

Family Yoga Comes to Gorham at Baxter Memorial Library



GORHAM, ME (July 7, 2023) -- July 18 & August 15 from 10-10:45am, grab your yoga mat or use one of ours and join Ren Hawkes on the Library Green for Family Yoga Tuesdays. Ideally for ages 5-10, but all are welcome. No registration required.

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 established 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 completing 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.

GORHAM SUMMER CONCERTS In the Gazebo 2023

Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30pm

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| June 27th | — | Better Than Bad Band |
| July 11th | — | Falmouth Flukes |
| July 18th | — | World Famous Grassholes |
| July 25th | — | Andi Fawcett |
| Aug 1st | — | Don Campbell Trio |
| Aug 8th | — | Crib Stone |

SUMMER THURSDAYS '23 3-WEEK MEAL PLANNER

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| | 6/29: Lucky Lou's - Cheese the Day - L/A Taco - Sandwich Shack - Pink Waffle - Millside Hot Dogs - Fred's Fried Dough - Top It Ice Cream | |
| | 7/6: Fat Pockets - Mow's Munchies - Meet on the Street - Crepe Elizabeth - Empanada Club - Millside Hot Dogs - Fred's Fried Dough - Maine Maple Creemee | |
| | 7/13: Lucky Lou's - Great Scott's Mac Wagon - Sandwich Shack - Ironclad Eats - On A Roll - Millside Hot Dogs - Fred's Fried Dough - Top It Ice Cream | |

Summer Thursdays runs weekly (4pm - 8pm) from June 1st to September 28th
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A Night at the Opera, Chamber Music, and “The Magic of Bach”



Stacey Stofferahn



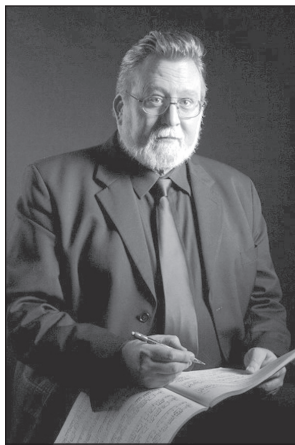
Celine Mogielnicki



David Small



Cara Chowning



Daniel Pyle

BAR HARBOR, ME (July 7, 2023) -- Friday, July 14 at 7:30 pm: Bar Harbor Festival Opera Theatre presents “Die Fledermaus” by Johann Strauss – the only live professional opera north of Portland in the summer – come hear the Metropolitan Opera stars of tomorrow in Bar Harbor today. Die Fledermaus is one of the most popular comic operettas – full of familiar tunes, mistaken identities, and festive frivolity. This presentation is directed by Joseph De

Sota with Cara Chowning as the Music Director.

This marks the Festival operatic debut of the highly touted Soprano, Stacey Stofferahn praised by Opera Magazine, London “Stofferahn displayed all the attributes you could wish for... sweet, generously vibrant... and just the right touch of vibrato.”

The perfect opera venue is the acoustically magnificent 1932 Criterion Theatre, 35 Cottage Street, Bar Harbor.

Saturday, July 15, 7:30 pm at the Criterion Theatre, the Bar Harbor Festival Piano Quartet performs. Festival favorite violinist Janey Choi of the Ardelia Trio leads fellow Juilliard alumni Sarah Adams, Violist, Melissa Westgate, Cellist, and Vadim Serebryany, Pianist in a chamber music program of music by Mozart and Brahms with 2 new additions: Melissa Westgate’s own work “Elements of Grace” and “Movement for String Trio”

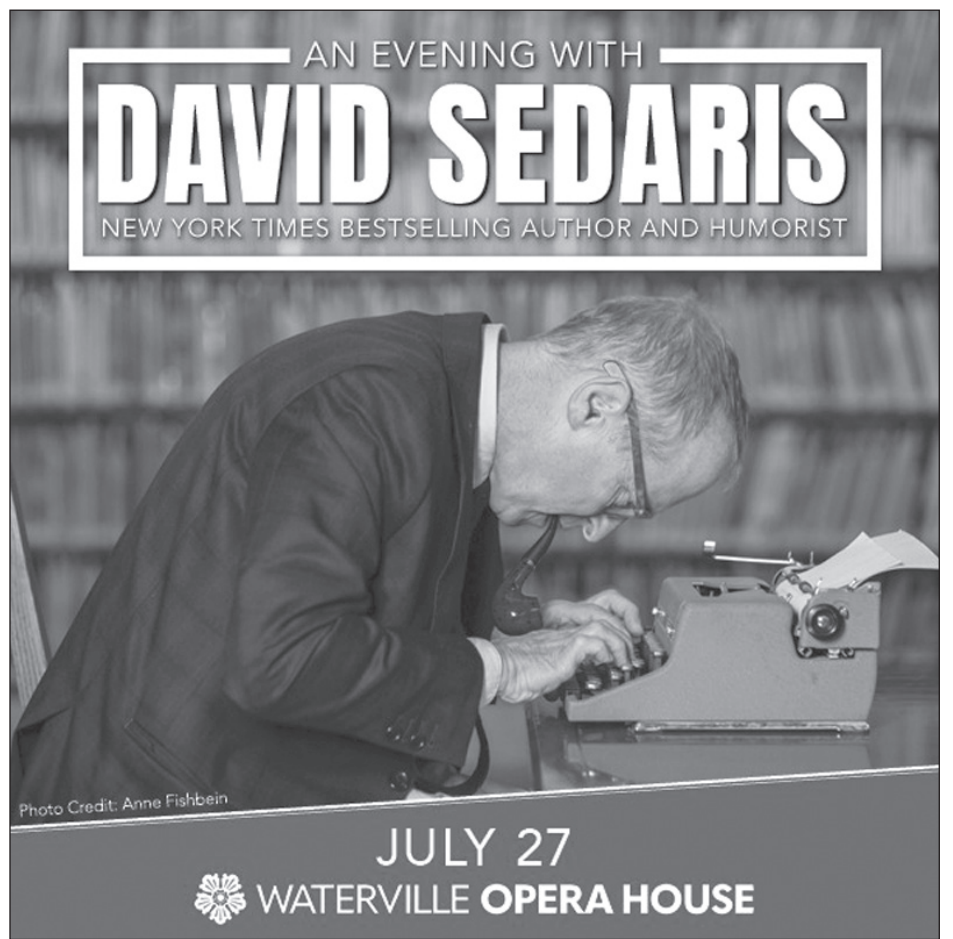
by African-American composer Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson. This program will be repeated on Sunday, July 16, 4:00 pm at the Belfast Free Library, Gammons Room, as well as on Monday, July 17, 2:30 pm at the Birch Bay Village Retirement Community.

The musical feast will move to St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church on Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 pm curtain with “The Magic of Bach”. Harpsichordist, Daniel Pyle; Flutists, Allison Kiger and Catherine Bull; Violinists, Janey Choi, Jessica Tsang, and Thomas Cooper, as well as Violist, Laura Gallucci and Cellist, Tim Garrett will be heard in the J.S. Bach Brandenburg Concerti Nos. 4 and 5, as well as excerpts from the Bach Suite in B Minor. Harpsichordist, Daniel Pyle is the Music Director at St. Saviour’s.

The Bar Harbor Music Festival celebrates its 2023 57th Season from June 25 through July 30. Performances are in Bar Harbor: solo recitals, chamber music, “Pops”, “New Composers”, opera, jazz, 2 string orchestra concerts, and a “New Composer” Forum, as well as 5 Young Audience Concerts. In Belfast: 4 recitals and chamber music concerts at the Belfast Free Library. Festival venues include Bar Harbor historic landmarks: “La Rochelle”, the 1903 mansion at 127 West Street (home of the Bar Harbor Historical Society); the 1932 Criterion Theatre at 35 Cottage Street, the Jesup Memorial Library at 34 Mt. Desert Street, and St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church at 41 Mt. Desert Street.

For tickets and information call or visit the Festival office at 59 Cottage Street, Bar Harbor/ Telephone: (207) 288-5744. www.barharbormusicfestival.org

Humorist, Author David Sedaris Live at Waterville Opera House



WATERVILLE, ME (July 7, 2023) -- David Sedaris, author of the previous bestsellers Calypso, Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, and regular National Public Radio contributor will be appearing for one night only at the Waterville Opera House on Thursday, July 27th, 2023 at 7:30pm, following the release of his newest books Happy-Go-Lucky and A Carnival of Snackery.

This is a unique opportunity to see the best-selling humorist in an intimate setting. As always, Sedaris will be offering a selection of all-new readings and recollections, as well as a Q&A session and book signing. Books will be available for sale at the event, courtesy of Bull Moose Music.

With sardonic wit and

incisive social critiques, Mr. Sedaris has become one of America’s pre-eminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. One of his new books, The Best of Me (Little Brown/Hachette, Fall 2020), is a collection of 42 previously published stories and essays, about which novelist Andrew Sean Greer wrote in the New York Times: “You must read “The Best of Me.” It will be a new experience, knowing that enough time has passed to find humor in the hardest parts of life. More than ever — we’re allowed to laugh.”

If you love David Sedaris’s cheerfully mis-

anthropic stories, you might think you know what you’re getting into at his live readings. You’d be wrong. To see him read his own work on stage allows his autobiographical narrative to reveal a uniquely personal narrative that will keep you laughing throughout the evening. Don’t miss this event!

All seats at the Waterville Opera House are reserved, range from \$50-\$60 and are subject to additional taxes and fees. Tickets go on sale to the general public at 10am on Friday, May 19th at www.DavidSedarisOnTour.com.

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Maine Outdoor Film Festival 2023 Presents The Puffin Program

PORTLAND, ME (July 7, 2023) -- Join The Maine Outdoor Film Festival, presented by ReVision Energy, for a two and a half hour program of outdoor adventure and conservation short films, shown outdoors, at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute for the opening night of the festival.

- The film program will last about two and a half hours, including a 10-minute intermission.
- Please bring your own camp chair/blanket.
- On A Roll Food Truck will be joining us for the event.

- Outside water/snacks are allowed.
- No pets allowed.
- Film program is subject to change.

Schedule of Films:

DARKEST BEFORE DAWN - Alex Eggermont - 20 Min.

Peek into the world of Belgian climber Siebe Vanhee's authentic, raw process of his first season climbing on Yosemite's hardest big wall. The infamous Dawn Wall proves to be a challenge in more ways than one. "Darkest before Dawn" combines genuine storytelling with a cinematic approach bringing together a story beyond just the climbing. The film encapsulates the beauty of the body language when hanging from its fingertips thousands of feet off the ground.

THE BATTLE FOR BIG LAKE - Stephen Underwood - 20 Min.

The Grand Lake Stream region of Maine, a world renowned fly fishing destination in Washington County, has lured anglers from around the globe for nearly two centuries. In 2019, highly invasive milfoil - often perceived as a "Southern Maine problem" - was discovered in Big Lake, and soon afterwards in other water bodies connected to it. This

aggressive milfoil has the ability to destroy pristine water quality, choke off native species and cripple lakes that are vital to the economy of Maine. This is a story of community commitment, courage and resilience, and of what Maine people can do when they come together to save something they love.

THE OLDEST TRAIL - Cam Willis - 18 Min.

Starting on June 6th, 2022, in honor of National Trails Day, Outdoor Gear Exchange embarked on a fundraiser for the Green Mountain Club in the form of an end-to-end relay hike of the entire length of the Long Trail.

THE FEEDING FRENZY - Roger Scott McCord - 7 Min.

A brood of five Phoebe hatchlings is obsessed from nest to first flight.

MAINE MAPLE - Jeshua Soucy - 4 Min.

The story of Maine maple syrup from sap out of a tree to pouring it over your pancakes.

MILES TO GO - James Saunders - 9 Min.

In 2022 alone there have been over 300 anti LGBTQ+ bills proposed in various states across the country. Refusing to sit idly by, trans trail runner Perry Cohen (he/him) formed a team of fellow runners who identify as trans men with an aim to compete in races in states proposing and passing hateful legislation. Miles to Go follows their journey into the world of trail running and the freedom to be themselves on the trail.

OUR NORWEGIAN FJORD - Art Bell - 3 Min.

Lake Willoughby, was formed by receding glaciers leaving Mount Pisgah to the left, Mount Hor to the right, two halves split apart by mother nature. On the Canadian border, a National Natural Landmark, over 11,500

years old. Surprisingly this water flows north to the Gulf of St Lawrence, then out to the Atlantic ocean.

FROM THE SHADOW OF A MOUNTAIN - Alex Massey - 6 Min.

Markelle Taylor started running as a way to turn his life around. Today, he runs free in America's oldest trail race, on a mountain which was once unreachable.

TO THE HILLS & BACK - Mike Quigley - 46 Min.

At a remote back-country cabin, a veteran mountain guide and his daughter connect and reflect upon a lifetime in the mountains. Avalanche accidents have been happening in the mountains since humans first started traveling within them and we learn about this evolution of winter recreation and avalanche safety. Stories unfold and we hear from several characters including those with life shattering events. Many of these stories share striking similarities that those who follow can learn from.

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MaineCF Names New Senior Director Of Communications

PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (July 7, 2023) — The Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) has named Matt Grondin as senior director of communications and marketing.

Grondin has more than 15 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations and was most recently director of communications at eomaine. He served in multiple roles at Maine Public before that. He is based in MaineCF's

Portland office and oversees its messaging, public relations, communications and marketing.

"MaineCF is the gold standard in community-based impact for my home state of Maine," Grondin said. "I am thrilled to be part of this team that reaches every part of the state and is oriented toward tackling the big issues we face."

Grondin was raised in Bangor and lives in Cumberland with his family.



Law Authorizes Multi-Use Trail from Standish to Fryeburg

PORTLAND, ME (July 07, 2023) – Governor Janet Mills has signed LD 404 into law, which authorizes the MaineDOT to construct a multi-use trail on the old Mountain Division Rail Line between Fryeburg and Standish. The bill was passed by a large majority in the Maine Senate and House of Representatives, demonstrating the legislature's belief in the value of investing in trails for recreation and transportation. With the Governor's signature, an interim trail can now be built on 31 miles of unused rail corridor.

For the Mountain Division Alliance and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, the action represents the fulfillment of a dream they have both worked on for more than twenty years.

"The passage by both houses of the state legislature and the signing by the Governor of LD 404 is the culmination of 30 years of work by many individuals, organizations, and municipalities," said Mountain Division Alliance President Dave Kinsman.

"The Bicycle Coalition of Maine has long recognized the value of converting the unused Mountain Division rail

corridor into a trail, and we join with many partners in celebrating that work on this trail is now imminent" said the Coalition's executive director, Jean Sideris.

The bill's passage into law is the end of a long process. After a 7-month review of potential rail and non-rail uses for the Mountain Division rail corridor from Standish to Fryeburg, the 12-member Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council (RUAC) voted 11-1 to recommend the interim conversion of 31 miles of the existing railroad track to an interim 10'-wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail. The MaineDOT reviewed the proposal and backed the bill to move forward with authorizing the creation of a trail.

Under Maine law, the conversion of rail lines to trails is always interim until such time as the return of train operations is viable. "Trail until rail" is how DOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note characterizes such projects.

Once completed, the Mountain Division Trail will be a continuous 40-mile trail from South Windham to Fryeburg going through Gorham, Windham, Standish, Bald-

win, Hiram, Brownfield, and Fryeburg. Eventually, it will connect with Portland on the eastern end and New Hampshire to the west.

The Mountain Division Trail is expected to be both a recreational asset and an important transportation route for active transportation. Paul Schumacher, the President of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission noted: "The passage of LD404 creates a pivotal moment and opportunity for the residents and towns along the western section of the Mountain Division Rail Corridor. The confluence of this opportunity with availability of grants and other funds brings the reality of accelerated economic development in the form of new businesses, real estate development, health benefits, and tourism within our reach."

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Surprises Abound on Sebasticook River



Trip leader Allan Fuller navigates a rapid on Sebasticook River



A tandem canoe team bounces through waves



A paddler demonstrates his poling skills

By Ron Chase

A paddling trip on Sebasticook River between Clinton and Winslow offers boaters a variety of stimulating adventures. The five mile sector between Clinton and Benton Falls Dam is almost continuous quick water and includes three distinct whitewater rapids. Below the dam, there are easy rapids followed by a steady current to Winslow. Predominantly undeveloped along the shore, the entire outing is very scenic.

The character of the lower portion changed dramatically in 2008 when the Fort Halifax Dam in Winslow was breached. That accomplishment coupled with the earlier removal of the Edwards Dam

on the Kennebec in August has resulted in free-flowing rivers from Benton Falls Dam to the ocean at Popham. This has allowed an abundance of native sea-run fish such as alewives, striped bass, salmon, sturgeon, and shad to return.

Fish-eating birds, particularly eagles, have followed the food supply and now flourish on the lower Sebasticook. Maine Marine Resources reports a higher concentration of eagles in this area than any other in the continental United States. Allan Fuller has been coordinating trips on the Sebasticook River for the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society for many years. For a variety of reasons,

my wife, Nancy, and I have never been able to participate in one. When he announced a June Sebasticook club trip, we immediately signed on.

Logistics for the trip were complicated. Some participants wanted to paddle both sections while others just the lower. Allan left a shuttle van at the takeout at Fort Halifax Park located at the confluence with the Kennebec River in Winslow. Those who wanted join for just the lower would meet at a parking area below Benton Falls Dam.

Ten eager paddlers met at Mill Park in Clinton where there is a hand-carry boat landing. The weather was superb with sunny

skies, warm temperatures, and light winds. The group consisted of a combination of solo canoeists and kayakers, and one tandem canoe team.

Before launching, Allan provided a safety talk. He took time to describe each of the three rapids and suggested preferable routes to avoid hazards, and he advised that the portage trail around the dam was on the left.

The first rapid began shortly after departing. Everyone successfully navigated through a wave train on the left. Not far beyond, we followed Allan's suggestion and entered the next rapid to the right of an island. The tricky descent angled far left at the bottom.

Several large obviously well-fed eagles were circling the area. They were in pursuit of schools of migrating alewives. We observed one eagle diving into the water and scooping up a meal. Competition for the food supply appeared to be the reason why an osprey was engaged in air combat with a quartet of eagles.

The dramatic air show was soon supplanted

by the third rapid. Longer than the previous two, navigating through waves in the middle was the preferable route to avoid rocks and pour overs. Our capable group of Chowderheads enjoyed an error-free descent.

A stretch of flatwater preceded arrival at Benton Falls Dam. About a 200 yard portage trail led around the dam on the left. Two new paddlers joined us for the remainder of the voyage. The dam's fish passage facility consists of a lift that assists millions of alewives, Atlantic salmon, and American shad in their journey upriver each year.

The lower section began with several easy rapids. Quick water followed for the remainder of the outing. The eagle presence was even greater than upriver. At one point, Nancy and I counted seven eagles in the air over the river at the same time. They were attracted by several sizeable patches of ripples that were in actuality schools of alewives just below the surface.

Near the end of the outing, Outlet Stream entered on the left. Until recently, it had been over 200

years since alewives had been able to reach China Lake due to dams on the stream. With the removal or modification of six dams, hundreds of thousands of alewives now migrate seven miles upstream to spawn in the lake.

The current increased in velocity as we approached the remains of the Fort Halifax Dam. Shortly beyond, we disembarked at Fort Halifax Park completing a remarkable day of adventures on a very unique river.

Fifteen more river exploits are narrated in my book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is available at www.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

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Black Bear Bites Porter Woman

PORTER, ME (June 30, 2023) – The Maine Warden Service is investigating an incident where a black bear bit a Porter woman after she punched the bear.

At approximately 11:30 this morning 64-year-old Lynn Kelly of Porter was out working in her garden in her back yard when her dog started barking and took off into the woods. Kelly heard her dog continue to bark then yelp, and when she went to investigate, her dog came running out of the woods, being chased by a black bear.

Kelly confronted the bear head on, and when the bear stood up, she stood up as tall as she could, then punched the bear in the nose, whereupon the bear bit her in the right hand, puncturing her wrist. The

bear immediately released her wrist, then ran back into the woods, leaving Kelly and her unharmed dog behind.

Kelly called 911, and was transported to Memorial Hospital in North Conway by ambulance, where she was treated for puncture wounds to her wrist.

The bear has not been seen since the provoked attack. The Department has set two live-capture culvert-style traps to try and capture the bear alive. The bear had been seen in previous days in nearby yards eating birdseed that had been left outside.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reminds people that black bears can be found throughout the state, and to:

Remove potential

wildlife attractants from your yard

If bears have been seen in your area, do not wait to remove potential food sources from your yard

Attractants can include bird feeders, bird seed on the ground, unsecured garbage, pet food and even barbecue grills.

If you do see a bear, keep your distance, and do not corner or agitate the bear

If you are a dog owner and have seen a bear in your neighborhood, please

Walk your dog on a non-retractable leash

If you see a bear, turn around and leave

Do not get in between your dog and a bear

Turn any outside lights on before letting your dog outside at night

Don't Miss Sunflower Festival at Coppal House Farm



LEE, NH (July 7, 2023) -- Come walk through 5 acres of live blooming golden sunflowers during the 9th annual Sunflower Festival, daily July 29th through August 6th. While visiting stroll through specialty gardens that feature sunflowers of all shapes, sizes, colors, and textures.

This year's 9-day Sunflower Festival is Saturday, July 29th through Sunday, August 6th from 10:00am – 6:00pm. This is a great outdoor family friendly event that is enjoyed by photographers,

sunflower lovers, and outdoor enthusiasts every year!

While you are there you can visit with their draft horses, chickens, and sheep, take pictures of the sunflowers, and shop for their meats and local merchandise in the farm store. On the weekends, you can listen to local musicians, shop for creative handmade goods at the 40-vendor craft fair and relax in the wine garden featuring Flag Hill Distillery & Winery.

Guests are welcome to bring in their own food



and have a picnic or they can grab lunch from one of the local food vendors and make sure to save room for some Memories Ice Cream!

Weekend Activities Include:

- Live Music
- Craft Fair with 40 local crafters
- Local Food Vendors
- Wine Garden with Flag Hill Distillery & Winery

- Animal Viewing
- Children's Activities with Community Roots NH

Special Activities Include:

- Friday, July 28th | Booze & Blooms (pre-ticketed 21+ event)
- Sunday, July 30th | Sunrise in the Sunflowers (pre-ticketed event)
- Monday – Friday | Farm Tours @ 11:00am
- Wednesday, August



2nd | Draft Horse Photo Day (10am – 12pm)
Touch-A-Tractor Day (10am–2pm)

· Friday, August 5th | Old Fashioned Car & Truck Day (3pm – 5 pm)

This year the festival will be kicked off with a new event Booze & Blooms! Here you will be the first to enjoy the vast fields of sunflowers in the glowing evening light while enjoying a beverage from Flag Hill while local musician Ken Budka performs in the background. This is a 21+ pre-ticketed event with a limited num-

ber of tickets available. Make sure to visit their website www.nhsunflower.com for more detailed information on vendors, special activities, how to plan for your visit and tickets! They are a pet free farm so make sure to plan for your fur babies to stay home.

Get your tickets online, grab your water bottle, put on your sunscreen, and hat, and prepare for an awesome day viewing beautiful sunflowers, listening to music, and shopping amazing local crafters!

Pine Tree Camp Makes a Splash with Adaptive Watersports

ROME, ME (June 12, 2023) – This summer we're making a splash at Pine Tree Camp with our annual adaptive Watersports Weekend offered Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. Thanks to our friends at Equip for Living Foundation and Leap of Faith Adaptive Skiers, kids and adults of all abilities will have the chance to water-ski on North Pond. From being seated or standing up with adaptive gear, everyone will have the chance to hold the tow rope and ski behind the boat.

The waterfront will be open for swimming, boating and kayak trips. Archery, sports courts, biking and hiking will also be available.

This experience is open to people with dis-



abilities and their families or caregivers. Participants are invited to sign up for one or both days.

The watersports experience might be just one weekend, but the sense of freedom and confidence campers gain by trying something new and doing more than they thought

they could last a lifetime.

"It's a great weekend," said Pine Tree Camp director, Dawn Willard-Robinson. "So many people get to try water skiing for the first time and it's fun to see how quickly people progress in their confidence and skills during the day, perhaps starting with

someone standing next to them, perhaps trying it all on their own."

Registration is required and financial assistance is available.

- Who:** Children and adults with disabilities
What: Pine Tree Camp

Adaptive Watersports Weekend

When: 10:00am - 4:00pm daily Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23

Where: Pine Tree Camp 114 Pine Tree Camp Rd., Rome, Maine

Apply: <https://pinetreesociety.org/campminder-info/>
Full tuition assistance is available.

More about Pine Tree Camp: Established in 1945, Pine Tree Camp is a program of Pine Tree Society and is Maine's only American Camp Association-accredited camp for people with disabilities. Every year, hundreds of Maine children and adults with disabilities arrive at Pine Tree Camp in Rome and their lives are transformed. Year-round,

campers experience freedom and independence by actively participating in outdoor activities like kayaking, boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, biking, archery, snowshoeing and even ice-fishing thanks to Pine Tree Camp's 285-acre, fully-accessible campus on North Pond. Full tuition assistance is available. No camper has ever been turned away due to their ability to pay.

<https://pinetreesociety.org/camp-home/>

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Arts & Entertainment

“Piano Men” Kicks Off Arts Jubilee’s 40th Season

NORTH CONWAY, NH (July 7, 2023) — The Arts Jubilee Summer Concert Series returns to Cranmore Mountain Resort for its 40th season this Thursday, July 13th. The first of five concerts will feature Piano Men: The Music of Elton John and Billy Joel at 7:00 pm. Local band Rek’lis will open the show at 6:00 pm.

Elton John and Billy Joel have combined to sell over 350 million records worldwide. For four decades they have been a large part of the musical landscape, topping the album charts and playing to sold out audiences while continuing to

receive heavy airplay on classic rock radio. Since 1994, these two legendary performers have regularly been joining forces selling out their worldwide Face-to-Face tours.

“Piano Men” is a tribute to the amazing songs of Elton John and Billy Joel. This concert combines a four-piece pop group featuring Joe Boucher on piano and vocals playing with an orchestra with arrangements by Christopher Eastburn. Rarely have these songs ever been heard performed live in this way as Elton and Billy themselves have only on a few occasions performed with orchestras.

The music of Piano Men concentrates heavily on the recordings by Elton and Billy during their 1970s heyday when their many hit albums featured lush orchestrations. The concert opens with Billy Joel’s thrilling “Prelude/Angry Young Man” and works its way through a veritable hit parade alternating songs between the two composers.

Concert admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for kids 12 and under. Pre-order tickets online at www.artsjubilee.org, or pay at the gate on the night of the show (cash or credit). There’s plen-

ty of free parking on site, food and beverages will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle for a variety of great local prizes at every concert. Seating is not provided at the venue, so concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the show. Animals are not allowed on the property except for leashed service dogs. All concerts are rain or shine barring hazardous weather. For more information visit www.artsjubilee.org. Special thanks to our Season Sponsor: White Mountain Oil & Propane, and to our Concert Lodging Sponsor: Green Granite Inn



The Originals Present Suspense-Filled Play, *A Picasso*




L to R: Dana Packard as Pablo Picasso, Jennifer Porter as Miss Fisher Photo credit: Sam Rogers

BAR MILLS, ME (July 7, 2023) -- Paris, 1941. The emotionally volatile artist, Pablo Picasso (Dana Packard) has been summoned by German Occupation Leaders to a basement vault for questioning. His interrogator is the tense and beautiful Miss Fischer (Jennifer Porter) a cultural attaché from Berlin. Her assignment is to discover which, if any, of the three possibly Picasso paintings recently confiscated by the Nazis, is authentic. The Ministry of Propaganda

has planned an exhibition and will trust only the great artist himself to confirm whether the works are genuine. At first, Picasso seems to comply, but when Miss Fischer realizes he is not being entirely truthful with her, a perilous, high-stakes game of cat and mouse ensues between the two powerful adversaries, in this suspense-filled play about art, politics, sex, and truth. Don’t miss this rare duo performance by the founders of The Originals, as the reprise their critically acclaimed 2016 produc-

tion!
 “A Picasso at Saco River Theatre is a highly engrossing, thought-provoking hour of theater.” – Steve Feeney, Portland Press Herald
 The Original’s present A PICASSO BY JEFFREY HATCHER, at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, July 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th at 7:30pm and July 23rd at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

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Step Back in Time at Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

NEW HARBOR, ME (July 7, 2023) -- The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Bureau of Parks and Lands welcomes history enthusiasts and curious visitors to experience 17th century Maine during the "17th Century Days" at Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site. This family-friendly event, organized by Neill DePaoli, Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site Manager, will take place on July 15-16, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site, located 13 miles south of Damariscotta off Route 130 at 2 Colonial Pemaquid Dr., New Harbor, ME 04554.

Visitors will witness historically accurate replicas of the "Virginia," Maine's first ship, the shallow "Jane Stevens," and a Wabanaki birch bark canoe. The event highlights the important roles watercraft such as these played in cultural exchange, conflict, political negotiations, work, and socialization among the Wabanaki, English, and French.

Historic interpreters will introduce visitors to the worlds of the Acadian

pirates who once roamed the waters of Nova Scotia, attacking English fishing boats and Wabanaki traders who navigated their birch bark canoes, laden with furs, to trade with the English and French.

John Bear Mitchell, Penobscot historian and educator, will provide a broad cultural perspective of the early Wabanaki. Chris Sockalexis, Penobscot Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and archaeologist, will explore the origins, uses, advantages, and construction of the Wabanaki traditional birch bark canoe. Steve Cayard will bring his four decades of expertise as a builder and student of the traditional Wabanaki birchbark canoe.

"We are thrilled to present the 17th Century Days at Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site," said Neill De Paoli. "This immersive experience offers a glimpse into Maine's fascinating history, showcasing the intricate connections between indigenous people and European settlers during this era. It's a remarkable opportunity for visitors of all ages to engage with the past and gain a deeper understanding of our heritage."

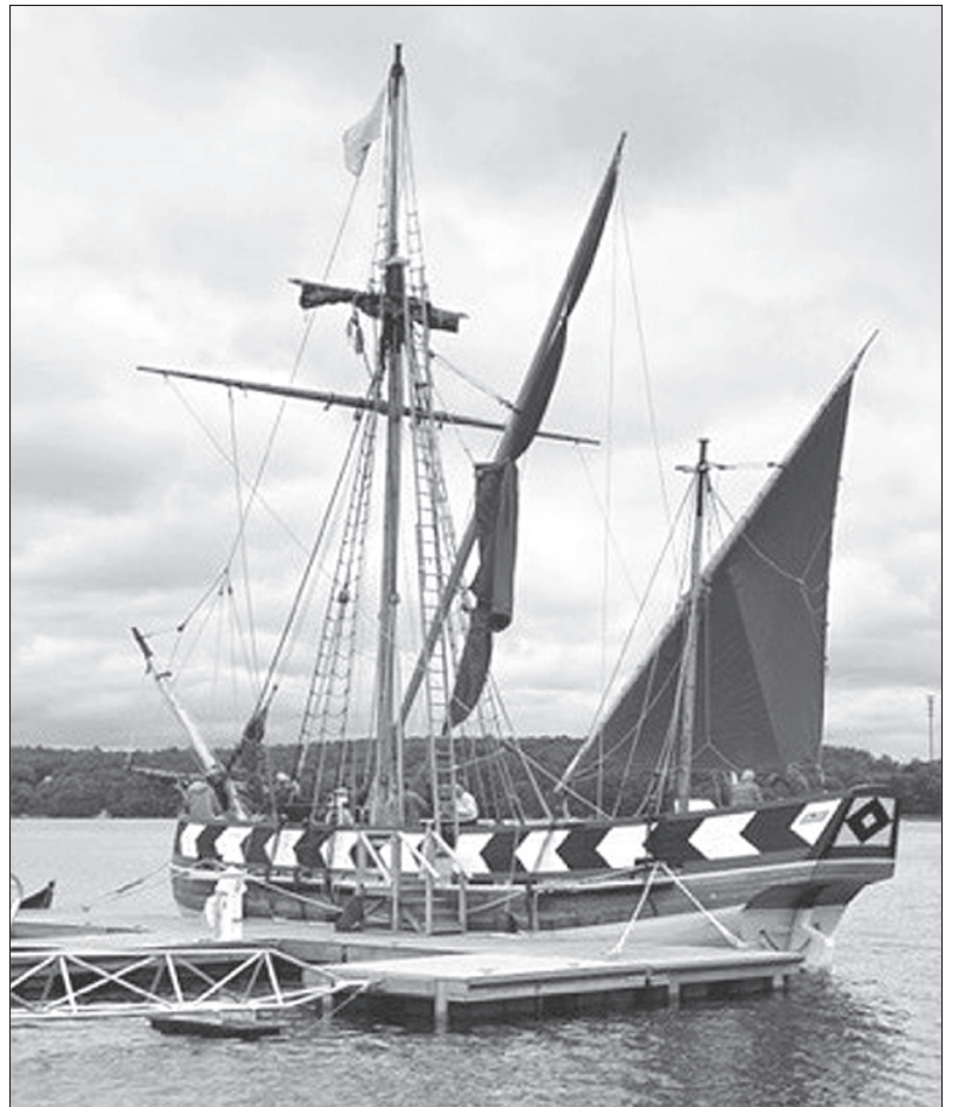
De Paoli also thanks Kirstie Truluck, Executive Director of Maine's First Ship, and her staff and host of dedicated volunteers for making this cooperative effort possible. The presence of the "Virginia" and the "Jane Stevens" and their crews will take this event to another level of public history.

For further information and to plan a visit, please contact Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site at (207) 677-2423 or visit the official website at <http://www.maine.gov/colonialpemaquid>.

Admission to the event is free; however, there is a nominal admission fee to explore the Museum, Fisherman's dwelling, & Fort: \$1.00 for ages 5-11, \$3.00 for Maine residents ages 12-64, \$4.00 for non-residents ages 12-64, \$1.00 for non-residents 65 and older. Children under five and Maine residents 65 and older enjoy free admission.

About Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site:

Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site is a nationally recognized historical landmark in New Harbor, Maine.



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With its rich cultural heritage, the site aims to preserve and promote the significance of Maine's indigenous and colo-

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MONMOUTH, ME (July 7, 2023) – Theater at Monmouth's Brave New Worlds season continues with William Shakespeare's *Richard II*. The first play in what is often called the Henriad, *Richard II* documents the fall of one King and the rise of another. *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. Bear witness to Richard's tale Thursday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m. through Friday, August 11th including matinee and evening performances both weekdays and weekends.

It is often thought that when a Ruler makes a decree, the matter is said and done and everyone accepts this and moves on. *Richard II* director, Kathryn Walsh, reminds us that "In practice, we know this not to be true. Even in marriage vows, the state has decided it has a vested interest in that status, and so, in reality, you have to sign a document before it becomes real in practice." She goes on to say that "Richard believes his language is the site of absolute authority, but the people he rules have a say. Because his words and actions affect their lives, they take action to oppose him. And it turns out, in the face of action, his speech isn't enough to resist them."

Richard II features A.J. Baldwin* as Duchess of Gloucester/Northumberland/Exton, Christopher Blonski* as Bolingbroke, Mark S. Cartier* as John of Gaunt/Keeper, Rebecca Ho* as Queen/Aumerle/Berkeley/Groom, Tracie Lane* as York/Marshal/Bagot/Scoop, Christopher Joel Onken* as Richard II, Michael Wood* as Carlisle/Green/Ross/Salisbury/York's Servant, and Jaine Ye* as Thomas Mowbray/Bushy/Willoughby/Percy/Duchess of York/Exton's Servant. Directed by Kathryn Walsh, Set Design by Dan Bilodeau, Costume Design by Elizabeth Rocha, Lighting Design by Jennifer Fok, Sound Design by Rew Tippin, and Fight Direction by Sally Wood with Stage Management by Dominique Nadeau*, Assistant Stage Management by Mandy Spartz* and Sydney Enthoven, and Props Supervision by Madelaine Foster.

Performance Calendar: PREVIEW 7/13 at 7:30 p.m.; OPENING 7/14 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates 7/22, 7/26, 8/3, and 8/11 at 7:30 PM; 8/6 at 1:00 PM.

Richard II is Sponsored by Dave & Christine Heckman 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 evening performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

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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 available to you. After we have displayed them for a

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PORTLAND, ME (July 7, 2023) -- Join Casco Bay Lines, 98.9 WCLZ, Three of Strong Spirits, and Pete Kilpatrick on the water this Thursday, July 20, for the Cruising Casco Bay Concert Series! Grab your tickets now!

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Poland Resident Honored at New England Rehabilitation Hospital

PORTLAND, ME (June 23, 2023) – New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland presented several awards at their annual Employee Appreciation celebration held on June 7.

Torey Murphy, RN, BSN, of Poland, Director of Quality and Risk Management, received NERHP’s Leadership Award. This award honors a member of the hospital’s leadership team who has made significant contributions during the prior year and decided by a vote of all employees of the hospital. Torey has been an essential member of the NERHP team since 2019. Torey’s leadership is evident in how he interacts with all staff, patients, and families at NERHP. Her willingness



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New Data Shows Importance of Agritourism for Maine Farmers

MAINE (June 30, 2023) -- In-depth statistical and demographic information about Maine farms and others across the nation that offer agritourism-related activities, direct-to-consumer sales or both are available in a new set of fact sheets co-authored by a University of Maine researcher.

Led by Claudia Schmidt, assistant professor of marketing and local/regional food systems at Penn State, a team of researchers

including Jason Entsminger from UMaine created fact sheets that present data for the total number of farms engaging in agritourism, direct sales or both for every state and the nation. These resources also provide various demographic and business information about these farms, including crops grown, farmer age and gender, farm size and income generated by agritourism and direct sales.

The data indicates that of the 7,600 total farms in

Maine, 1,954 had engaged in direct sales, 156 in other agritourism activities only and 91 in both direct sales and other agritourism activities. Maine farm operations with agritourism and direct sales are typically producing on less than 50 acres and making less than \$10,000 in revenue per farm.

Entsminger, assistant professor of entrepreneurship and innovation with the Maine Business School and small business special-

ist at University of Maine Cooperative Extension, and his colleagues hope that their work will support efforts by farmers, organizations and decision-makers to bolster agritourism.

"This data shows the importance of agritourism and direct sales for Maine farms," Entsminger says. "Among the 50 states, Maine had the third-highest proportion of our farms engaged in these activities, with 29% of the state's farms inviting people onto

the operation or selling directly to consumers. These activities accounted for roughly \$44.5 million to Maine farms, most of whom are small, family-owned operations."

The team developed its fact sheets using data obtained by a special request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture.

"Maine welcomes millions of tourists each year and the ability for farmers and those in food-

based businesses to engage with these visitors is an important strategy to move food and farming forward. There's a statewide effort to create new growth opportunities for farmers and value-added food ventures and these fact sheets provide helpful data as these businesses continue to adjust and adapt in an ever-changing world," says Hannah Carter, associate provost of continuing and online education and dean of UMaine Extension.

UMaine Extension Earns \$6.5M for 4-H Workforce Development

ORONO, ME (July 7, 2023) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H was recently awarded \$6.5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) to nurture future leaders of northern New England's food system.

The new program, called "Oh Yea! 4-H Grows True Leaders," will provide experiential learning, practical knowledge and life skill development to hundreds of young Mainers over the next five years. The funding will increase involvement from traditionally underrepresented communities in the Maine food system. UMaine Ex-

tension 4-H will partner with community organizations such as Mano en Mano in Milbridge and the Somali Bantu Community Association in Lewiston.

The Maine True Leaders program is an innovative approach to nurturing future advocates of food production and healthy living in Maine. It focuses on migrant, immigrant and refugee families, promoting evidence-based indicators important for families learning to navigate a new country. The program's key indicators include openness to challenge and discovery, hopeful purpose, positive emotions, resource maximization and cultural

membership. The goal of the program is to prepare youth from underrepresented communities for careers in the Maine food system and help them understand the role of food in their daily lives.

"This project is a meaningful example of Extension's ongoing work to meet the state's ever-changing needs," said Hannah Carter, associate provost of online and continuing education and dean of UMaine Extension. "An important factor in solving our ongoing workforce challenges is to embrace and support the growing number of people who want to build a life here. At Extension, one way we can

do that is through the lens of Maine's food system, which plays an important role in a strong economy and thriving population."

Maine True Leaders employs a model of youth development that features hands-on educational and outreach opportunities conducted in a safe and welcoming environment. Activities are designed and developed by the participants.

"Over the course of the project, teens will develop learning tools and activities based on their own interests in the food system, which might include food equity, cultural food systems and career exploration," explained Mitch

Mason, UMaine Extension professor, 4-H youth and family development. "With these tools in hand, the teens will then go out to local schools and teach youth in grades K-8. Along the way, we expect to recruit and train adults who will build positive relationships with participants and help facilitate engagement with local communities."

Throughout the project, UMaine Extension faculty and community partners will also be co-conducting research aimed at understanding how Maine youth programs can be welcoming and adaptive for youth and adults of all backgrounds and cultures. The research

will identify systemic and cultural barriers, as well as promising mitigation strategies, to participation in 4-H and food system education.

Five northern New England communities will be selected to host the program. UMaine Extension is currently hiring several new staff and recruiting volunteers to deliver the program.

AFRI is a program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA. University of Vermont Extension is a sub-recipient of the grant and will receive \$1.6 million; the remaining \$4.9 million will go to UMaine Extension.

When It Comes to Summer Fire Safety, It's All About Location

AUBURN, ME (Grassroots Newswire) (June 15, 2023) -- With the summer season in full swing, fire and water damage cleanup specialists with SERVPRO in the Auburn area remind homeowners that popular summer activities - like grilling, setting off fireworks, and relaxing around a fire pit or campfire - can quickly turn from fun to flames, resulting in damage to property and structures, and even personal injury.

"Where you place your grill and fire pit matters," says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. "If you don't pay close attention to the location and environment, it could cause much more serious problems than just property damage. Even if the location of your grill or fire pit hasn't changed from past years, the setting may have changed and created a more dangerous situation with the addition of fallen branches, leaves or

more combustible, aging decking materials."

To help avoid a potential fire disaster, you need to control the three factors that allow a fire to start and grow: fuel, heat, and air.1 When you do build an intentional fire, for cooking, warmth, or simple enjoyment, a key element to control is fuel. The U.S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA, offers these guidelines2 to help keep your summer fire activities under control.

Grills. Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony. Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only to avoid the risk of fire or carbon monoxide

poisoning.

Chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits. Use these items outdoors only and position them at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn. Build campfires at least 25 feet away from homes, tents, shrubs and anything that can burn. Flying embers can start fires that are not in direct contact with flames.

Fireworks. If you want to see fireworks, consider going to a public show put on by experts. Even the simplest fireworks like "sparklers" can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and cause third-degree burns.

"A small spark can start a major fire," says Isaacson. "Leave the fireworks to the professionals and put some time and

thought into where you set up your grill, chiminea and fire pit, including clearing away any combustible materials. Then spend your summer enjoying good times and great food, not dealing with the destruction and heartbreak of a house fire."

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SeniorsPlus Presents Margaret Ross Award for Volunteerism



Dave Goyette is the recipient of the 2023 Margaret Ross Award for volunteerism at SeniorsPlus, Western Maine's designated Area Agency on Aging.

LEWISTON, ME (June 30, 2023) -- Dave Goyette of New Gloucester was honored at the June 26 annual meeting of SeniorsPlus. Goyette is the recipient of the 2023 Margaret Ross Award. He was honored for his almost three years of volunteerism for Meals on Wheels at SeniorsPlus. The award, presented annually, recognizes an individual that has made significant contributions to the agency and the larger community. SeniorsPlus is the designated Area Agency on Aging focusing on Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties.

As a Meals on

Wheels delivery volunteer, Goyette delivers meals to homebound clients of SeniorsPlus and also checks in on their wellbeing. In 2022, Dave volunteered almost 1,000 hours.

"Dave is very helpful and caring to all clients. He always ask them how they are doing, do they need help with anything. It is not unusual for him to then return to the office and tell Nutrition Services staff about these needs so that they may put in referrals for these needed supports," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. "Dave always supports and promotes the Meals

on Wheels program because he know the important impact that it has on the quality of life of our clients."

Since 1972, SeniorsPlus has been improving the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities. As the designated Area Agency on Aging for Western Maine, SeniorsPlus provides statewide services with an emphasis on Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties for core services (ie nutrition and information and assistance) that support independent living, healthy aging, and fight isolation. The overall program goal of SeniorsPlus is to assist

older people and adults with disabilities in its tri-county area to remain safely at home for as long as possible. The mission of SeniorsPlus is to enrich the lives of older people and adults with disabilities, their families and communities, and to support them to make informed choices. SeniorsPlus envisions a future where all older adults and individuals with disabilities are engaged and respected while living quality, independent lives in the communities of their choice. In 2022, SeniorsPlus served almost 10,000 individuals and fielded 185,000 phone inquiries.

Auburn's Thomas Platz Appointed to ME Public Broadcasting Board

AUGUSTA, ME (June 16, 2023) -- Governor Janet Mills has appointed Thomas H. Platz of Auburn to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees.

Platz is the owner and founder of Platz Associates, a multi-discipline architectural firm located in Auburn, Maine. He holds a B.A. and a Master of Architecture from Harvard Uni-

versity and is a multi-state licensed Architect in Maine and New Hampshire.

Platz previously served on the Board of Trustees for eight years as a member appointed by the

Board. He is currently involved in the historic renovation and development of the historic Bates Mill in Lewiston and is serves as Chairman of the Board of the Baxter Brewing Com-

pany.

Maine Public is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees which includes the President of Maine Public, one appointment made by the Governor, a

University of Maine System appointee and up to 24 Community Members from across the State. Governor Mills' nomination of Platz was recently confirmed by the Maine Senate.

Local Students Honored at Annual SkillsUSA Workforce Event

ATLANTA, GA (Grassroots Newswire) (June 28, 2023) -- The following local career and technical students were recognized for excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 21-22. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all

national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and students can add the certificate to their employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 busi-

nesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and

material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 23 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena. The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients from the L/A area:

* From Maine: Caed Langley, from Lewiston and a student at Lewiston Regional Technical Center (Lewiston), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Plumbing.

* From Maine: Natalie Beaudoin, from Lewiston and a student at Lewiston Regional Technical

Center (Lewiston), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Medical Math.

The following student received a SkillsUSA Championships medal and Skill Point Certificate from the L/A area:

* Branden Ritchie, from Auburn and a student at Lewiston Regional Technical Center (Lewiston), was awarded the high school bronze medal in Electrical Construction Wiring.

"More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students

in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.



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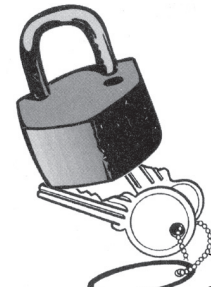
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July 13
LEWISTON -- Thursday July 13th veterans who chose the Air Force went to Sampson AFBVA for basic training will be having a get together at noon time at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. Some of these veterans, and folks with a connection 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

LEWISTON -- Opening Minds through Art (OMA) classes Fridays July 14–August 18 from 1-3 p.m. at Education Center of SeniorsPlus at 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. Through a series of classes, OMA engages students with dementia in creating freewheeling art. Contact SeniorsPlus, at 207-795-4010, edcenter@seniorsplus.org.

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 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 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 presenta-

tion. 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

BAR MILLS -- The Original's present A PIRASSO BY JEFFREY HATCHER, at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, July 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th at 7:30pm and July 23rd at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

July 22

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night Church Supper, Saturday July 22, 2023 @ 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray

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July 22

LEWISTON -- SPARKS' ARK Come see, learn and

interact with Sparks' Ark's amazing animals in Callahan Hall at 11:00AM. For all ages. No registration required. Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

July 29

BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, July 29, 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.

Sept 2

GORHAM -- On Saturday, September 2nd, starting at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of Siberian irises and daylilies. All are welcome.

Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

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This program is free and recommended for homeschool families with children of all ages. No registration is required. Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov

Second and fourth Thursdays

LEWISTON -- YOUTH TRADING CARD GAME CLUB held from 4 PM to 5 PM at the Lewiston Public Library. Join the Youth Trading Card Game Club to play,

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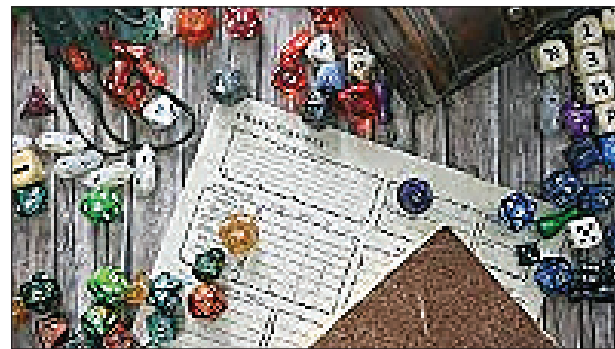
Gorham Art in the Park



Thursdays, July 13, 27 & August 10 from 10-11:30am, check out Art in the Park at Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham. Bring your snacks and a blanket as we enjoy art in the park together on the library green. We supply the paints and paper, and you supply the creativity. This is one of our most popular summer events. (All ages)

Learn about RPGs at Crafty Quest Gaming Workshop in Gorham

GORHAM, ME (July 7, 2023) -- Tuesday, July 18 from 3:30-5pm, join master storyteller and gamer Michael Best as he walks young players through the basics of role playing games (RPGs). Using his game-master skills along with crafts, participants will learn to create a character and a back story and will play a short RPG adventure. For fans of ta-



ble-top games or those who would like to learn more about them. Registration is required. (Ages 6-12)

Gov. Mills Signs Lee Bill to Increase Safety on Roads

AUGUSTA, ME (June 23, 2023) – On Tuesday, Gov. Janet Mills signed into law legislation sponsored by Rep. Adam Lee, D-Auburn, that will help create a transportation infrastructure that prioritizes the safety of Mainers and advances thoughtful development.

“In Auburn, we have experienced multiple

avoidable tragedies because Maine’s bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure are inadequate,” said Lee. “The 2022 Bicycle Friendly State Report Card gave Maine’s bike and pedestrian infrastructure a C- rating, and recent years have been some of the most dangerous on record for pedestrians in Maine. This bill would prioritize the safety

of all roadway users while emphasizing thoughtful land use as the fundamental aspects of street design.”

As amended, LD 1674 will ensure the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) pursues projects that provide safety and access for all road users by adopting rules to ensure bicyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicle users have

safe and efficient access to transportation systems. When adopting these rules, MDOT would need to consider safety metrics and crash data and allow municipalities to request road safety evaluations.

The bill also advances thoughtful development by prioritizing projects contributing to walkable neighborhoods, developing

vacant or underutilized lots and supporting land preservation.

Finally, MDOT will evaluate how speed limits are set and provide recommendations for changes to state, county and municipal street design standards. MDOT will report its findings to the Legislature’s Transportation Committee by Jan. 3, 2024.

The new law will go into effect 90 days after the current session of the Legislature adjourns.

Lee is serving his first term in the Maine House and is a member of the Legislature’s Judiciary Committee. He represents House District 89, which includes a portion of Auburn, including its downtown.

Please BEE on the Lookout for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee

MAINE (July 7, 2023) -- Bees are among the most important pollinators, pollinating 2/3 of the food we eat, ensuring food security and healthy ecosystems for both humans and wildlife. But some species are becoming rare

or even extirpated. With a 90% decline in numbers and range since the 1990s, the rusty patched bumble bee is the first bumble bee protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

It has not been seen in Maine since 2009, but



we are hopeful this important pollinator is still



out there and we need more eyes looking!

You can help us find it by carefully observing the bumble bees you see and learning how to distinguish the rusty patched from similar-looking Maine bumble bee species (it’s not hard!) If you think you’ve found

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