been amazed how this team navigated through the covid years and came out even stronger!

Maine traveled back to New York where just a few weeks ago lost a heart breaker in the final minutes during the regular season. Maine was going to bring the Mayhem for this very evenly matched contest. It was a battle of defenses that included Chelsea Watson

snagging two interceptions! The game remained tied until the Mayhem scored a touchdown in 4th Quarter with a run from Mahala Smith putting Maine up 6 to 0. (Missed PAT) The New York Knockout didn't give up as they scored late making it 6 to 6, but they also had their PAT blocked. Score remained tied til the end of regulation.

Overtime was so intense. WFA follows the college rules where both teams get a chance to score. The 1st OT had Maine start with the ball. Unfortunately, had a turnover but the Knockout were not able to capitalize. The 2nd OT the Knockout were able to run and score putting New York up 12 to 6. The Knockout going for the crucial PAT had Casidee Couture dive in and get her 2nd PAT block

of the day. Maine, now on their 2nd OT possession needs to score a touchdown to stay alive. After a huge play to get down to the goaline, Mahala Smith runs to the right and scores a game tying touchdown. Her 2nd touchdown of the game. The Championship now rests on the leg of Cassidee Couture. The entire team and crowd were holding on from exploding. Clean snap, laces out, Couture steps up, connecting the ball, whizzing the ball through the uprights! Mayhem wins, Mayhem wins!

The Mayhem have fought hard to be where they are. Practicing wherever they could. Traveling through snow and rain. This team has women from all over, made up of some hardened veterans to the youthful rookies. Coaches

and families making sacrifices for these women to do something they love. Showing the world, women can play football, tackle football. Your Maine Mayhem, who play out of Portland, will be traveling to Florida to play West Palm Beach Cotoyes in the Eastern Conference Championship on July 8th. Winners travel to Canton, Ohio for the WFA Division

III Championship on July 21st.

The team will be looking for donations and sponsor partners to help with accommodations going forward. Please reach out to mayhemgm@maine.rr.com or www.mainemayhemfootball.com or any of socials for more info.

Chris Denlinger Jr, VP of Mayhem Social Media

Maine's 195th Army Band Announces Summer Tour Dates

BANGOR, ME (June 27, 2023) (read-Media)-- Members of the 195th Army Band will be performing their annual series of concerts around the state starting on July 2 and continuing through July 13.

"We hope our friends and neighbors will consider adding one of the 195th's nearby concerts to their holiday plans," said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine's adjutant general. "As our musical ambassadors, they have been practicing hard as always. We appreciate communi-

ties' reaching out to invite us to be a part of their festivities, whether concerts like these, or supporting patriotic parades and ceremonies. A very Happy Independence Day from your friends and neighbors at the Maine National Guard!"

2023 Summer Tour Dates:

July 12 – 6:00pm – Waterfront Park, Bangor

July 13 – 6:30pm – Binette Park, Old Town

All concerts are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to check the Army Band website ahead of time to en-

sure no changes have been made. Any additions to the schedule will also appear on the website.

<https://www.bands.army.mil/performances>

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EPA Proposes Cleanup Plan for Superfund Site in Windham

WINDHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has today proposed a plan to clean up the Keddy Mill Superfund Site, located on Depot Street in Windham, Maine. The proposed plan details measures EPA will take to clean up the soil, sediment (inclusive of fish tissue), and groundwater at the site. This cleanup will be comprehensive and protective of human health and the environment. EPA will also accept public comments on the proposed plan for 30 days, and will hold a public information meeting and public hearing on the proposed plan.

"This proposed cleanup plan reflects EPA's recommendations on how to best address contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater at the Keddy Mills site," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "This is an important step bringing the Windham community closer to an effective cleanup of the site.

EPA is eager to get input from the community and other interested stakeholders on this proposed plan."

EPA's proposed plan summarizes risks posed by contamination at the site and presents an evaluation of cleanup options. EPA also identifies the Agency's preferred cleanup alternative along with the other cleanup options considered.

EPA's preferred alternative in the proposed plan, which would be implemented following the substantial completion of an EPA-authorized "Non-Time-Critical Removal Action" to demolish the mill complex and associated structures, generally includes the following components:

Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 22,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil;

Targeted treatment of soil excavations with amendments in support of groundwater cleanup;

In situ (in place) treatment of groundwater;

Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 320 cubic yards of contaminated sediments from the Presumpscot River;

Site restoration including riverbed, riverbank, wetland and floodplain habitat;

Land use restrictions (called "Institutional Controls" or ICs) to prevent exposure to Site-related contaminants in groundwater and fish tissue until cleanup levels are met;

Inspections and limited operation and maintenance (O&M);

Monitoring of groundwater and fish tissue to evaluate the achievement of cleanup levels; and

Five-Year Reviews to assess the protectiveness of the remedy.

Public Comment Opportunity, Public Information Meeting, and Formal Public Hearing

EPA hosted a hybrid information session on

June 27th.

EPA will also hold a hybrid formal public hearing for the Keddy Mill Superfund Site to accept comments on the proposed plan on July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The hybrid public hearing will be held 33-35 Main Street in Windham, Maine and in-person attendance is welcomed. Community members can also join virtual with links to the hearing found on EPA's website; www.epa.gov/superfund/keddy. EPA will not respond to comments during the hearing, but all formal comments received during the public comment period will be reviewed by EPA before making a final cleanup decision. EPA will prepare written responses to comments received during the formal public comment period.

Voicemail and written comments may also be submitted until July 28, 2023 via phone, email, fax or mail to: Jeffry Saunders, Remedial Project Manager, US EPA New England,

5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, SNR07-1 Boston, MA 02109; EMAIL: saunders.jeffry@epa.gov; PHONE: 617-918-1351; FAX: 617-918-0352.

Background:

EPA added the Keddy Mill Superfund Site to the National Priorities List (aka Superfund) in 2014. The site consists of a 6.93-acre abandoned mill complex property, located at 7 Depot Street (the Mill Complex Property), an adjacent reach of the Presumpscot River, and associated riparian properties in Windham, Maine.

The site has a long history, with operations beginning in the late 1700s and ending in 1997. The building that will be demolished and removed was used as a grist and carding mill, pulp mill, box-board manufacturing facility and as a steel mill. Throughout the industrial history, several buildings have been demolished and others added to the mill complex. The site has contamina-

tion from various hazardous substances, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), heavy metals and petroleum hydrocarbons.

More information:

A copy of the proposed cleanup plan, the Administrative Record supporting the cleanup plan, and instructions how to submit comments and other background information about the Keddy Mill Superfund Site can be found at: www.epa.gov/superfund/keddy. The Windham Public Library located at 217 Windham Center Road, Windham, Maine 04062 (phone: 207-982-1908) can be used as a point of access to reach the online Administrative Record for the Site. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Charlotte Gray, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator at gray.charlotte@epa.gov or 617-918-1243, toll-free 1-888-372-7341 ext. 8-1243

Collins, King Attend Windham Project Groundbreaking

NORTH WINDHAM, ME (June 30, 2023)—Today, U.S. Senators Susan Collins, Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Angus King visited the town of Windham for the groundbreaking of a new wastewater treatment facility. The new facility will allow for the expansion of business development in Maine's Lakes Region while protecting community members from contaminants like PFAS. The Maine Senators secured \$2,000,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending for the project through the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations legislation passed by Congress last December. On Thursday, Senator Collins announced nearly \$25 million from the RAISE grant program for safety and mobility improvements along U.S. Route 302 and State Routes 35 & 115 in North Windham, which will directly benefit access to the water treatment facility.

"Windham is the gateway to Maine's beautiful lakes region and is a major retail center for the surrounding communities. This funding will improve our community's infrastructure, help our economy, and enhance the quality of life for residents across our state," said Senator Collins. "As the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I strongly advocated for these projects, which will deliver substantial benefits to Cumberland County."

"Windham is among Maine's most vibrant communities; it's a wonderful place to start a business, raise a family, or visit for vacation," said Senator King. "This new wastewater facility will help the Town modernize its infrastructure to attract new businesses and provide families with a high-quality of life— all while carefully preserving local ecosystems. I was proud to support funding for this project and look forward

to watching Windham's growth for years to come."

"Maintaining the high quality of Maine's water is essential to the "Maine brand," our quality of life, a healthy environment, and a strong economy," said Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. "The Department is pleased to assist with funding for this clean water project through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to ensure Maine will continue to be known for having some of the best water quality in the country."

The new wastewater treatment facility will use

state-of-the-art technology called a Membrane Bio-Reactor (MBR) which utilizes innovative drip dispersal. This is the first project with drip dispersal of this scale in the state of Maine. It will support economic growth, improve the quality of local groundwater and waterways, and allow for new athletic facilities at area schools. It will also permit for the future retirement of the aging treatment facility serving the schools.

The facility comes at a time when economic growth in Windham has been stalled due to the lack of a community wastewater disposal system. Studies have also found an increase

in pollution in the groundwater, threatening the quality of well water and the environment. The community approved the project in 2022 with a total cost of \$40.6 million.

"This new North Windham sewer system is 40 years overdue and will solve long standing environmental and economic challenges for Windham. The advanced MBR system will provide for a cleaner environment and be a model for other Maine communities to follow. This system will support business growth, new job opportunities and affordable housing options. And this new growth combined

with our state and federal funding partners will guarantee no tax rate increase for our residents even with an expense of 38.6 million dollars. This is remarkable feat for all involved and something Windham and the region can be proud of," Councilor Jarrod Maxfield stated.

"We are pleased to partner with the Town of Windham to address long-standing development and environmental protection challenges. The new MBR treatment facility will have profound positive impacts on the community," stated Portland Water District General Manager Seth Garrison.

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The Dead River Never Gets Old



A kayaker breaks through the waves on Spencer Rapid on the Dead



There is great wave surfing at Quattro



Trip Leader Ken Gordon navigates big waves on Minefield at 4000 CFS

By Ron Chase
My initial descent of the Dead River was in June 1986. It was love at first paddle. In the intervening years, I've returned with friends and family over two hundred times. For me and many others, the excitement and allure of the Dead never gets old.

Beginning in small lakes and ponds in western Maine, the North and South Branches of the Dead converge at Flagstaff Lake in Stratton. What currently constitutes the lake was once a calm section of the Dead River that meandered circuitously for twenty miles, hence the name Dead. In 1950, Long Falls Dam was built forming the lake. The dam

regulates flow primarily for hydropower purposes downriver on the Kennebec. An added benefit, eighteen planned releases varying from 1300 to 6000 cubic feet per second (CFS) provide whitewater throughout the dry summer months. As a result, the Dead has become a mecca for enthusiastic boaters in search of paddling thrills and spills.

No organization frequents the Dead more often than the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society. Each year, the club schedules several trips to take advantage of sixteen miles of almost continuous Class I through Class IV whitewater that ends when it joins the Kenne-

bec River in The Forks.

This spring, Brent Elwell coordinated an 1800 CFS Dead trip during Memorial Day Weekend and Ken Gordon followed with a weekend of 4000 and 2400 CFS trips in early June. I participated in all three.

Surprisingly, only five kayakers signed up for Brent's trip. A sunny seasonably warm day, weather wasn't the issue. I suspect the presence of an abundance of unwelcome blackflies were the reason. I came prepared with a balaclava and head net. They were a menace near the shore but only a minor inconvenience on the river.

Our day began at

Webb's Campground in West Forks. Owners Andy and Kim Webb operate a shuttle transporting paddlers to the put-in where Spencer Stream joins the Dead 16 miles upriver. Andy, and his dad, Edmund, before him, has been running the shuttle for decades. Kayaks were loaded on his boat trailer and we climbed into the van for a bumpy ride on rough dirt roads to the top.

When we arrived at the put-in, two boaters were already preparing to launch. Navigating a canoe and an inflatable boat, they would be the only other paddlers we would see on the river.

The Dead starts out with a burst of excitement at Spencer Rips. Even at 1800 CFS, the rapid ends with sizeable breaking waves. Everyone in our group successfully negotiated the challenging rollers setting a positive tone for the remainder of the outing.

The Dead is a succession of exciting whitewater challenges. We surfed waves at Quattro, maneuvered around numerous holes on Minefield, and descended complex Hayden's Falls. After lunch at the mouth of En-

chanted Stream, we traversed waves around Elephant Rock, enjoyed more surfing at Horsefly Rips, and completed a lengthy cruise through complicated Mile Long.

Spruce Ledge Rapid and several easier sections of whitewater led to the beginning of Poplar Falls. We chose a left to right route on Upper Poplar that avoided several holes and pour overs. Lower Poplar is the most difficult rapid on the river at all water levels. Everyone in our group challenged the robust wave train on the left at the top and then boat scouted through a maze of obstacles in the long run-out. Our odyssey on the Dead was a success for all.

Cold, raw, wet, windy weather were obstacles throughout the subsequent Dead River weekend. The 4000 CFS flow is considered to be Class III/IV in difficulty. Our group consisted of several solo kayakers, four inflatable boats, and a one canoeist. Everything is bigger and pushier at 4000. We enjoyed a problem-free journey.

Two tandem canoe teams coupled with several solo canoeists and kayakers braved the 2400 re-

lease. Similar but slightly more difficult than 1800, this trip was interrupted by a couple of swims. The second in Lower Poplar required a significant rescue effort. No problem for swift water rescue trained Chowderheads. Boat and paddler were safely reunited.

Three Dead River voyages completed, several more are anticipated in the coming weeks. The thrilling paddling on the Dead never ceases to entertain.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates another exciting Dead River descent and eight more Maine whitewater escapades.

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

MaineCF Scholarships Awarded

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (June 30, 2023)–

Six students attending college within the University of Maine System have received the Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF) Chet Jordan Leadership Awards. The awards are given annually to emerging leaders with the ability to turn a vision into reality and engage others to make lasting impacts on their community.

First-time recipients Lillian Bray of Woodland will attend the University of Maine at Presque Isle and Edgelynn Venuti of Robbinston will attend the University of Maine at Orono.

Second-time recipients Jasper Makowski of Dover-Foxcroft and Abigail Martin of Monroe attend the

University of Maine at Orono. Hannah Boone of Patten attends University of Maine at Presque Isle and Casey Raymond of South Paris attends the University of Maine at Augusta.

Maine high school graduates are eligible to apply for the Chet Jordan Leadership Awards. The scholarships support post-secondary study in a certificate, two-year, or four-year undergraduate program through the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System, Maine Maritime Academy, or Maine vocational and technical schools.

The next deadline for the Chet Jordan Leadership Awards is April 15, 2024. For more information about scholarship opportunities from

MaineCF, visit www.maine.cf.org/scholarships.

Friends and family established the scholarship in 1995 to honor Chet Jordan, a Portland-based businessman who had a deep sense of civic responsibility for his community and home state of Maine.

MaineCF has worked with donors and educators since 1983 to provide Maine students access to educational opportunities. MaineCF manages more than 650 scholarship funds.

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Camden National Bank Accepting Leadership Award Nominations

CAMDEN, ME (June 28, 2023) – Camden National Bank announced today that nominations are now open for the 2023 Leaders & Luminaries Awards. The annual awards honor four outstanding nonprofit board members who go above and beyond to dedicate themselves to strategic leadership and advancing their organizations, with a total of

\$20,000 in grants available. “We have no shortage of exceptional nonprofit organizations that work tirelessly to empower and strengthen our communities,” said Renée Smyth, executive vice president and chief experience & marketing officer at Camden National Bank. “Behind each nonprofit is a committee of caring, altruistic, and passionate board

members that deserve recognition for their leadership efforts and expertise.” Nominees can be submitted online at CamdenNational.bank/leadersandluminaries, which also includes eligibility requirements and additional details. The nomination process will remain open until September 15, 2023. Awardees will be chosen by a special selection

committee that includes three independent community members and two Camden National Bank executives. The committee will ensure each board member reflects Camden National Bank’s values of honesty & integrity, responsibility, trust, excellence, service, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. “We are grateful for the opportunity to recog-

nize incredible individuals and support the wonderful work they undertake,” Smyth said. “Each grant is not just an investment in a worthy nonprofit, it’s an investment in our future.” Since 2011, Camden National Bank has honored 58 board members across Maine by awarding a total of \$220,000 to their respective nonprofits. The winners in 2022

included Amy Ford, treasurer of the board for Portland Community Squash; Timothy Griffin, board chair for The Dempsey Center for Quality Care in Lewiston; Kylie Hinkley, trustee and treasurer of the board of trustees for the Peabody Memorial Library in Jonesport; and Lissa Widoff, treasurer of the board for Waldo Country Bounty in Belfast.

Homes with a History Featured on Wiscasset Homes on Tour



WISCASSET, ME (June 30, 2023) – The five homes featured on Wiscasset Homes on Tour on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 11am to 4pm, describe the community’s story from its early ship-building days through the 20th century. Each home features original details with contemporary updates that make these a collection of inviting and beautiful places to live and visit. Everyone who drives through Wiscasset will recognize the Clock Steeple House on Fort Hill St. in Wiscasset Village, half a block from Rte. 1. Now the home of an enthusiastic collector – of vinyl records, pool tables, motorcycles, and so much else – was originally a fort in early times, then the Epis-

copal Methodist Church in the 1820s or 30s, then home to the American Legion in mid-20th century, and finally a gallery and café before it was purchased by the current owner in 2021 and transformed into his uniquely individualized home with plenty of space for his extensive collections. Another in-town transformation is the Customs House on Water St., built in 1870. Original blueprints indicate that Customs officials had offices on the second floor, and the first floor was the town’s post office. The current owners bought the building in 2014 and began their construction journey of repairs, retrofits, and new updates, but hard wood and slate floors

still remain. With imagination and daring, high ceilings, and tall, elegant windows, the owners have created a stunning home with many historic references intact. Damon House, built around 1775 with a large addition in 1805, is now a vibrant home to a painter and a dedicated gardener, both world-wide travelers. The home has a long history of providing shelter to creatives, originally as residence to famed cabinet maker Joshua Damon, and in late 20th century, as a seasonal artists retreat and home to painter John Lorence, an early exhibitor at the Maine Art Gallery. The interior is adorned with Mexican tile, charming wall stenciling, and the owners’ collections of colorful

paintings, antiques spanning four centuries, and other carefully chosen art pieces. Still, original details remain like the old cooking fireplace and bread oven, which are still fully functional. The Blagdon-Emerson House was built around 1800, perhaps earlier, and was a typical two story “manse and mart,” or home and shop. The house was built at a right angle to the street to accommodate the ‘mart’ part of the structure. Through the home’s history, it continued as a combined home and workspace for newspaper publisher Charles Emerson and his endeavors, The Lilliputian (1881-1891) and then The Sheepscot Echo (1891-1918). After extensive renovations, today’s owners showcase their collections of art, indigenous Pacific Northwest basketry, and other quirky and unique items that add to the stimulating but comfortable ambiance. Elements of the original structure remain like the wide, pumpkin pine floors, and gunstock beams. A welcoming garden patio, barn, and chicken house complete the home’s inviting ambiance. Rose Cottage, likely built in mid-19th century, was probably part of the C.M. Ames Wagons and Carriage Shop and



represents the homes in early Wiscasset occupied by tradesmen and shop owners whose labors supported the community’s day-to-day life. Today, the home has been infused with exuberance and charming details including hand-painted walls, a new front porch, newly exposed original beams, and working fireplaces in nearly every room. This cozy cottage, now lovingly restored, presents a picture of quaint New England, while inside, the creative zest of the owner has filled the home with color and comfort. Tickets for Wiscasset Homes on Tour are \$30 each with an optional pre-ordered lunch at \$15. Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance of the tour. Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the tour, July 8, from 10am to 3pm, at

the parking lot at 36 Water St., Wiscasset, ME. Cash, checks, and plastic accepted. More tour details, ticket information, and the lunch menu for pre-order can be found on www.WiscassetCreativeAlliance.org. For questions, call 214-232-3699 and please leave a message which will be answered promptly. ‘Homes on Tour’ is a fundraiser for Wiscasset Creative Alliance to support the Alliance’s community programs. Event sponsors are 40 Federal Studio, BIRCH Home Furnishings & Gifts, Bradbury Art & Antiques, J&A Construction, Joseph Zoellers Interiors, Water Street Kitchen & Bar, and Sherri Dunbar/Tim Dunham Realty. With additional support from Carriage House Gardens and Screen Thoughts.

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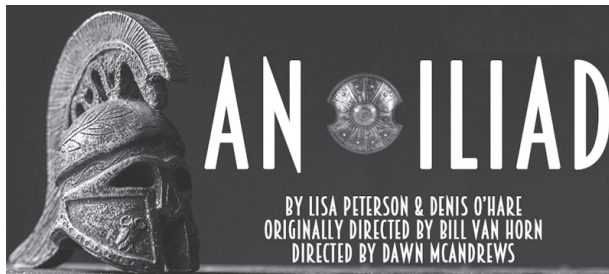
Ancient History Given New Life at Theater At Monmouth

MONMOUTH, ME (June 30, 2023) – Theater at Monmouth's Brave New Worlds Season continues with An Iliad adapted by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, based on Homer's The Iliad translated by Robert Fagles. An Iliad is a modern-day retelling of Homer's classic poem. The ancient tale of the Trojan War and the modern world collide in this captivating theatrical experience. The Poet recalls the nobility, savagery, and valor of Trojan War battles and warriors, while exploring the human costs of war through the centuries. This tour-de-force adaptation weaves humanity's unshakable attraction to warfare with the music of the muses, capturing the contradictory conditions of glory and violence with spellbinding modernity, and raises the question: Has anything really changed since the Trojan War? Answer for yourself

on Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 PM.

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. This is a story you may think you know; a classic featuring gods and warriors. Homer's epic is reborn through the heart of a war-weary poet. Bathed in bravery, blood, and the heat of battle, the telling ravages the Poet every time he tells the tale. But there's a reason he's got the job. He may be able to make us understand. Perhaps he could make us stop.

Though the show was presented in the Fall of 2021, Director (and TAM's Producing Artistic Director), Dawn McAndrews felt the show deserved a second time around, citing that the first time "the pandemic



kept audiences from experiencing it to the fullest". McAndrews continues, "Here we are in 2023, facing continued war across the globe, we decided to bring the play, and Mark Cartier, back to remind us of the years of conflict that have been endured through the ages, since the time of Homer, and the leagues of Poets that have spoken these tales."

An Iliad features Mark S. Cartier* reprising his role as The Poet. Originally Directed by Bill van Horn, Directed for 2023 by Dawn McAndrews, Set Design by Jim Alexander, Costume Design by Michelle Handley, Lighting

Design by Erin Fauble and Sound Design by Scott O'Brien, with Stage Management by Dominique Nadeau*, Assistant Stage Management by Sydney Enthoven, and Props Supervision by Madelaine Foster.

Performance Calendar: OPENING 7/8 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates 8/5 and 8/10 at 7:30 PM; 7/15, 8/2, and 8/12 at 1:00 PM.

Audience Engagement Programs

Post-Performance Discussions. Join us on selected weekend evening performances for Post-Performance Discussions with the cast and creative team.

Discuss the critical historical, artistic, and cultural perspectives of the worlds of each individual play. Post-Performance Discussion will take place on the following date: Saturday, July 15 following the performance of The Story of My Life, Saturday, July 22 following the performance of Richard II, Sunday, July 30 following the performance of As You Like It, Saturday, August 5 following the performance of An Iliad, and Saturday, July 29 following the performance of The Importance of Being Earnest.

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the Summer Repertory and Fall Show are \$40 for adults, \$35 for senior citizens, and \$25 for students (18 and under).

Opening Nights are Educator Nights. Educators receive 20% off the general ticket price with a valid photo ID at the Box Office.

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Clothes Galore at Gorham's Mission of Hope Clothes Closet

GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2023) -- The FREE Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church (Mission of Hope Clothes Closet) is open to all who need Fellowship, Friendship and Clothes. We are located at 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, and we are open on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month from 9 o'clock

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We focus on clothes and accessories (gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) and welcome your donations during our operating hours. Clean clothes in good shape help the most, as they go right out to help people locally or in nearby communities. An attempt is made to have season appropriate clothes

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In addition to helping folks find clothes, we want to spend time with you! There are tables to sit, talk and to share a cup of coffee and usually a goodie with volunteers or others.

Fandom Wednesdays at Gorham's Baxter Memorial Library

GORHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm (all ages), check out Fandom Wednesdays at Baxter Memorial Library:

July 12: Minecraft—Meet up with other Minecraft fans. For those unfamiliar with the game, we will have a Minecraft demonstration. For those familiar with the game, bring your device and play our Minecraft Challenge.

July 19: MARVEL—Is Fury going to save the world? Who is more powerful, Dr. Strange or Wanda? Come talk all things Marvel with other fans! We'll be showing an episode of "What If...?"

July 26: Zelda—Zelda fans unite! We'll be showing a demonstration of the latest game, Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom. Feel free to bring your own device to learn more or show off your progress.

August 2: Table Top Games (Magic, D&D, etc) - Interested in learning more about Dungeons & Dragons? Magic: The Gathering? Come to the library to meet others who want to play or do play to learn more about table-top games or to connect up.

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Maine Justice Foundation Awards Grants to Five Maine Groups

AUGUSTA, ME (June 30, 2023) – The Maine Justice Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded grants from its LGBTQ+ Fund to five Maine organizations for 2023. The LGBTQ+ Fund supports education and advocacy aimed at achieving access to justice and equity for individuals identifying as LGBTQ+. The Fund supports organizations serving members of the LGBTQ+ community by forging social, systemic, and economic solutions to combat discrimination and bias against LGBTQ+ individuals and groups in Maine.

“These grants are a catalyst for change,” said Dana Eidsness, Senior Anti-Hunger Policy Advisor, Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation, and the Future. “Supporting advocacy efforts for just, equitable communities and LGBTQ+ rights is a strategic investment in creating a society that values and celebrates diversity, where all individuals can thrive, contribute, and live authentically. I’m proud to have played a small role in Maine Justice Foundation’s inaugural effort to provide this transformational funding.” Judith Fletcher Woodbury, Board President of the Maine Justice Foundation, adds, “We hope to bring more equity and fairness to this community through the programs to which grants have been

made.” This was the first public request for proposals and open application period for grants from the Fund. The Foundation is issuing five grants for \$10,000 each during this grant round. These are the largest grants to date that the Fund has issued to organizations, and the most organizations supported in a single year. Advisory Committee member Joanne Lewis shares, “I am so proud to be part of Maine Justice Foundation and on the advisory committee of the LGBTQ+ fund. The programs receiving funding will assist the LGBTQ+ community across the state of Maine including our youth, those seeking counseling, schools, access to legal assistance, and more. Great things are in store for our community.”

The grantees and the projects supported are:

NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Maine: A grant to create a training certificate program to be offered for free to behavioral health clinicians and students across Maine to develop skills in working collaboratively with families, schools, primary care, and ancillary providers to better wrap around care for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Maine TransNet: A grant to expand their work providing cultural competency training to medical and

mental health care providers working within the LGBTQ+ community.

Alfond Youth & Community Center: A grant to support their Folks Organizing Reform for Queer Spaces (FORQS) program which includes a social club for LGBTQ+ teens, professional development to its members and the Maine Queer Convention.

Equality Maine Foundation: A grant to conduct a feasibility study for an Equality Maine LGBTQ+ legal aid clinic.

OUT Maine: A grant to support efforts in building inclusive schools through an integrated school climate program to implement best practices of inclusive school environments.

Christopher McLaughlin, Executive Director of the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, was thrilled to hear of the grant award and shared, “NASW ME is honored to have received this grant from the Maine Justice Foundation. This award will allow us to develop and deliver LGBTQ+ clinical competency trainings at no charge to social workers, counselors, and clinicians across Maine. Enhancing provider confidence and competence in working with the LGBTQ+ community is essential in ensuring that some of the most vulnerable

citizens of Maine receive the highest quality of clinical services at a time when this community needs these services the most. We’re eager to begin the work of celebrating the LGBTQ+ community, as well as those allies who serve these individuals, at a time where sadly, many states are attempting to ban or criminalize the work providers are doing to support and strengthen the LGBTQ+ community.”

The mission of Maine TransNet is to ‘support and empower transgender people to create a world where they can thrive.’ Co-Executive Director Bre Kidman says, “We are so grateful to receive support for a program that will increase access for trans people to vital services statewide! As we continue to expand our training and our outreach to providers, we are excited to narrow the gap between LGBTQIA+ people in need and the affirming, culturally competent care they seek.”

FORQS is an LGBTQ+ advocacy and social club for teens at the Alfond Youth & Community Center (AYCC), the nation’s only combined YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs. FORQS has successfully held the Maine Queer Convention, its largest and most impactful event, for the past two years. The Maine Queer Convention offers LGBTQ+ youth and their

allies, school and nonprofit staff, and community members with a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues, plan advocacy work, receive professional development training and forge new friendships. The convention is hosted annually in March at the AYCC’s flagship campus in Waterville. “We are incredibly grateful to the Maine Justice Foundation for this generous grant,” said Avery Ryan, Teen Programs Coordinator and FORQS Advisor, Alfond Youth & Community Center. “Folks Organizing Reform for Queer Spaces (FORQS), our LGBTQ+ advocacy and social club for teens, will use this funding to expand its annual Maine Queer Convention from a Central Maine educational opportunity to a statewide conference for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, school and nonprofit staff, and community members.”

EqualityMaine is the ‘oldest and largest statewide organization dedicated to creating a fair and just society for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Mainers.’ Heide Lester, Development Director for EqualityMaine shares “EqualityMaine is honored and excited to have been awarded funding by the Maine Justice Foundation. With this support, a feasibility study for an LGBTQ+ legal clinic will consider the needs of queer people across all de-

mographics and around the state, with a particular focus on people of color, transgender people, and low-income Mainers. We look forward to further serving our community in partnership with the Maine Justice Foundation.”

The LGBTQ+ Fund of the Maine Justice Foundation was formed by seven founding donors in 2016. The first grants were awarded in 2019. The Fund’s Advisory Committee issued a request for proposals and reviewed applications. The current Advisory Committee members are Judith A. Fletcher Woodbury, retired Partner, Pierce Atwood; Dana Eidsness, Senior Anti-Hunger Policy Advisor, Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation, and the Future; Jessica Feinberg, Professor of Law, University of Maine School of Law; Joanne Lewis, Assistant District Attorney, Bangor; and Jessica Mizzi, Coffin Family Law Fellow, Pine Tree Legal Assistance. For a full description of the LGBTQ+ Fund and the advisory committee, please visit <https://justicemaine.org/grants-and-programs/lgbt-justice-fund/>

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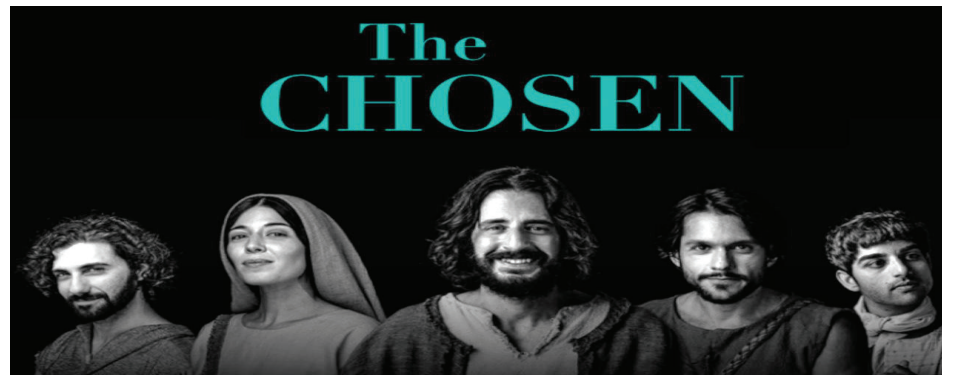


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BUXTON, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Join us each week as we watch Season One of the *The Chosen*, an acclaimed TV show that explores Jesus's ministry through the eyes of the people that knew him.

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series. **THE CHOSEN.** Thursday Nights at 6 pm in July – August at Bar Mills Community Church, 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton. FMI visit our website: www.barmillscommunitychurch.org/chosensummer



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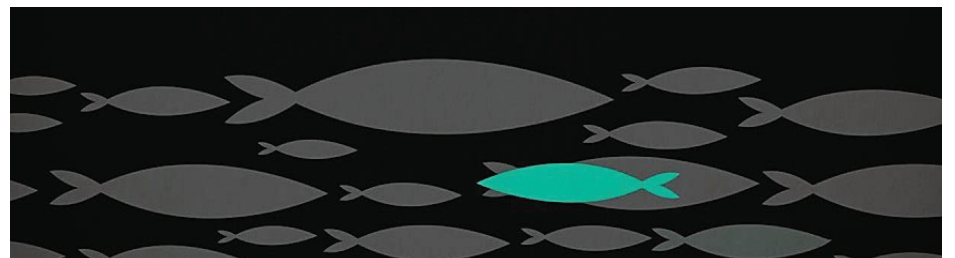
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\$271M Investment a “Game Changer” for Maine Broadband

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 30, 2023) – U.S. Senator Angus King (I-Maine), co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Broadband Caucus, today celebrated the news that \$271 million will be headed to deploy Maine broadband infrastructure from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program. Senator King will join Governor Janet Mills on Thursday morning at the University of Maine Augusta at an event hosted by the Maine

Connectivity Authority to formally announce the news. “Just as rural electrification did in the 1930s, these broadband investments are going to be a game-changer. This technology will help connect thousands of Maine households and businesses to the infrastructure that powers 21st century life, and enable communities across the nation to fully engage in the 21st century economy,” said Senator King. “As remote work becomes more accepted, a high-

speed internet connection means an individual can work for any company in the country – so people can choose to work where they live instead of the other way around. These vital investments in construction and deployment will also go a long way towards Maine’s telehealth needs, as more people will be able to monitor their health with medical professionals without long, time-consuming drives across the state.” Broadband expansion has been one of Senator King’s central priorities

since launching his 2012 Senate campaign. As co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Broadband Caucus, Senator King has been a strong advocate for expanding affordable broadband access as a way to increase economic opportunity in rural Maine – to do away with the “digital divide” holding back millions of Americans. After Senator King’s advocacy and negotiation, President Biden signed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to invest \$65

billion in broadband infrastructure across the nation, with news just last week of \$30 million headed to Maine from the “Middle Mile” Broadband Infrastructure Grant program. The IIJA’s historic broadband provisions include over \$40 billion in block grants to states and \$2 billion for tribal governments, mirroring Senator King’s bipartisan BRIDGE Act and the Digital Equity Act, he championed to invest \$2.75 billion in an array of projects at the state and local level that pro-

mote “digital equity.” Combined with the \$10 billion in funding for broadband in the American Rescue Plan nationwide – an effort Senator King “spearheaded” – Maine is expected to see more than \$400 million for broadband deployment in the upcoming years. Combined with funds appropriated by the State, this investment should allow virtually the entire population of Maine to be connected to high-speed, affordable broadband within the next several years.

Women in Military Service & Sen. Margaret Chase Smith

By: Sen. Susan M. Collins

Each year, June 12 is designated as Women Veterans Recognition Day to celebrate the brave women who have defended our freedom throughout their military service. This year’s observation was especially significant as it marked the 75th anniversary of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 that gave women the right to serve as permanent, regular mem-

bers of the United States Armed Forces. The people of Maine are proud that the leader who authored and championed that landmark legislation was our own Senator Margaret Chase Smith. To mark this special anniversary, I joined the First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, in a ceremony at the inspiring Military Women’s Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, but the true guests of honor were

the women veterans and those who serve today. I was delighted to have the opportunity to describe Margaret Chase Smith’s determination to enable women to have full careers in the American military. Senator Smith was once asked what is a woman’s proper place. Her famous answer? “Everywhere.” She meant it, and she lived it. She was the first woman to serve in both the House and the Senate. Throughout her 32-year congressional career, Margaret Chase Smith was a strong advocate of military readiness and took extraordinary measures to understand the challenges facing our patriots in uniform. During World War II, then-Congresswoman Smith, as a member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, embarked on a 25,000-mile tour of bases in the South Pacific, becoming the first and only civilian woman to sail on a Navy ship during the war. There is no doubt that witnessing the extraordinary contributions of women’s auxiliary units – the WACs, WAVEs, and WASPs – during the war compelled her to author the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act.



Her legislation passed in the Senate by a unanimous vote. In the House, however, the Armed Services Committee amended the bill to limit women’s service to the reserves. Congresswoman Smith stood strong. In her speech on the House floor, she declared: “The issue is simple -- either the armed services have a permanent need of women officers and enlisted women or they do not. If they do, then women must be given permanent status.”

With the support of military leaders, she carried the day. Her original bill passed the House, and President Truman signed it into law on June 12, 1948. Less than a month later, the Navy swore in six women enlistees, the first females to become regular members of our military. Moving to the Senate after the war, she became the first woman to sit on the Senate Armed Services Committee, rising to the position of ranking member. She also served as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve. In each of these roles, Senator Smith went everywhere to champion the roles of women in the military. In 1957, Senator Smith wore a military uniform for a month-long tour of duty to investigate prob-

lems related to recruitment and retention of military personnel, with a focus on the progress being made to integrate women into the armed forces. This tour took her to military bases in four states, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal. Her tour ended in Los Angeles with another remarkable first. On December 3, the 60-year-old senator donned a flight suit, parachute, and oxygen mask, and climbed into the co-pilot’s position of an F-100 Super Sabre jet. Reaching speeds of nearly 1,000 miles per hour, she became the first woman in Congress to break the sound barrier. Reflecting on that singular experience, Senator Smith later said that doing supersonic barrel rolls at 40,000 feet was exhilarating, but her mind was preoccupied by one thought. The big red button that activated the ejection seat was right by her elbow. Don’t accidentally bump it. Margaret Chase Smith went everywhere so that patriotic women could go anywhere their courage and devotion to duty led them. Since her time, women have taken on greater challenges and been given exceptional responsibilities. They serve on the front lines; they fly fighter jets, and they com-

mand Navy ships. Across the branches of service and throughout the ranks, they provide the expertise and the commitment that our national defense requires. From the American Revolution to our time, more than 3 million women have served in our armed forces. Today, women make up more than 17 percent of the active duty force and more than 20 percent of the National Guard and reserves. They contribute immensely to the strength and resilience of our military. Throughout our nation’s history, American women have stood strong for freedom. Today, as never before, they are adding inspiring new chapters. Theirs is the story of citizens answering the call of duty, defending our freedom, and extending the blessings of freedom to others around the world. They have earned our deepest respect and our enduring gratitude.

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Tony Award Winning Composer of TITANIC visits MSMT



Maury Yeston joins the cast and crew of Titanic on stage at MSMT. Photo by Jared Morneau Photography.

BRUNSWICK, ME (June 23, 2023) -- Tony, Drama Desk and Olivier winning composer and lyricist Maury Yeston paid a visit to Maine State Music Theatre on Thursday night to attend one of the final performances of the highly successful production of Titanic.

With music and lyrics by Yeston, and book by Peter Stone, Titanic premiered on Broadway in 1997 and won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and ran for 804 performances. The MSMT production of Titanic, in partnership with Fulton Theatre, opened on June 7 to critical success, strong word of mouth and robust ticket sales. Artistic Director, Curt Dale Clark, took to the stage following the performance on June 22 and welcomed to the stage Titanic Director and Choreographer Marc Robin, as well as Yeston, who was greeted by the full cast, orchestra and crew onstage, and celebratory cheers from an enthusiastic, standing room



only audience.

Yeston applauded the cast of Titanic and Maine State Music Theatre for “the guts, the bravery, the independence, and the commitment to decades of absolute excellence” and for being one of “the most continuously and consistently brilliant theatre companies in the United States.”

Yeston also took a moment to address the recent Titan submersible discovery, which had occurred hours before. “As you know, there’s been a terrible tragedy undersea very, very recently. And unfortunately, all – right next to the Titanic – were lost. We mourn with great

sadness those people. We strive. Sometimes we fail. We have to applaud the striving, and regret the failure. We continue to adventure.”

Yeston continued, “We dedicate this performance to the memory of those sad souls who lost their lives, tragically, on the site of the Titanic.”

Clark and MSMT Business Director Stephanie Dupal hosted a post-

show champagne reception in the lower lobby of the Pickard Theatre for Yeston to meet and mingle with the Titanic cast, crew, Board of Trustees, donors and special guests.

Titanic closes on June 24, 2023. BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story will open with preview performances on June 28, and an official opening of June 29 at the Pickard Theatre at Bowdoin College, with performances continuing through July 15, 2023.

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

Gorham’s BML Hosts Scavenger Hunts with Mr. Jeff

GORHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Bring your sense of adventure and enjoy the thrill of discovery during a Nature Scavenger Hunt! Pack water, sunscreen, bug spray, and prepare to spend 45 mins to 1 hour on this ac-

tivity. All ages are welcome!

Thursday, July 6, 3pm—Frazier Preserve trailhead, located on Access Road near the High School athletic fields.

Thursday, July 20, 3pm—Shaw Park, locat-

ed off of route 237, in the parking lot by the park entrance.

Thursday, August 3, 3pm—Shaw Cherry Hill Farm parking lot, located on Main St. behind the Sebago Brewing Tasting Room.

North Gorham Public Library Welcomes Children’s Author

GORHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) -- The North Gorham Public Library will be hosting children’s book author and illustrator Alexandra Thompson on

Wednesday, July 12th at 10am.

Alexandra is the author and illustrator of A Family for Louie and the illustrator of Ben and Emma’s Big Hit.

She will be reading her books, giving a presentation, Q&A and signing her books!

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MaineCF Awards \$222K in Local Journalism Scholarships

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (June 30, 2023) – The Maine Community Foundation’s (MaineCF) Guy P. Gannett Journalism Scholarship Fund has awarded \$222,000 in scholarships to 19 students studying journalism at the undergraduate or graduate level.

The Gannett Scholarship provides support for students majoring in journalism or a related field and helps pay tuition for undergraduate or graduate studies.

This year’s Gannett Scholarship recipients are Ashley Allen, Yarmouth; Ella Anderson, Long Island; Ryan Bell, Palmyra; Iselin Bratz, Camden; Mark Allen Fuller, Ellsworth; Devin

Gifford, North Yarmouth; Nola Goodwin, Turner; Saber Hanington, Windsor; Michaela Hawthorne, Newport; Quinn McPherson, Kittery; Madison Morin, Benton; Katelin Moody, Appleton; Sam Pausman, Falmouth; Ava Philbrook, Trenton; Moira Sankey, Surry; Anne Shearer, Millinocket; Zachary Taranko, Saco; Sophia Taylor, Mount Desert; and Cali Warren, Brooks.

A volunteer review committee selected the students based on demonstrated interest in journalism, excellence in academic performance and financial need. The application for the 2024 Gannett Scholarship will open in January. For more information, visit www.mainecef.org/scholarships.

MaineCF has worked with donors and educators since 1983 to provide Maine students access to educational opportunities. The community foundation manages more than 650 scholarship funds.

The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine. MaineCF has offices in Ellsworth and Portland with additional staff located across the state. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecef.org.

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

Gorham Senior Property Tax Assistance Applications Available

GORHAM, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Applications are now available for the Town of Gorham Senior Property Tax Assistance Program. This program was established to provide property tax assistance to persons 65

years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet the criteria estab-



lished by this article.

To obtain an application, please visit the Town

Clerk’s Office at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street), or visit the

Town’s website to download and print. Completed applications can be submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office now through the deadline of August 1, 2023. If you have questions and/or need assistance com-

pleting your application, email seniorrebate@gorham.me.us, or call 222-1671.

The Town of Gorham Senior Property Tax Assistance Ordinance can be read on the Town’s website.

MSMT to Present Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

BRUNSWICK, ME (June 19, 2023) -- Before The Beatles, before The Stones, rock and roll was born. Over 90 years ago, a young man from Lubbock, Texas, changed the face of popular music, only to die tragically in a plane crash aged just 22. Now, Maine State Music Theatre presents BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story which tells the story of the three years in which he became the world’s top recording artist with such hits as Peggy Sue, That’ll Be The Day, Oh Boy and more. Experience again, or for the very

first time, this electrifying musical about Buddy Holly, the iconic, 1950s rock ‘n’ roll pioneer and his fellow headliners on the Winter Dance Party Tour, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper, that fateful day in February 1959: the day the music died.

BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story, with a book by Alan Janes and featuring the music of Buddy Holly and others, opened at London’s Victoria Palace Theatre in 1989, where it ran for over 12 years. Subsequent smash hit productions included a thrill-

ing Toronto try-out which preceded a commercial run at the Shubert Theatre on Broadway. Decades of wildly successful productions from around the world followed, including a record-breaking production at MSMT in 2014.

“For my 10th anniversary season, I knew I just HAD to do this show again, which was such a runaway success in my first year ‘in charge’ of MSMT,” says Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. “We sold out and you couldn’t get a ticket – people were calling and beg-

ging us for seats! We’re very excited to return in 2023 with BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story and then, the be-bopping that’s sure to follow up and down the aisles!”

BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story will open with preview performances on June 28, and an official opening of June 29 at the Pickard Theatre at Bowdoin College, with performances continuing through July 15, 2023.

The cast for MSMT’s revival of BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story include Andrew Harvey

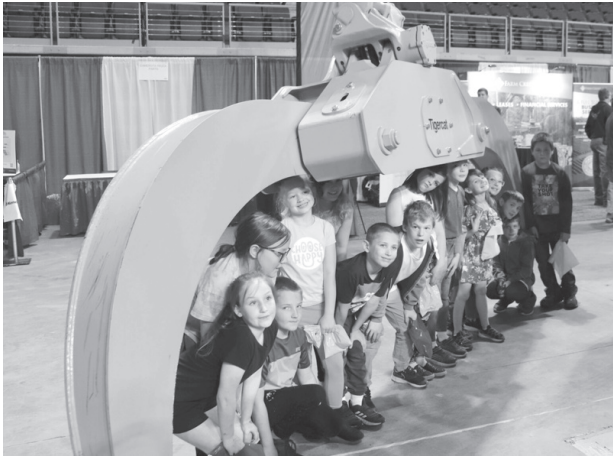
in the title role of Buddy Holly, Diego Guevara as Ritchie Valens and Jayson Elliott reprising his role at MSMT in 2014, Big Bopper. Also featured in the cast/on stage band are Hailey Aviva, Noah Berry, Justin Marriel Boyd, Luke Darnell, Mike Dorsley, David Girolmo, Angela Howell, Sarah Hund, Jannie Jones, Adam Lasalle, Sarah Miramontes, Troy Valjean Rucker, Ken Sandberg and Scott Wakefield.

MSMT’s production and creative team of BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story: Angela Howell

(Director, Music Director, Choreographer), Donovan Dolan (Production Stage Manager), Charles Kading (Scenic Design), Ryan Joyner (Projections), Annalise Caudle (Lighting), Shannon Slaton (Sound Design), Jane Alois Stein (Costume Design), Kevin Foster (Wig and Hair Design).

Tickets for BUDDY: The Buddy Holly Story, and all MSMT productions, can be purchased only by calling the Box Office at 207.725.8769 or by visiting www.msmt.org.

Maine TREE Foundation Supports Future of Maine Forests



Third-graders at the NELA Logging Expo in Bangor

AUGUSTA, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Investment in green workforce development in Maine is growing. As the baby boomer generation reaches retirement age, there is an increasing need for young adults across natural resource industries. In the forestry sector, in particular, 37% of the 2020 workforce will have reached or surpassed retirement age by 2035. There are an abundance of well-worn boots that need filling.

On a global scale, as climate change rapidly shifts systems and economies, Maine's heritage industries are well positioned to integrate generations-built wisdom and new technologies to serve the 21st century. Innovation and growing applications are creating new roles in natural resource industries, from wood composite engineers to mountain bike trail builders.

Luckily, when it comes to green jobs, youth are interested! Research shows that rural youth in Maine have a strong attachment to the natural world. Having grown up immersed in narratives about the need to steward natural resources well and give back to their communities, Maine's young people are excited to find their place in the out-of-doors.

Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education Foundation (Maine TREE) is taking a multi-pronged approach to facilitating green jobs exposure and empowerment for Maine's students. Through job fairs, direct classroom engagement, and bringing students to

the field, Maine TREE, and partner organizations promote the natural resource workforce development Maine needs.

Job Fairs

Job fairs are an age-old tool to expose students to opportunities in the workforce. Maine TREE travels the state to attend traditional job fairs, setting up a table where students can complete Project Learning Tree's Find Your Green Job Quiz, a set of questions that assess students' interests and temperament to recommend a personalized green job fit. Through traditional job fairs, Maine TREE staff interact with a broad population of Maine's students, planting the seeds of ideas for future training and employment opportunities.

This May, Maine TREE worked with the Piscataquis Environmental Education Collaborative, a collaboration between Rural Aspirations, Appalachian Mountain Club, Natural Resource Education Center, and Piscataquis Soil & Water Conservation District, to organize and pilot a reimagined job fair experience. The 2023 Green Jobs Fair hosted middle school students from Piscataquis Community Elementary School and SeDoMoCha Middle School for a day at Law Farm with representatives from various local natural resource sector employers. "Instead of a typical job fair where students are introduced to professions through displays and pamphlets, students were able to participate in hands-on explorations of portions of each career," explained



Old Town Elementary third-graders at NELA Logging Expo in Bangor

Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District Educational Coordinator Kacey Weber. "They were introduced to logging through the cab of a forwarder and the game warden profession through volunteering to get 'lost' and being found by the warden and their K-9 partner."

Steph Perkins, Piscataquis County Youth Education Coordinator, reflected on the event's impact, saying, "The Green Job Event was a meaningful way to connect youth in Piscataquis County to the region's unique natural resources and career opportunities. Through hands-on activities, students were able to experience natural resource-based professions and develop a better understanding of the natural world so that they will want to protect it now and in the future."

Bringing Green Jobs to the Classroom

While Maine TREE specializes in providing teachers with the tools, connections, and professional development necessary to incorporate green jobs into classroom curricula, staff occasionally have the opportunity to visit classrooms to work with students directly. This spring, Maine TREE staff visited six seventh-grade classrooms in Portland and three first-grade classrooms in Old Town to share games and stories about forest management and the people who tend to Maine's extensive woods.

A Maine TREE partner organization, Rural Aspirations, holds ex-

perience in implementing programming to connect rural Maine students with opportunities within their communities, including green job opportunities. This spring marked the close of the fifth year of one of Rural Aspirations' core programs, the Maine Forest Collaborative. Eight high schools worked through a design process to identify and solve challenges during the 2022-23 school year to contribute to their forest-placed communities. Students and teachers were connected with relevant local experts in green careers to help them understand their challenges and troubleshoot their solution prototypes. Through this year's Maine Forest Collaborative program, students contributed to the restoration of a local waterfront, developed a community mountain bike park, and planted school gardens.

Sara King, the Maine Forest Collaborative Program Coordinator, shared about the program: "The students appreciated the opportunity to learn outside of a traditional classroom and recognized the work readiness skills they were developing, like communication, interpersonal relations, leadership, and problem-solving. During a reflection at the final presentation event, students expressed that this project taught them time management, focus, responsibility, accountability, and the importance of planning. One student said, 'It was a very beneficial class. It means being an involved member in your community,' another said, 'You feel a part of something good, something that can possibly help people.' Students were proud of their accomplishments and projects, and many reported that presenting in front of an audience was a highlight!"

Bringing Students to Industry

Maine's vibrant forest economy provides ample opportunities to bring students to the field to see green jobs in action. Maine TREE partnered with the Northeastern Loggers Asso-

ciation (NELA) in early May to bring 130 Old Town Elementary School third-graders to NELA's annual Logging Expo in Bangor. Students spent the morning walking the floor in small groups with a teacher and a forestry professional. They saw demonstrations and learned how loggers employ various equipment in harvest operations. After a pizza lunch, students engaged in a high-energy Question and Answer session with ten NELA member volunteers.

"I'm amazed that people can do so many skills with heavy machinery," one third-grader shared, "I enjoyed meeting all of the loggers and learning about how trees are harvested." Her teacher, Old Town Elementary's Renee St. Peter, was similarly enthusiastic about the experience, "Our town in the late 1800s was the Lumber capital of the World, so when Maine TREE and the Loggers' Association approached us...we jumped at the opportunity! ...[The students] enjoyed talking to the logging professionals and learning about their equipment. As one student said, 'It was the BEST field trip ever!'"

Later in May, Maine TREE partnered with NEXTStep, a collaboration between Tree Street Youth and Lewiston Public Schools to bring a group of high school students to see a "Roots to Retail" demonstration at Higos Inc. Higos staff demonstrated how 1' by 4' construction boards come to be: from felling through milling, all on their site in Brunswick.

NEXTStep instructor Noelle Auger reflected on the experience, "One of our core values at NEXTStep is to immerse kids in novel experiences, especially ones that involve our local communities. Many of the students on this trip had never experienced a lumber mill like this. It was really eye-opening and valuable for them to see the process of trees being turned into lumber, and many expressed interest in learning more about the field and forest work in general. We are super grateful to have made connections with both Higos and Maine TREE so we can continue to introduce students to empowering and impactful jobs right here in Maine."

Reflecting on a busy spring, Maine TREE's Director of Education, Lena Ives is full of hope for the future, "The need for green workforce development in

Maine is pressing, but students are ready and eager. Watching their excitement grow through these events and opportunities is such a joy."

Looking forward to summer 2023, Forests of Maine Teachers' Tours are quickly approaching. This year, tours will travel to the Downeast and Katahdin regions, providing teachers with 30+ hours of professional development on incorporating forestry and the out-of-doors into their classroom curricula and connecting students directly with green jobs training, opportunities, and exposure. Maine TREE also continues to grow its Forest Ecology Research Network, a series of school-associated 1/10th acre research plots where students can learn about forestry, data collection, and climate change through hands-on experience in the woods. Professional development training for interested teachers and forestry professionals will be offered in August.

Are you interested in getting involved in natural resource workforce development in Maine? Contact Maine TREE's Director of Education, Lena Ives, by emailing lena@mainetree.org.

Funding for Maine TREE Foundation's workforce development and green jobs initiatives is generously provided by Maine Timberlands Charitable Trust, Onion Foundation, and Farm Credit East Northeast AgEnhancement.-----

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July 7

NORWAY -- Opening Minds through Art (OMA) art show on Friday, July 7, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at SeniorsPlus, 9 Marston St., Norway, ME. The public is invited to an art opening in the Norway office featuring OMA artists and their art. Free. Contact SeniorsPlus at 207-795-4010, edcenter@seniorsplus.org.

July 8

LEWISTON -- Magician Phil Smith will be coming to the Lewiston Public Library in Callahan Hall on Saturday, July 8th 2023 at 11am. Information can also be found on our website at <https://lplonline.org/events/magician-phil-smith/>

July 10, 17, 24;

August 7, 14, 21, 28

LEWISTON -- The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with ArtVan, will be offering art programs in Kennedy Park this summer for children ages 5-14 on Mondays July 10, 17, 24 and August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:00PM. Information can also be found on our website at <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-july/> and <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-august/>

For any further information, please contact the Children's Department at LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov or call 207-513-3133.

July 12

LEWISTON -- Outdoor Hiring Event on Wednesday, July 12th from noon to 3:00pm in Kennedy Park, 120 Park Street, Lewiston. Co-sponsored by The Wellness Mobile, Recovery Connections of Maine and Maine CareerCenters. Bring your best self and speak with multiple employers offer great local job opportunities! The event is free, open to ALL job seekers and will be held rain or shine! For more information and a list of participating businesses, visit: <https://www.mainecareercenter.com/locations/jobfair.shtml?id=11185022>

July 13

LEWISTON -- Thursday July 13th veterans who chose the Air Force went to Sampson AFBVA for basic training will be having a get together at noon time at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. Some of these veterans, and folks with a connection to Sampson AFB, gather monthly through the summer months for lunch and share stories and memories. Veterans of all eras and branches of service and their guests are welcome to join.

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Fridays July 14 – August 18

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July 15

GORHAM -- On Saturday, July 15th, starting at 1:00 pm at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden located at 120 Flagg Meadow Road in Gorham, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of bearded iris rhizomes. All are welcome.

July 19

LEWISTON -- THE HONEY EXCHANGE Join us at the Lewiston Public Library for a beekeeping presentation by The Honey Exchange in Callahan Hall at 5:30PM. In addition to the presentation on behavior and

contribution of honeybees, The Honey Exchange will be showcasing a traveling observation hive. There will be a honey tasting at the end of the presentation. This presentation is free, for all ages, open to the public, and no registration is required. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

July 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29

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July 22

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Preble Street Teen Services Expands Program to Biddeford

PORTLAND, ME (June 21, 2023)— There are approximately 15,000 youth experiencing homelessness in Maine, and in 2022, more than 30% of Maine's homeless population was under the age of 24. As part of its efforts to address this growing crisis, Preble Street has expanded its housing and outreach programs for youth over the last several years. Now, thanks to a \$348,000 grant from MaineHousing, the Preble Street Teen Services program is creating transitional housing units in Biddeford for up to 12 youth experiencing homelessness.

Over the last six years, Preble Street's First Place Transitional Living Program, part of its Teen Housing Services programming, has provided low-barrier housing for youth experiencing homelessness in southern Maine with high levels of success. Youth in the program receive rental assistance and casework support as they learn the skills necessary to live independently. The new funds from MaineHousing will be used to expand the First Place program to a multi-unit building located in Biddeford and owned by Biddeford Housing Authority. This 3-unit,

6-bedroom building will provide safe, low-barrier transitional housing for 10-12 homeless youth between the ages of 16-24 over the next two years.

"It's been a true gift to walk alongside the young people in our First Place program and support them as they reach towards their goals of stability, safety, and independence," says Hailey Virusso, Director of Teen Housing Services. "We're excited to continue growing this program and expand our abilities to serve youth outside of Cumberland County. This is the step up that these youth need to thrive."

"Biddeford Housing's goal is to provide affordable housing options for all segments in our community," shares Guy Gagnon, Executive Director of Biddeford Housing Authority. We are very fortunate to be partnering with Preble to help house and mentor the many local young adults who often slip through the cracks."

In conjunction with the expansion of First Place, Preble Street Teen Services also launched a Street Outreach program this month to connect unhoused youth in Cumberland and York counties to supportive ser-

vices. The current route for street outreach caseworkers focuses on the Portland and Biddeford areas.

Preble Street Teen Services launched in 1996 and has grown to provide an integrated system of care and safety including, low-barrier access to shelter, food, basic needs, casework, mental health supports, education and employment services, and a variety of housing options for youth between the ages of 12-24 experiencing homelessness.

Preble Street is a non-profit human service agency serving the most vulnerable people in Maine since 1975 through innovative, best-practice, client-centered programs. In addition to the largest direct service emergency food program in northern New England, Preble Street operates low-barrier programs throughout Maine providing 24/365 services for individuals and families, including homeless youth, women, veterans, and survivors of human trafficking, driven by its mission to meet urgent needs, empower people to move beyond the crises in their lives, and advocate for solutions to homelessness, hunger, and poverty. PrebleStreet.org

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