

\$51K awarded to get local kids outdoors



Teens to Trails



South Portland Middle School

WESTBROOK, ME (August 1, 2023) -- WinterKids is thrilled to announce the recipients of its Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund second-year grants, totaling \$51,000, to 12 outstanding organizations across Maine. These grants are aimed at promoting outdoor activities and encouraging children to stay active throughout the year. The WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund was established with the mission of getting kids outside and engaged in physical activities. Through a community vote, the top three winning organizations in each category were selected, with one honorable mention winner also being recognized in each category for their dedication and efforts in supporting Maine's youth.

Maine 501(c)(3) Nonprofits Category

The top three winners in this category are:

Pine Tree Camp • Location: Auburn, Androscoggin County • Grant Amount: \$10,000 • Intended Use: The grant will support Pine Tree Camp's open-door policy, ensuring that children with disabilities have the opportunity to attend camp, irrespective of their ability to pay tuition.

Teens to Trails • Location: Brunswick, Cumberland County • Grant Amount: \$5,000 • Intended Use: The grant will further support over 68 middle and high school outdoor clubs across Maine, providing funding for transportation, advisor stipends, and club activities.

Aroostook County Action Program • Location: Presque Isle, Aroostook County • Grant Amount: \$1,500 • Intended Use: The grant will enable the organization to introduce snowshoeing to low-income children countywide, promoting outdoor exploration and physical activity.

Honorable Mention (\$500): Maine Youth Fish & Game Association (Stillwater, Penobscot County)

Maine Public Schools Category

The top three winners in this category are:

South Portland Middle School • Location: South Portland, Cumberland County • Grant Amount: \$10,000 • Intended Use: The grant will be used to purchase

necessary equipment such as skate skis, skate boots, and skate poles for any student interested in trying out Nordic skiing on groomed trails. Additionally, a groomer will be acquired to create trails for the students' use.

Mariners Soar • Location: Deer Isle, Hancock County • Grant Amount: \$5,000 • Intended Use: The grant will facilitate the establishment of Middle School Outing Clubs at all three of their sites, offering monthly outings, camping trips, transportation to outdoor events, and camping equipment for loan.

Rangeley Lakes Regional School • Location: Rangeley, Franklin County • Grant Amount: \$1,500 • Intended Use: The grant will enable the purchase of equipment and fund experiences that allow students to continue expanding and strengthening connections with staff and nature.

Honorable Mention (\$500): Molly Ockett School (Fryeburg, Oxford County)

Maine Parks & Recreation Category

The top three winners in this category are:

Town of Millinocket Parks & Rec • Location: Millinocket, Penobscot County • Grant Amount: \$10,000 • Intended Use: The grant will be used to purchase a rope tow lift to be placed at the Town's sliding hills in the Millinocket Recreation Complex and towards the acquisition of grooming equipment for Katahdin Area Trails.

Saco Parks & Rec • Location: Saco, York County • Grant Amount: \$5,000 • Intended Use: The grant will help expand recreation hubs at city-owned waterfront parks and provide essential recreation equipment.

City of Bangor Parks & Rec • Location: Bangor, Penobscot County • Grant Amount: \$1,500 • Intended Use: The grant will go towards purchasing winter mountain biking grooming equipment and snowshoes, as well as funding a new mountain biking Pump Track.

Honorable Mention (\$500): Quarry Road Trails (Waterville, Kennebec County)

Congratulations to all the deserving grantees! We commend their commitment

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to getting kids outdoors and active, making a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of Maine's youth.

For more information about the WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund and

its initiatives, please visit WinterKids.org/D24Fund, or find our winning grantee feature at <https://winterkids.org/blog/meet-the-2nd-annual-winterkids-downhill-24-outdoor-fund-winners/>.

Nomination papers available for Gorham leadership roles

GORHAM, ME (August 4, 2023) -- A Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for the purpose of electing:

TWO (2) persons for Town Council to serve a 3 year term

THREE (3) persons for School Committee to serve a 3 year term

ONE (1) person for School Committee to serve a 1 year term.

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's Office beginning on Thursday, July 27, 2023. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to

the Town Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

For assistance with questions, please visit the Town Clerk's Office during their normal business hours of 7am to 5pm, Monday through Thursday, or contact the team at 222-1670.

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USDA Begins Annual Rabies Vaccine Drop for ME Wildlife

AUGUSTA, ME (August 4, 2023) — In cooperation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), officials from U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Wildlife Services will begin their annual raccoon rabies vaccine baiting program this week in northern and western Maine. Wildlife Services will distribute approximately 365,000 oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits across northeastern Maine from August 5 through August 10, in portions of Aroostook, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties. Wildlife Services also will distribute more than 50,000 ORV baits in northern Franklin County during the same timeframe in response to a rabid raccoon detected near the Quebec border in June.

Crews will spread the baits by air and ground over each distribution area. This event is part of ongoing rabies control efforts to reduce the spread of raccoon rabies in Maine. The ORV baits come in two forms. The bait used in the northeastern area is a fish-

meal-coated cube or sachet about one to two inches in size. The bait used in Franklin County is a blister pack with a sweet, waxy coating. Humans and pets cannot get rabies from contact with the bait but should not touch or move them. Studies show that both vaccine baits are safe in many species of animals, including domestic dogs and cats. While dogs may get an upset stomach if they eat several bait packs, there are no known long-term health risks. If a person has skin contact with the bait, rinse the area affected with warm water and soap.

The northeastern distribution area includes Easton, Houlton, Linneus, Mars Hill, Medway, Millinocket, Patten, Stacyville, T3 R1 NBPP, T7 R3 NBPP, and Weston. The northwestern distribution area includes the communities of Eustis, Stratton, Route 27 to the border with Quebec, and portions of the Penobscot Nation Trust Lands. Wildlife Services will spread the baits by airplanes in rural, wooded areas and by vehicle in the more populated areas of



Bait types (top left to bottom right): fishmeal-coated sachet, fishmeal-coated cube, blister pack.

Houlton, Eustis, and Stratton.

Rabies is a virus that infects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. It spreads mainly through a bite from an infected animal. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal. Timely

post-exposure treatment can prevent disease in people. Approximately 90 percent of reported animal rabies cases in the U.S. occur in wildlife. As of August 1, 2023, 43 animals tested positive for rabies this year in nine counties. These animals include bats,

raccoons, skunks, woodchucks, grey foxes, a cat, and a goat.

To help protect yourself and your pet against rabies:

- Keep your pets' rabies vaccination up to date.

- Feed pets indoors.

- Keep garbage cans or other sources of food tightly secured.

- Do not feed, touch, or adopt wild animals. Be cautious of stray dogs and cats.

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

- Wash bite or scratch wounds with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes.

Who to contact:

If an animal bites or scratches you, contact your health care provider.

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

To report a dead or suspicious-acting animal in northern Maine, contact Wildlife Services.

Maine CDC is also available to answer questions.

Rabies virus poses a threat to human and animal health. Since 2003, Wildlife Services has worked to eliminate raccoon rabies from northern Maine. Wildlife Services also collaborates with Canadian officials in New Brunswick and Quebec to reduce the presence of rabies across Maine and Canada. As part of the Wildlife Services' National Rabies Management Program, the ORV distribution program in Maine is part of a larger effort to prevent the westward spread of raccoon rabies. This effort creates a barrier along the Appalachian Mountains from the Canadian border to Alabama.

For more information:

USDA Rabies webpage: www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage/rabies

Maine CDC Rabies webpage: www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies

USDA Wildlife Services: 1-866-487-3297

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

Maine Offers Free Collection of Unwanted Pesticides

AUGUSTA, MAINE (August 4, 2023) -- Maine residents can participate in the Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program, a joint initiative by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The program aims to safeguard Maine's natural resources and prevent agricultural pollution by promoting the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides.

Homeowners and

family-owned farms are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity by bringing their unwanted pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and similar products used in agricultural production or around the home, to collection sites in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland.

Key Information:

The next obsolete pesticide collection days will be held during October 2023, with one-day events in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland.

Pre-registration is required by September 29 to participate; drop-ins are not permitted.

The program only accepts pesticides and spray adjuvants.

Registration instructions and forms can be found on the program webpage: thinkfirstspraylast.org.

Each registration must be from the person currently possessing the pesticides, and materials collected on behalf of others will not be accepted.

More details, including drop-off locations and

the obsolete pesticides inventory form, will be provided soon on the BPC website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.

About Maine's Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program

Removing obsolete and unwanted pesticides is essential for protecting public health, wildlife, and the environment. Improper handling and disposal of pesticides can contaminate land and water resources. The Maine Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program ensures these hazardous materials are handled and

disposed of safely. Since its inception in 1982, the program has successfully diverted over 250,000 lbs. of pesticides from entering the waste stream. Collected pesticides are transported to licensed, out-of-state disposal facilities through a hazardous waste disposal contractor.

Disposing of Pesticides Safely

Always follow the label instructions for the proper use, storage, and disposal of any pesticides you use. For more information about safe pesticide disposal, visit the EPA

website at <https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/safe-disposal-pesticides>.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Award presented to St. Anthony of Padua Parish



WINDHAM, ME (July 31, 2023)—Bishop Robert Deeley presented the Matthew 25 Award to the Social Justice and Peace Ministry of St. Anthony of Padua Parish during a Mass celebrated Sunday, July 30, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Windham.

The ministry serves the community in many ways throughout the year, including providing bagged lunches and other food to the homeless, serving a community meal once a month, holding a Thanksgiving food drive, and setting up a Christmas Giving Tree.

“This Matthew 25 Award is given to you in recognition of the many ways in which you live the Gospel, bringing comfort, food, shelter, clothing, and care to those who lack housing or adequate sustenance,” said Bishop Deeley during the Mass. “The Gospel is lived in practical ways! Thank you all for your service and for extending yourselves for those whose lives are challenged. Your outreach brings the light and love of Christ to others.”

The \$5,000 award will especially benefit the parish’s ministry to the homeless, which began back in 2020 when a parishioner, Blanca Lytle, began making sandwiches for people she saw on street corners and outside the Oxford Street Shelter in Portland.

Upon learning of her ministry, other members of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church community stepped forward to help, and soon, sandwiches were not only being taken into downtown Portland but also being delivered to lo-

cal motels that were being used as temporary shelters for those in need of housing.

“This whole ministry was something that was initiated by our parishioners. They took responsibility for it. They came up with the idea, so basically, I just needed to stand back and let them do their thing, and they have been doing that for the last four years,” said Father Louis Phillips, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. “It’s an amazing group. Our kitchen, our parish hall, and our storage areas get used a lot, so it’s a very busy place, and it’s all for good work.”

While the ministry has evolved over the past four years, bagged lunches with sandwiches are still being made and taken downtown and to a motel every Tuesday. The Social Justice and Peace Ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church takes care of the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month, while similar ministries at the parish’s other two churches, St. Anne in Gorham and St. Hyacinth in Westbrook, handle the other two weeks.

In addition, on Mondays, parishioners pick up food available through Wayside Food Programs, which receives donations from local supermarkets, restaurants, and farmers. The parishioners distribute some of the food at the motel and take some of it back to the church for use in the bagged lunches.

In the past, they said they were limited as to what they could take because they had little space to store perishable items. Thanks, however, to the Matthew 25 Award, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Church now has two new freezers and refrigerators.

“We were wasting food. We were seeing food that we couldn’t give out. If we didn’t have some place to store it, we couldn’t take it to pass it out,” said Christine Lynch, coordinator of the Social Justice and Peace Ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Lynch said ministries such as the food distribution to the homeless go to the heart of our faith.

“Our faith is based on helping people whenever we see them. Blanca planted the seed, and then, it just grew because there isn’t anybody here who wouldn’t help anybody,” she said.

“I like to help people, and I drive by Deering Oaks, and I see all those people out there. Something needs to be done, and we have the means to feed them, so I like to volunteer,” said Jennifer Grondin, a parishioner.

The Matthew 25 Award is presented annually through Catholic Charities Maine’s Parish Social Ministry (PSM) program and is intended to provide one-time financial assistance to a parish so that it can better meet the immediate needs of the community.

Deacon Frank Daggett, director of PSM, said one of the things that was impressive about the program at St. Anthony of Padua Parish is that it continued throughout the pandemic.

“Many other ministries stopped, but of course, people still need-



ed to eat. People were still homeless. We still have people arriving from out of state, from out of the country. They saw that need and adapted and continued to serve our Lord and his people,” Deacon Daggett said. “This ministry came from just doing the least little thing for a person in need, and I think that is the message Jesus is trying to tell us. Whenever we see some small need, and we do what we can to meet that need, we are doing his will.”

“The living of the Gospel is not something institutional. It is personal. It is the work of each of us in the parish. It is neighbor helping neighbor. We are all called to participate in the mission of the Church to bring God’s love to our world,” said Bishop Deeley, who thanked Catholic Charities Maine for the emphasis it places on parish social ministry.

In addition to the \$5,000 given to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St.

Rose of Lima Parish in Jay received a \$3,000 grant for its food pantry and blessing box, which together serve an estimated 100 people each week, a number that continues to grow.

“The pantry and blessing box are an expression of love from the parish community to the broader community,” said Daniel Allen, parish social ministry coordinator.

The money will be used to better organize the parish’s community center, so it can provide a larger amount and greater variety of food.

Concelebrating the Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with Bishop Deeley was Bishop George Nkuo from the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon. There are currently 10 priests from Cameroon serving in Maine, and Bishop Nkuo is here to meet with them and to meet with Bishop Deeley.

“It is a pleasure, dear

bishop, to welcome you once again to Maine and to thank you for your care of our people with your generous sharing of your priests,” Bishop Deeley said. “Bishop Nkuo reminds us of what the Gospel teaches. We have a concern for one another. Jesus calls us to care for each other. He, in sharing priests with us, is caring for the spiritual good of our people.”

A reception was held following the Mass, during which the parishioners presented the bishop with a cake and a gift of Girl Scout cookies in celebration of his 50th jubilee as a priest, which he marked on July 14.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Sea Kayak Adventures Continue on Muscongus Bay



Kayakers enjoy a close up view of Franklin Island Light



A hike to spectacular cliffs on Harbor Island are part of a Muscongus Bay trip



A rare fog bow developed while camping on Black Island

By Ron Chase
Four of us were sea kayaking back from remote Eastern Egg Rock in outer Muscongus Bay. A modest tailwind helped propel us north while traversing the three-mile exposed crossing to the relative security of a trio of islands. Franklin Island Light dominated the view in the east.

Members of the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society, we had just finished a successful visit with the colorful Atlantic Puffins who had returned to the tiny atoll to breed. An annual club trip, ours had been the triumphant culmination of months of anticipation followed by a week of planning to confirm the puffins had returned while ensuring safe weather for the voyage. A last minute patchy fog forecast had been a concern. Although ominous fog banks were observed to our east and west, we enjoyed clear seas during our cruise.

The next destination was Black Island where our intended campsite was located. Situated in the heart of Muscongus Bay, the 15-acre island is owned and preserved by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The campsite on the northwestern corner is conveniently located about four miles southwest of the Bradford Point Landing in Friend-

ship and a little less than halfway to Eastern Egg Rock.

Benefiting from clear conditions, we angled right for a close up view of Franklin Island Light. The forty-five foot tower was built in 1855 as the area was identified as one of the most dangerous localities on the coast of Maine. Numerous sunken ledges that form hazardous tidal currents are the cause. That probably explained the turbulence we experienced paddling to and from Eastern Egg. Now owned by Franklin Island National Wildlife Refuge, the island is closed between April 1 and July 31 for the bird nesting season.

Proceeding north, we passed Crane Island on the left and entered a narrow channel between Harbor and Hall Islands. If conditions allowed, our plan was to return to Harbor the following day to hike to cliffs on the west side.

Navigating across a mile and a half of open water brought us to the exceptional Black Island campsite. One member of our group continued to Friendship while three of us established camp. We joined one other kayaker who was already occupying the site. Open ledges facing north and west offer wonderful views of the surrounding

area and a grassy sector provides space for several tents.

Warm temperatures and a gentle sea breeze was the recipe for an exquisite evening. The four of us enjoyed a relaxing dinner perched atop the rugged prominence. One of the longest days of the year, our evening ended with a spectacular sunset.

When I peered out of my tent early the next morning, dense fog was an unwelcome intruder. Our paddling plans were in jeopardy. The four of us consulted weather radios and various weather websites searching for reassurance the fog would soon lift. The verdict wasn't encouraging.

There truly is a silver lining in every cloud. While eating breakfast, an unusual fog bow developed in the west and lingered for about an hour. My first experience viewing the rare phenomenon, it was a pleasant distraction from the disappointing conditions.

Since it was only a four mile paddle to Friendship, we decided to delay our departure in hopes of improvement. Around mid-morning, patchy fog supplanted the soupy haze. By the time we loaded our kayaks, a window of clearing opened between



A kayaker approaches Black Island in Muscongus Bay

Black and Harbor Islands. Like the previous day, fog banks could be seen east and west.

Intent on avoiding a disadvantageous change in the fog location, we hurriedly paddled south to Cliffs Trailhead on the east side of Harbor Island. Beginning on a sandy beach, the marked trail led through a wooded area and over an ancient stone wall to a dramatic expanse of imposing cliffs. We spent about an hour scrambling over the impressive rugged terrain.

Mildly turbulent waters were experienced paddling northeast through fortuitously fog-free Otter Island Passage. Continu-

ing past Friendship Long Island to Bradford Point Landing, we completed a remarkable two-day adventure visiting the puffins on Eastern Egg Rock, experiencing a fog bow, and hiking the cliffs of Harbor Island.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* includes a narrative about another Eastern Egg Rock trip that began at Round Pond and seven more exciting sea kayak voyages along the Maine coast.

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.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net

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MaineCF Awards \$442K to Organizations Serving POC

PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (August 4, 2023) — More than \$400,000 in grants from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) will support organizations throughout the state that are led by and serve people of color. MaineCF's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Fund awarded 33 grants totaling \$327,000. Another 17 grants totaling \$114,750 were made by people with donor-advised funds at MaineCF.

2023 grantees include:

Generational Noor, to engage community members in important multigenerational cultural dialogues related to substance use disorder and mental health

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition, to help youth navigate incarceration and reentry

Wabanaki Youth in Science, to provide Native youth in grades 3-8 with two-eyed learning experiences with cultural knowledge sharers and western science professionals.

The fund supports organizations that are led by and serve people of Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC). The grant program is designed to help BIPOC people in Maine achieve greater equity by investing in nonprofit organizations; changing policies and practices that negatively impact BIPOC people because of their race; and supporting efforts to alleviate the impact of race-based discrimination and disparities.

The fund was established in 2007 and leaders from various racial and ethnic communities around the state comprise its advisory committee. This year's BIPOC Fund was boosted by funding from the Rockefeller Family Fund, Maine Health Access Foundation and the Abbagadassett Family Fund.

To learn more about the BIPOC Fund and to view all the 2023 grantees, visit www.mainecef.org. The application for next year's grant cycle will open on Feb. 15, 2024. For more information, contact Senior Program Officer Gloria Aponte C. at 207-412-0847 or gapontec@mainecef.org.

2023 BIPOC Fund Grantees

Action for Life, to serve as peer-support specialists and interpreters for

New Mainers applying for state and health benefits: \$10,000

AK Health and Social Services, to provide support to job seekers in the immigrant, refugee and BIPOC communities in Lewiston: \$10,000

Bright Stars USA, to build awareness of problems caused by domestic violence, youth drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse, and the health consequences of unhealthy, interior living spaces: \$10,000

Conservation Initiative, for capacity-building events and to disseminate educational materials about environmental challenges and solutions to Black immigrant families: \$10,000

Community Organizing Alliance, to support underrepresented communities in grassroots, civic activities through workshops and action strategies to overcome systemic barriers: \$10,000

Congolese Brazzaville Community of Maine, to support and house immigrant teenagers who crossed the Mexican border without their parents: \$5,000

Cross Cultural Community Services, to provide anti-racism training for providers serving older black, indigenous and other people of color and to conduct focus groups: \$10,000

Four Directions Development Corporation, for professional development opportunities for its director of operations and grants manager: \$10,000

Gateway Community Services Maine, to build its operations to maintain current programs and grow: \$10,000

Generational Noor, to engage community members in important multigenerational cultural dialogues related to substance use disorder and mental health: \$10,000

Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, to help New Mainers acquire skills needed for workplace integration, social interaction economic self-sufficiency and citizenship: \$5,000

Indigo Arts Alliance, to grow as an incubator for professional development and amplification of Black and brown thought leadership, artistic vision and practice: \$10,000

Intercultural Community Center, to expand education, health and social



Kennedy Park Football Club was awarded a grant from the Maine Community Foundation's BIPOC Fund to engage new and returning young adults in skill development sessions, help plan for their future and navigate higher education financial aid. Photo courtesy KPFC

services for New Mainers: \$10,000

Kennedy Park Football Club, to engage new and returning young adults in skill development sessions, help plan for their future and navigate higher education financial-aid opportunities: \$10,000

LA Family Support Services, to increase employment opportunities for New Mainers by learning work culture and job skills: \$10,000

Ladder to the Moon Network, to reach deeper into BIPOC communities and serve those who are accustomed to receiving information through audio and video platforms: \$10,000

Lewiston Auburn Youth Network, to engage underserved girls of color and address systemic barriers for underserved women, and those who are at risk of injustice: \$10,000

Living with Peace, to promote young adults into higher-earning jobs and into long-term, satisfying careers: \$10,000

Maine Community Integration, to expand the Parent Leadership program to include 10 women from Afghanistan to navigate the school system and advocate for their children: \$10,000

Mano en Mano, to support the area's community of farmworkers and immigrants to overcome barriers and thrive in Maine: \$10,000

Maine Environmental Education Association, for the Relearning Place Program, a collaborative of intergenerational individuals sharing ideas and learning related to land, place and people: \$10,000

Maine Labor and Resource Center, to bring awareness to Maine employers about the qualifications, transferable skills and prospective contributions of refugees and asylum-seekers

and to serve as an employment matchmaker: \$10,000

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition, to help youth navigate incarceration and reentry: \$10,000

Mayo Street Arts, for a marketing workshop to provide photos, video and copy to support the promotion of traditional artists in Maine: \$10,000

New England Arab American Association, to prepare and inspire Arab and Afghan newcomers to participate fully in the economic, social and civic life of their new communities: \$10,000

New Mainers Public Health Initiative, to provide training and resources to improve media literacy and communication skills for health promotion and advocacy: \$10,000

Poor Care Foundation, to support low-income, widowed or divorced Somali women by providing resource guides to assist each other in accessing local social-assistance benefits and job opportunities: \$4,000

Presente Maine, to build equitable and sustainable infrastructure for Afro, Indigenous and majority women-led community organizations: \$10,000

Racial Equity and Justice, to create safe, accessible, and inclusive support to BIPOC community members and families through cultural programming, resource distribution, and advocacy: \$10,000

Somali Bantu Community of Lewiston, to increase child care certification and transportation services, one-on-one client services, summer youth meals and interpretation services: \$10,000

South Sudanese Group of Friends, to build capacity for the organization: \$10,000

Southern Maine Workers Center, for a se-

ries of nature-based workshops, discussions and meals inspired by Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower": \$10,000

Tree Street Youth, to provide safe recreation and organized athletic opportunities for BIPOC youth ages 14-24 in Lewiston: \$10,000

United Youth Empowerment Services, for its vision to end racism and discrimination in society by examining the challenge through broadcast arts: \$10,000

Wabanaki Youth in Science, to provide Native youth in grades 3-8 two-eyed learning experiences with cultural knowledge sharers and western science professionals: \$10,000

From donor-advised funds

Black Owned Maine, to sustain and innovate an ecosystem for Black entrepreneurs in Maine: \$10,000

Chance to Advance, to record immigrants' stories for the 2023 Diversity Calendar: \$250

Congolese Brazzaville Community of Maine, to support and house immigrant teenagers who crossed the Mexican border without their parents: \$5,000

Gateway Community Services Maine, to build its operations to maintain current programs and grow: \$2,000

Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, to help New Mainers acquire skills needed for workplace integration, social interaction economic self-sufficiency and citizenship: \$5,000

Her Safety Net, to support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and provide preventative education and outreach to BIPOC communities: \$10,000

Hope Acts, to grow the Asylum Application Resource Center to meet the urgent need: \$10,000

Indian Township Tribal Government, to develop an eel aquaculture facility: \$10,000

In Her Presence, to maximize the potential of immigrant women and ensure that Maine's economic agenda includes the aspirations and needs of these women: \$10,000

Intercultural Community Center, to expand education, health and social services for New Mainers: \$5,000

Maine Association for New Americans, to grow its transportation program to meet demand from BIPOC communities, especially new asylum seekers/refugees and families with low incomes: \$10,500

Poor Care Foundation, to support low-income, widowed or divorced Somali women by providing resource guides to assist each other in accessing local social-assistance benefits and job opportunities: \$6,000

Presente Maine, to build equitable and sustainable infrastructure for Afro, Indigenous and majority women-led community organizations: \$500

ProsperityME, for financial education classes, one-on-one counseling, housing support, and workforce-development programs for New Mainers: \$10,000

Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, to engage tribal youth in afterschool activities to improve wellbeing through youth development, art/culture, experiential learning, youth engagement/empowerment, building leadership skills and cultural activities: \$10,000

Wabanaki REACH, to pilot a Foodways intern to promote community and youth engagement on medicine making and land, water and fishery restoration: \$10,000

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BRUNSWICK, ME (July 31, 2023) -- What happens when you take one part Spamalot, one part Book of Mormon, and add a rhyming couplet (or two) with a large splash of thrilling dance routines? You get the hilarious musical comedy that brings Shakespeare to glorious, vibrant life...Something Rotten!

Set in 1595, Something Rotten! follows the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two struggling artists struggling to succeed in the Elizabethan theatrical world – constantly in the shadow of The Bard himself, the Renaissance rockstar of

the literary world. Written by John O’Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick, with music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick, Something Rotten! went on to garner 10 Tony nominations for the 2015 Broadway season and played for over 700 performances before spawning numerous national and international tours and productions.

“I saw Something Rotten! on Broadway when it first came out and immediately thought “ I must produce this show for Maine State Music Theatre,” says MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. “The show is the



Tyler Haynes as Shakespeare

most hilarious I have seen in years – and I’ve seen a lot! It’s got great music and is full of amazing tap dance sequences. It is exactly what people want in this day and age.”

Director/Choreographer Marc Robin continues, “Audiences should

expect to laugh and find joy in the Celebration of Musical Theatre at the heart of this production.”

Something Rotten! will open with preview performances on August 9 and an official opening on August 10 at the Pickard Theatre at Bowdoin College. Performances continue through August 26, 2023.

Featured in the cast

are Tyler Hanes (Shakespeare), Bryant Martin (Nick Bottom), Jordan DeLeon Nigel Bottom), Lucy Godinez (Bea), Carolyn Anne Miller (Portia), and Blake Hammond (Nostradamus). The ensemble of Something Rotten! consists of Alicia Babin, Kelly Bolick, David Buegler, Michael Di Liberto, Stephane Duret, Kevin Earley, Stephanie Maloney, Mateo Melendez, Dennis O’Bannon, Michael Olaribigbe, J.P. Qualters, Hannah Hubbard and Eric Rivas.

MSMT’s production and creative team of Something Rotten!: Marc Robin (Director/Choreographer), Ben McNaboe (Music Director), Erik Wakar (Associate Music Director), Tim Markus (Production

Stage Manager), Chuck Kading (Scenic Design), Paul Black (Lighting), Shannon Slaton (Sound Design), Kevin Koski (Costume Design), Kevin Foster (Wig and Hair Design).

Tickets for Something Rotten! can be purchased only by calling the Box Office at 207.725.8769 or visiting www.msmt.org.

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From The Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the dates of the 29th Annual Great Falls Balloon Festival is scheduled for August 18, 19, and 20th. The Board is working diligently on creating a theme and inviting balloons to attend this year's festival. We are working on gathering sponsorship, volunteers, vendors, parade participants, and exciting entertainment also if interested in any of these areas, please reach out to us. We will be announcing the theme and Specialty Balloons very soon.

As always, we are looking forward to sharing this incredible community event with all of you! This event is very dear to the twin cities and the communities surrounding the

Lewiston and Auburn and the GFBF Board is honored to volunteer to create this event.

We are all very proud to serve and fulfill our mission:

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

We will continue to offer a jam-packed weekend and carry on our fantastic traditions and we may even throw in a few new and exciting things too!

Balloon launches are 6:00 am and 6:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Weather permitting, the moon glow will illuminate Simard Payne Memorial Park on Friday night. It is quite a sight to see! Come on down and enjoy a ride – if that is not for you, there will be tethered rides available Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the main field.

Both stages, Lewiston and Auburn, will be full of great entertainment all weekend – check out our schedule in this insert or on our website for all the details. There is something for everyone, we hope you enjoy it!

Craft and trade vendors will line the park and the carnival will be present to lend fun and excitement as well!

Since its creation,

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the mission of the festival is to provide a place for local non-profits to raise much-needed funds. This is accomplished by the mouthwatering food offerings and donations to the parking lot groups. The organizations work hard all year preparing for this event to provide these choices to you. Visit your favorite food booth and support them!

According to economic impact studies done at the festival, the revenue stream over the

weekend to Lew/Auburn is \$2.3 million dollars, with 65% of that coming from outside the twin cities. Between our local restaurants, hotels, stores and gas stations, everyone benefits. The numbers are impressive for a weekend event supporting our great community!

It goes without saying, but we will say it any how... we could not put on this great event without the help and support of many volunteers, corporate sponsors and the

cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Everyone involved puts in endless hours and the board cannot thank everyone enough! We also thank the local landowners who may find a balloon in their backyard over the weekend!

Please come on down to the festival this year and enjoy all it has to offer. We look forward to being your hosts!

Thank you,
Board of Directors
2023 Great Falls Balloon Festival.

Donate to support The Great Falls Balloon Festival

The Great Falls Balloon Festival would not be able to happen without the support of our community and sponsors.

The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations while celebrating our community and

promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination. By supporting us, you are giving us a chance to give back to our community and local non-profits. Donations collected will help us support our mission. To donate, go to <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/donate/>

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Falls Balloon Festival are not tax-deductible.

Commonly asked questions:

Q: Once I've set up a monthly donation, how can I make changes to my account (i.e. change amount, change my credit card number)?

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asking you to create an account that would allow you to edit your donation settings.

Q: What if I need to stop giving. Can I stop whenever I want?

A: Of course! You can stop your monthly donation by logging into your account or by emailing us at info@greatfallsballoonfestival.org.

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Q: When will my credit card first be charged?

A: Monthly charges occur once per month. Your first online donation will be charged to your card on the date that your transaction is made. All subsequent charges will occur on the same day of each month. If you would

like to change the date of when you are charged you can email us at info@greatfallsballoonfestival.org.

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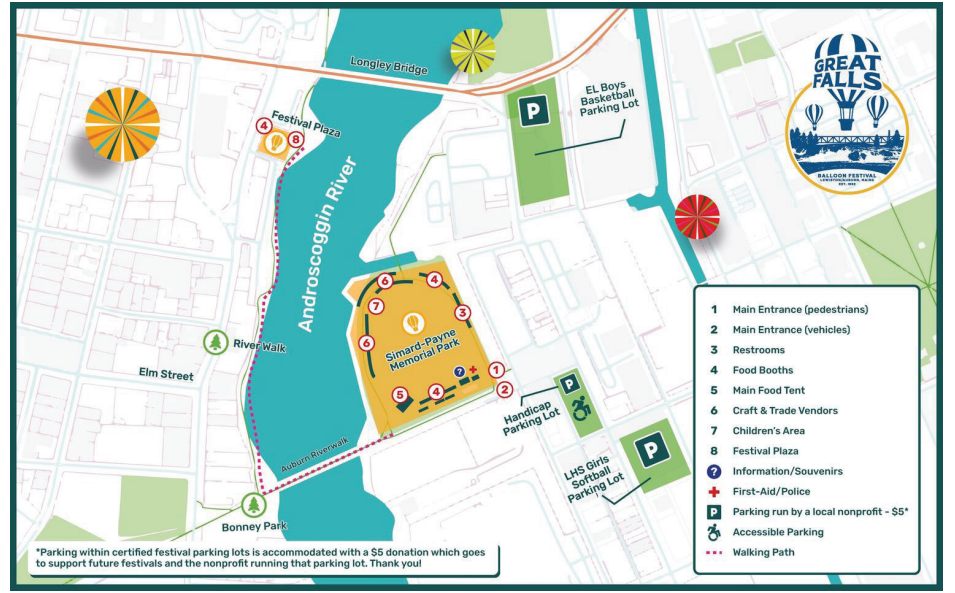
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Directions and Parking



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

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

From Points South

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

Parking

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

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

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6:00pm Balloon Launch
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8/19/2023
5:30am Pancake Breakfast
6:00am Balloon Launch
11:00 Parade
11:00 Tether Balloon Rides
11:30-12:30 Taylor Hughes
12:45 – 1:45 Stone Broke
2:00 – 3:00 Morganite
3:15 -4:15 Moticon
4:30 – 6:00 3Z Top
6:00pm Balloon Launch
6:30 – 8:15 Jumpin' Willys
8:30 – 10:00 Christie Ray

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6:00am Balloon Launch
9am – 12:00 Family Fun Day
9:00 – 9:30 Cugno Boxing
9:30-10:15 Phoenix No Limits Demonstration Team
9:30 – 10:30 Camp of Rock
10:30 – 11:30 Cheering
11:30 – 12:15 Snarky Sisterz
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Saturday, August 19 2023 (morning and evening launch)

Sunday, August 20, 2023 (morning and evening launch)

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All tickets will be mailed out prior to Monday, August 15, 2023. If tickets are purchased on or after August 15, 2023, tickets will be available on the day of your flight. Please refer to your email confirmation for time, location and pick up information.

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

Questions? Contact: Rides@GreatFallsBalloonFestival.org

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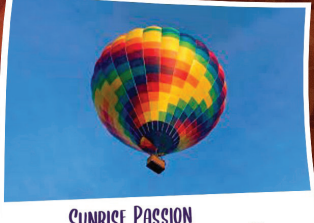

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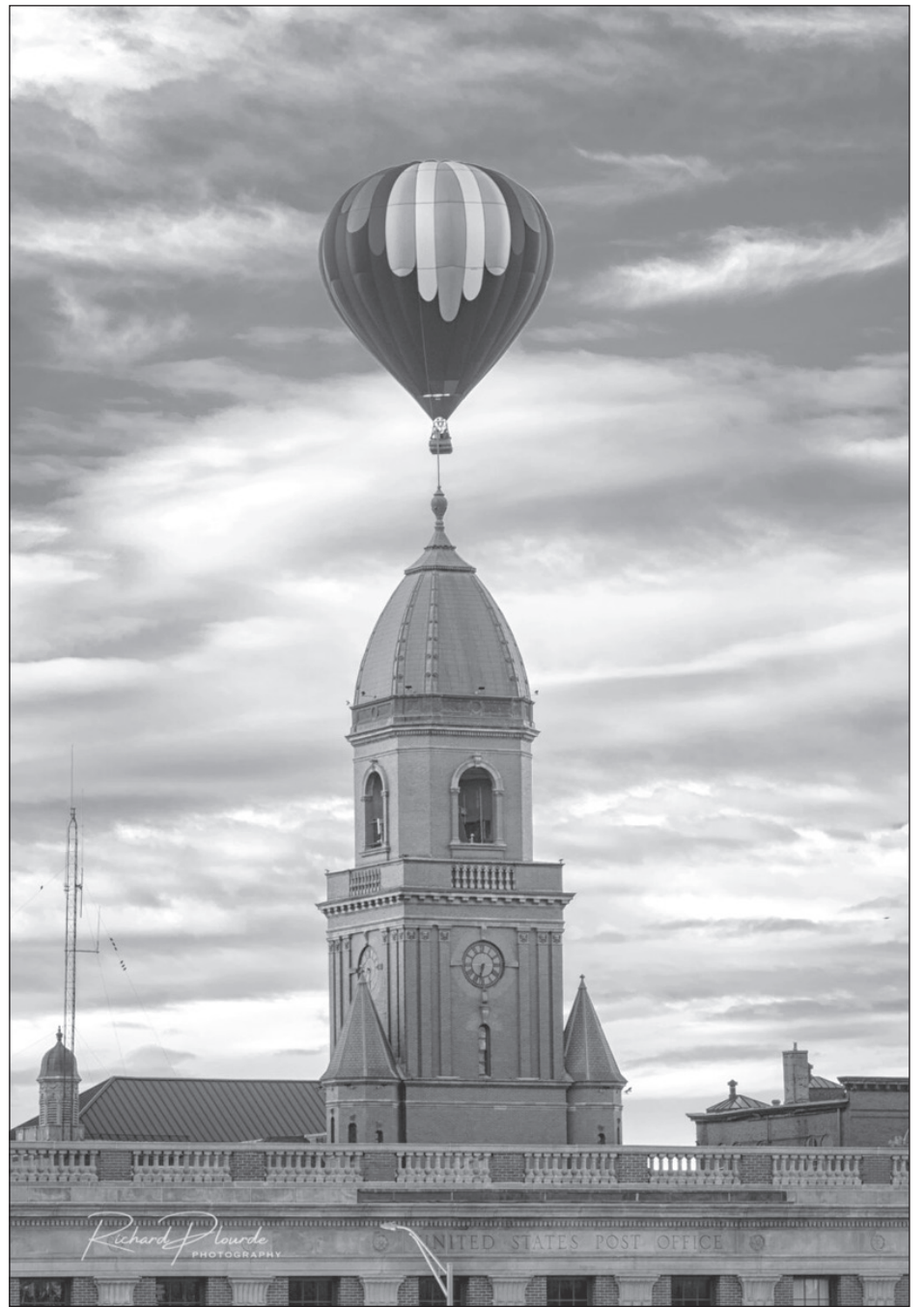
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Previous winner in the adult category - Nicole B from Turner



Previous winner in the professional category - Richard P from Lewiston

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- 9:30 – 10:00 - Fun Run, Toddler Trot, and Diaper Derby
- 9:00 – 11:00 – Party Palooza Face Painting, Hay Rides, Kids Activities, Home of the Brave RC Balloon, Franco-American Collection, Non-Profit Tables
- 9:00 – 9:30 Congo Boxing Demonstration
- 9:30- 10:15 Phoenix No Limits Demonstration Team
- 9:30 – 10:30 Camp of Rock Performing
- 10:30 – 11:30 Cheering Demonstration
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Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

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

airworthiness certificate to fly.

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

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

a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

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

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

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

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

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

THE BIG 5:

Don't Smoke. Our visiting balloons carry tanks full of propane gas. Due to the obvious fire

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hazard created by the use of propane gas, as well as the risk of damage to the balloon envelopes, smoking is prohibited.

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

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

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

Don't fly drones without written permission. Flying drones at the festival can be very dangerous with the large amount of people and all the radio wave interference.

LAUNCH TIMES AND SITES

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

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45 p.m. This time frame provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

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

SPECIAL SHAPE BALLOONS

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the special shape balloons will inflate and stay at the field to glow

for the crowd. They are large, complex, and hard to pack up in the dark.

MOONGLOW

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Friday evening launch, some of our visiting balloons will return to the field, inflate and light their burners for a ground-level light show, weather permitting.

ATM

There is an ATM available at Simard-Payne Memorial Park, near the Information/Souvenir Booth.

What are hot air balloons made of?

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

What are the baskets made of?

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

How fast does it go?

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

How high does it go?

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

When is the best time to fly?

Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up?

It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1

to 2 hours, but factors like outside air temperature, the weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

What kind of fuel is used?

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

How do you get back?

With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow) and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear?

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

DISCLAIMER:

Due to weather conditions, the best times for balloon launches are 6 a.m. for morning launches and 6 p.m. for evening launches.

Launches are always weathered permitting and times may vary depending on conditions.

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



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Aug 10
LEWISTON -- Thursday August 10th some of the 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.

Veterans, their guests, and folks with a connection to Sampson AFB, gather monthly through the summer months for lunch and share stories and memories. Sampson was a Navy base during WW2, to be reopened during the Korean era. All Veterans and their guests are welcome to visit.

FMI call 657-4909 or e-mail wwmkwr1933@gmail.com (Bob Sawyer Sampson AFB 1953)

Aug 10-20
AUBURN -- Community Little Theatre presents the musical The Little Mermaid, based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the classic Disney animated film. Show dates are August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and August 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.lacli.com/box-office or by calling 207-783-0958.

Fridays Aug 11-Aug 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.

Aug 12
TURNER -- Inside Yard Sale at the Universalist Church, Rt# 117 (Turner Center Road) across from Gazebo on Saturday, Aug. 12th, from 8:00 to 1:00

Aug 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.

Aug 15, 16, 17, 19, 22

DaPonte String Quartet Summer Series II Program with guest violinist Petros Karapetya: Francaix String Trio in C; Stravinsky

Three Pieces for String Quartet; Stravinsky Concertino for String Quartet; Brahms String Quartet in C Minor, op. 51, no 1

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol

Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 pm Old Meetinghouse, Yarmouth

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, Georgetown

Saturday, August 19, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

Tuesday, August 22, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange

Tickets and additional information available at dapontequartet.org

Aug 26

BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, August 26, 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 wish is optional.

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 day-lilies. All are welcome.

Oct 21
WESTBROOK -- Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Silent Auction

Where: Prides Corner Community Church, 235 Pride St. Westbrook, ME 04038

When: October 21, from 9AM to 3PM

Handmade crafts, baked goods and very popular silent auction items featuring sports memorabilia, game tickets, themed gift baskets, fabulous items and gift certificates! SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 2PM.

Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

LEWISTON -- PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES, held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Monday 11:15am-12:30pm starting March 6th, 2023 at the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department

Homeschool families, are you looking for opportunities to have fun and socialize with other homeschool families? LPL will be offering activities for homeschool families in the Children's Department the first three Mondays of each month from 11:15am-

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12:30pm. The activities will be a Homeschool Video Game Social on March 6th, a Homeschool Lego Club and Curriculum Swap on March 13th, and a Homeschool Storytime and Craft on March 20th.

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, learn, trade, and compete with your peers! Games include Pokémon, Magic: the Gathering, and more. All skill levels are welcome. Library staff and volunteers will be available to teach new players and coach developing

ones. Free. For kids & teens ages 8-18. 513-3135; www.LPLonline.org

Wednesdays

LEWISTON -- Knitting Group, Dates: Wednesdays, Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m., Facilitator: SeniorsPlus Staff, Location: Education Center, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston

Join our knitting group to work on your own project, learn from others, and socialize. Classes are free, unless noted. SeniorsPlus is fully accessible. Hearing assistive equipment is available upon request. For more information or to register, call us at 207-795-4010 or visit seniorsplus.org.

Every second Monday

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

GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

Field Funding Campaign

The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

- Develop 2 fields at White Rock
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- Repair dugouts and fencing, build storage centers
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- Acquire tarps and field maintenance equipment
- Add scoreboards

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have lunch from a limited menu which includes a super salad bar, the main entrée and dessert. After lunch we will head to Ogunquit where you will have a few hours to shop or walk on Marginal Way or find a bench and enjoy the ocean view. We leave Lewiston Park and Ride at 9:15 a.m. and will be back around 4:30 p.m. Price is \$77.00 which includes the bus, lunch and tips.

August 30, 2023 - THE DAVINCI CODE - Ogunquit Playhouse - Bus will leave Lewiston Park and Ride on Lisbon Street at 12 Noon and travel to the playhouse for the 2 p.m. show. After the play we will go to the Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough for dinner on your own. The price for the bus, bus driver tip and play is \$105.00 due at sign up. Deadline to sign up is August 14 th . Last year's play sold out so if you are interested sign up early. September 27, 2023 - Join us for a day of fun in Bar Harbor. We will leave Lewiston Park and Ride at 7:15 a.m. and head to Bar Harbor Cellars. We will enjoy a tour and tasting of 5 different wines . From there we head to Bass Harbor

where we will enjoy lunch at the Seafood Ketch Restaurant. Lunch is on your own. After lunch we travel to Seal Cove to visit the Seal Cove Auto Museum. The price for the bus, wine tasting, auto museum and tips is \$87.00. The deadline to sign up is August 30 th . Sign up at the Lewiston Senior Citizens office at 65 Central Avenue in Lewiston.

FRYEBURG FAIR - OCTOBER 3, 2023 - Senior Day at Fryeburg Fair. 65 and over get in for free . For those under 65 the price is \$15.00. You are responsible to pay for your admission. Bring something with you showing proof of your age. We will leave the Lewiston park and ride at 8 a.m. and be dropped off at the entrance with a return time of around 5 p.m. You will have plenty of time to view exhibits, visit the animals and enjoy the food. The price for the bus and driver's tip is \$52.00. Deadline to sign up is August 29, 2023.

Reflections of Italy - October 9 - 18, 2023
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Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's DAVID, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, St. Mark's square, boat ride to Murano Island, Milan and much more. For more information on any of our trips, please contact Claire Bilodeau (207)784-0302 or Cindy Boyd (207)345-9569.

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 TO DECEMBER 1, 2023 - WHITE MOUNTAIN HOTEL & RESORT - This trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners and 2 different entertainment shows, an Austrian sleigh ride at Nestlenook Farm in Jackson, NH., shopping at Settler's Green or in town shopping. All room and meal taxes & gratuities included. The price is \$589.00 per person double occupancy. A \$100.00 deposit per person is due at registration. Final payment is due October 28, 2023. Pick up location is The Auburn Mall (in back of J.C. Penney) 500 Center Street, Auburn, ME at 10:30 A.M. For more information on any of these trips please contact Claire at 207-784-0302 [Home] or 207-576-8604 [Cell] or Cindy

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Gorham School Budget Validation Election coming up

GORHAM, ME (August 4, 2023) -- A Special School Budget Validation Election will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to allow voters to validate the revised FY 24 school budget.

The school budget amounts that voters will validate at the Special Elec-

tion/School Budget Validation Referendum on August 15th will be voted on and adopted at the Special Town Council on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Once adopted, the school budget amounts will be posted. The revised proposed school budget can be viewed within the agenda for the Special Town

Council Meeting Agenda (accessible on the Town's website).

Below are helpful website links and answers to frequently asked questions:

When do polls open and close on Election Day? Poll places open at 7am and close at 8pm.

Where do I vote? Visit the Town's website to view a listing of assigned polling wards based on odd/even residential street addresses in Gorham. Wards are as follows:

Ward 1-1: Gorham Middle School - 106 Weeks Road

Ward 1-2: Great Falls Elementary School - 73 Justice Way

Ward 2: Shaw Gym, Gorham Municipal Center - 75 South Street

Voter Registration: Unenrolled voters can enroll in a party at any time including Election Day since the State of Maine offers Election Day voter regis-


tration.

Absentee Voting: Absentee ballots are available by request by visiting or calling the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670. Important note: Voted absentee ballots cannot be returned until August 9, 2023, and will be rejected if returned before August 9, 2023. Absentee voting will not be held in Council Chambers for this election; however, voting booths will be set up in the Clerk's Office for citizens to vote in-person during normal office hours (7am - 5pm, Mon-Thurs) between August 9 and August 10 ONLY. The last day to request an ab-

sentee ballot or vote in the Town Clerk's Office will be August 10th at 5pm. Ballots can be returned between August 9 and through 8pm on election day - August 15, 2023 in the ballot box outside of the Gorham Municipal Center or in the Town Clerk's Office.

The State website is not available for requesting absentee ballots for this election since it is a local election.

For general election information, please visit the Town's website. If you have additional questions about absentee voting, please visit the Town Clerk's Office or call 222-1670.



THIRD SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVAL TIMELINE ANNOUNCED!

- **August 2 (7:00 p.m.)** - School Committee votes to approve THIRD proposed FY 24 Budget.
- **August 8 (6:30 p.m.)** - Town Council vote & Public Hearing on THIRD proposed FY 24 Budget.

Note: At the mtg. on August 8 the Town Council can either approve the 3rd proposed budget, or they can add money to the proposed budget or they can reduce the proposed budget. Whatever is voted on by the Town Council on this night is what is sent to referendum on August 15!

- **August 15 (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)** - THIRD Voter Validation Referendum Vote is held.

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS?

PLEASE REMAIN INFORMED AND GO VOTE!

The first day to request an Absentee Ballot is August 3rd (after the Council calls the election).

Absentee Ballots can be mailed out or picked up in person.

Ballots **can not** be returned until Wednesday, August 9th (after the Council votes on a number)

Voting absentee in person in the Clerk's office will be Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 from 7AM-5PM only.

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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 AM to 12 Noon.

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 time, they are donated to serve the people in need in Ukraine.

In addition to helping folks find clothes, we want to spend time with you!

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