

Gorham students: Use your voices to strengthen Maine education

AUGUSTA, ME--The Maine Department of Education (DOE) opened applications for the 2023/2024 Student Cabinet, a group of students that meet regularly with the Maine DOE and each other to use their voices to strengthen education in Maine.

Facilitated by student representatives from the Maine State Board of Education, the purpose of the Student Cabinet is to provide a forum for Maine students' voices to be heard. This is the fourth year the Maine DOE has appointed students to a Student Cabinet with the goal of integrating student voices into decision-making on education issues that impact their journey through Maine's education system.

"Involving student voices in policy-making is more important than ever," said Ryan Hafener, Co-Chair and Facilitator of the Maine DOE Student Cabinet. Hafener is a student member of the Maine State Board of Education and a senior at Hampden Academy. "The Student Cabinet is a space where young people from across the state can have their voices heard on issues they care about."

In past years, students have helped in identifying mental health needs at school, raised issues of racial equity, and helped brainstorm ways to individualize learning. Last year, the Student Cabinet presented their mental health concerns and ideas to Maine's Legislative Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

The Maine DOE encourages students with diverse experiences, interests,

cultures, and backgrounds to apply to be represented on the Student Cabinet.

There are 12-24 seats that are open for students in grades 4 - 12 and the first year of college. The newly appointed members will serve for a term of two years starting this November. All 16 counties in Maine will be represented on the Student Cabinet.

Selected Cabinet members will be expected to attend scheduled meetings, prepare for each meeting as needed, work in a collaborative manner with one another and with Maine DOE staff as needed, and express views and opinions openly, constructively, and respectfully.

Scheduled meetings:
There will be two in-person, all-day meetings scheduled in Augusta in December 2023 and Spring 2024, accompanied by monthly virtual meetings held on the fourth Thursday of the month from December 2023 through the spring of 2024 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm via Zoom. For in-person meetings, travel reimbursement will be provided and travel arrangements can also be made for students if needed.

Instructions for applying:
Students interested in serving on the Maine DOE Student Cabinet will need to submit the electronic application by November 15, 2023. Applications can be submitted electronically at the DOE website.

For more information contact Rachel Paling, Communications & Outreach Manager, Maine Department of Education at rachel.paling@maine.gov.

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Gorham's Jon Smith named Alumnus of the Year



GORHAM, ME -- Congratulations to Jon Smith, founder and president of Great Falls Construction on being selected as the 2023 A Light on the Point Alumnus of the Year Award recipient.

Jon's commitment to family and community is a truly inspirational story. After graduating from SMCC in 1988, he co-founded Great Falls Builders with his future wife, Cindy. Over the years, the company has grown to become a leading construction firm in Maine, managing commercial and residential projects and

employing 65 team members. Jon has served the community on school, church and business boards.

Join us on November 2 at 5:30 to celebrate Jon and all the other award winners at our A Light on the Point event. Visit www.smccME.edu/lotp for ticket information.

All proceeds of LOTP go to SMCC Foundation's Annual fund, which helps to remove barriers and provide wrap-around services for students to assist them in reaching their educational goals.

Halloween parade with Youth Services at Gorham's BML

GORHAM, ME - Come on out to Baxter Memorial Library on October 31 at from 10-11am for Halloween festivities! Wear your costume to the library,

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

'Buy, Give, Get' to benefit veterans in need

NORTH KINGS-TOWN, RI -- Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL), the region's premier discount retail chain with 152 stores across New England and the mid-Atlantic, is pleased to announce the return of its annual 'Buy, Give, Get' program to benefit veterans in need, Thursday, October 19, 2023 through Wednesday, January 3,

2024. Since the start of "Buy, Give, Get" in 2016, OSJL has provided more than 250,000 coats to veterans and 200,000 backpacks to children in need. During OSJL's 'Buy, Give, Get' coat donation program, any customer who buys a warm winter coat at OSJL for \$40.00 (retail value at \$120.00 or more) and gives it back to the

store as a donation to a veteran in need, will get a \$40.00 Crazy Deal Gift Card for free, to be used for a future purchase online or at any Ocean State Job Lot store. Approximately, 55,000 winter coats will be available for purchase to be distributed to veterans' organizations in partnership with a multi-state network of more than 50

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Fall enrollment up 16% at Maine's community colleges

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	2022	2023	% Change
Central Maine Community College	3,376	4,121	22%
Eastern Maine Community College	2,376	2,531	6.5%
Kennebec Valley Community College	2,119	2,381	12%
Northern Maine Community College	783	772	-1%
Southern Maine Community College	6,007	7,205	20%
Washington County Community College	505	685	36%
York County Community College	1,626	1,782	10%
MCCS TOTAL	16,792	19,477	16%

AUGUSTA, ME — Enrollment at Maine's community colleges hit a historic high of 19,477 students this fall, surpassing the record set in 2011 and up 16 percent from last year.

Enrollment was boosted by a new tuition-free scholarship for recent high school graduates, expanded nursing programs statewide, more than 700 short-term workforce students moving into degree programs, and an easing of pandemic-related restrictions that expanded on-campus housing capacity.

"At a time when Maine desperately needs more skilled workers and Mainers need good jobs to support themselves and their families, we're extremely pleased to see enrollment increase so significantly," said David Daigler, president of the Maine Community College System (MCCS).

"These numbers show the strength of our offerings, the hard work and drive of our students, and the promise of a stronger economy for Maine as these students enter the

workforce or continue on to four-year degrees and beyond," Daigler said. "I am humbled by how hard the people at the colleges and system have worked to make the dream of a college education come to fruition for so many Mainers who want the opportunity to improve their lives through education."

Total headcount this fall is 19,477 students, up from 16,792 students last year, according to the official tally on October 15. The previous high point was 17,911 students in 2011.

Sixty-one percent, or 8,186 students, qualified for free tuition under the Free College Scholarship because they graduated from high school or earned a Hi-SET diploma in 2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023. The scholarship covers 100 percent of a student's tuition and mandatory fees, which is \$3,750 a year for the average full-time student. That's the lowest college tuition in New England.

Of the 8,186 Free College Scholarship-eligible students this fall, 3,668 are new students enrolling for the first time, and 4,518 are continuing community college students who were previously enrolled.

Since the Free College Scholarship program was proposed by Governor Janet Mills and enacted by the Legislature in early 2022, 11,543 Free College Scholarship-eligible students have enrolled, surpassing the administration's target of enrolling 8,000 students by the end

of the 2023-24 academic year.

"The impact of the Free College Scholarship is impressive," Daigler said. "In its first year, it attracted a higher-than-expected number of young men and lower-income students to college. As a group they had a higher fall-to-spring retention rate than the rest of the student body. All of that is particularly noteworthy since these students had a high school experience significantly disrupted by the pandemic. We're looking forward to welcoming the graduating classes of 2024 and 2025 to this transformative scholarship."

In addition to offering a tuition-free scholarship, 2022-23 was also the year Maine's community colleges added 200 seats to the nursing program; had more than 700 short-term workforce graduates enroll in degree programs; and expanded on-campus housing as pandemic-related restrictions eased.

Official fall enrollment figures do not include the thousands of students enrolled in rolling short-term workforce programs that take less than a year to complete. Last year, 12,000 students enrolled in short-term workforce programs over the course of the year. Those courses focus on tailored job skills training that prepares students for their first job or helps them advance in their career in the trades, health care, hospitality, business, and many other Maine industries. Last year, more than 700 short-term training graduates earned scholarships to enroll in a degree or certificate program.

Altogether, MCCS serves more than 30,000 students a year through early college courses, two-year degree programs, one-year certificate programs, short-term workforce training, advanced certificates, and continuing education.

Holly A. Lupo joins Skelton Taintor & Abbott

LEWISTON, ME -- The law firm of Skelton Taintor & Abbott, of Lewiston announces that Holly A. Lupo has joined the firm as an Associate Attorney. Ms. Lupo graduated from the University of Maine School of Law (J.D., 2023) and the

University of Maine, Orono (B.A., Psychology, 2018). She was admitted to practice in all Maine state courts October 18, 2023. Ms. Lupo intends to focus on real estate law, business and corporate law, and estate planning.

"We are honored to

have Holly join our firm. Her wealth of knowledge and energetic personality will benefit all our clients," said Daniel A. D'Auteuil, Jr. Shareholder at Skelton Taintor & Abbott.

Ms. Lupo was a Legal Intern for the Volunteer

Lawyers Project (2019) and Penobscot Community Health Care (2021). Most recently, she was also a Legal Intern with MaineHealth (2022). Additionally, Ms. Lupo served as President of the University of Maine School of Law's Business

Law Association, is a CALI Award Recipient for Small Business & Entrepreneurship and is the 2023 Corporate/Business Law Award Recipient from the University of Maine School of Law. Skelton Taintor & Abbott is a full-service trial and gen-

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With the addition of Attorney Lupo, the firm consists of 13 attorneys practicing in virtually all fields of law and in both federal and state courts.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Town of Gorham seeks input on Robie Park Master Plan

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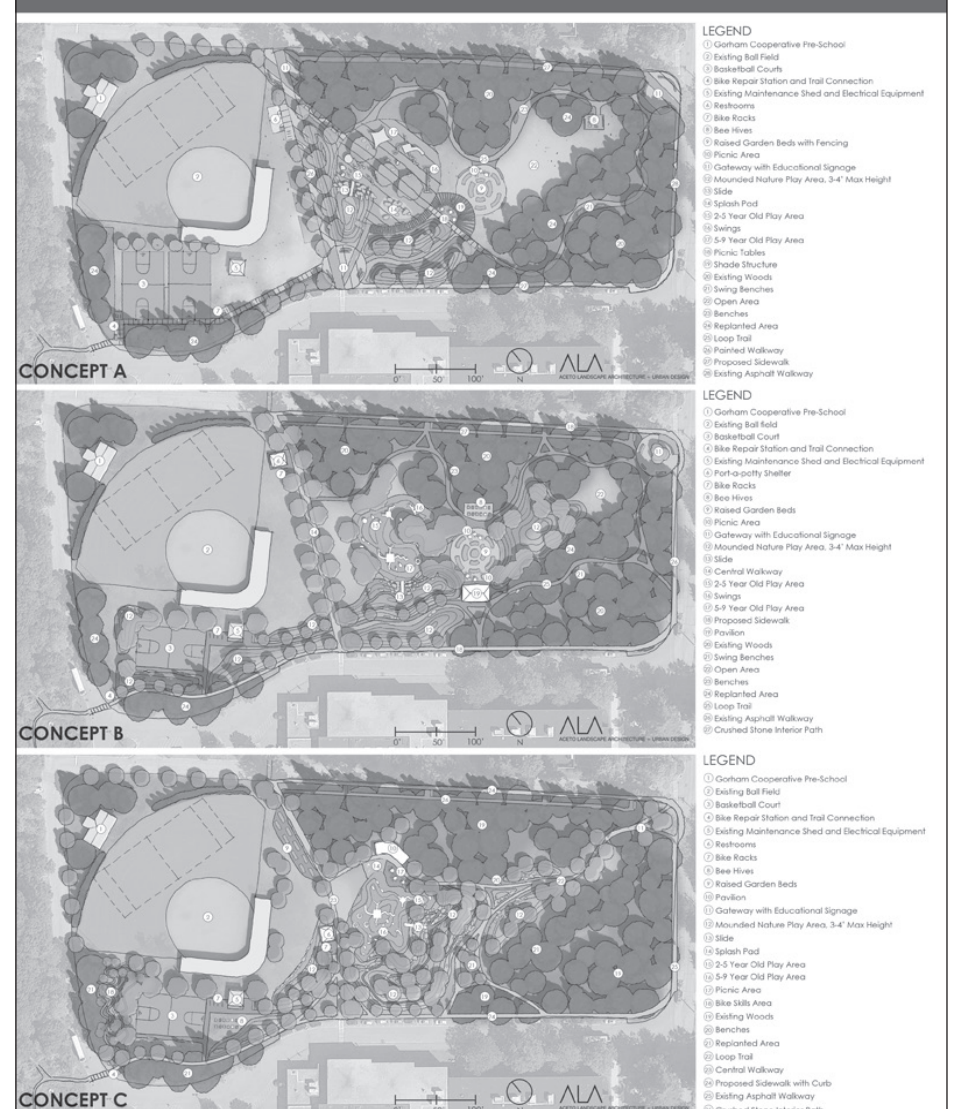
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ROBIE PARK MASTER PLAN CONCEPT PLANS A, B, AND C



LEGEND

- ① Gorham Cooperative Pre-School
- ② Existing Ball Field
- ③ Basketball Court
- ④ Bike Repair Station and Trail Connection
- ⑤ Existing Maintenance Shed and Electrical Equipment
- ⑥ Restrooms
- ⑦ Bike Racks
- ⑧ Bee Hives
- ⑨ Raised Garden Beds with Fencing
- ⑩ Picnic Area
- ⑪ Gateway with Educational Signage
- ⑫ Mounded Nature Play Area, 3'-4" Max Height
- ⑬ Slide
- ⑭ Splash Pad
- ⑮ 2-5 Year Old Play Area
- ⑯ Swings
- ⑰ 5-9 Year Old Play Area
- ⑱ Picnic Table
- ⑲ Shade Structure
- ⓪ Existing Woods
- Ⓛ Swing Benches
- Ⓜ Open Area
- Ⓨ Benches
- Ⓩ Replanted Area
- ⓐ Loop Trail
- ⓑ Paved Walkway
- ⓓ Proposed Sidewalk
- ⓔ Existing Asphalt Walkway

Please review the plans above, then click the link [here](#), or scan the QR code, to be taken to a quick survey about these concepts.



GORHAM, ME -- The Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee is seeking input from residents on their preferred option for the Robie Park Master Plan design from

three concept plan alternatives, as well as input on a brief survey. To view the three concept plan alternatives, please see the flyer attached below and vote using the QR code.

Citizens that would like to share their input on the Robie Park Master Plan are encouraged to attend a public meeting on Thursday, November 2nd.


Gorham School Dept. named a best place to work in Maine

GORHAM, ME -- Best Places to Work In ME has announced what we already knew here in Gorham that our schools are some of "The Best Places To Work in ME" for 2023! The GSD was selected as one of the top 26 large em-




ployers in the state for this honor. We will find out later in October who gets #1! GO RAMS!

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Kayakers cross Cape Porpoise Harbor



Paddlers approach Goat Island



Visitors enjoy spectacular views from the Goat Island Light Tower

Early each September, the United State Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism, and the American Lighthouse Foundation sponsor Maine Open Lighthouse Day. The event provides an opportunity for the public to visit and explore many historic lighthouses and attracts more than 15,000 visitors each year.

This year, the event was held on September 9th. Twenty famous Maine lighthouses participated including Goat Island Light in Cape Porpoise Harbor near Kennebunkport. An offshore lighthouse, there is no ferry service to Goat Island and visitors must find their own transportation.

Our friend, Shwe-

ta Galway, conceived a unique plan to experience the event. She proposed a Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society sea kayak trip to the island. My wife, Nancy, and I enthusiastically signed on.

Weather was a concern. There was a chance of storms, fog, and gusty winds. We carefully monitored the forecast in advance of the trip. The prediction improved the night before but the possibility of fog and some storms remained. The trip was on for early the next morning.

It was high tide when five of us met at a small primitive landing on the causeway between Cape Porpoise and Bickford Island. The winds were calm, skies partly-clear, and no fog. While unloading a

tandem and three solo kayaks, we wondered how difficult our return would be at low tide.

The waters were mirror calm when we departed and turned south. While cruising along the east side of Bickford Island, we met a paddler who reported he'd been to the lighthouse and it appeared closed. Since it was early, we decided to explore some of the other islands in the vicinity and planned a later arrival at the lighthouse.

We progressed farther south into Cape Porpoise Harbor and navigated along the shores of Folly and Green Islands. Investigating the narrow circuitous passages between them was a very stimulating endeavor. However, breaking waves could be seen on the outside of the islands. We decided to remain in the more protected environment on the inside.

Persisting northeasterly from Folly Island, the distinctive profile of the lighthouse tower and keepers' house could be seen when approaching treeless Goat Island. We weren't the only paddlers who had this undertaking in mind as we met four other kayakers when landing on the gravel beach next to the dock.

A short walk brought us to the keepers' house. Friendly and helpful Scott Dombrowski, who shares keeper duties with his wife Karen, met us at the

door and confirmed the lighthouse was open. He told us how to access the lighthouse tower and the enclosed walkway that connects the tower with the house.

Early English explorer John Smith sailed by the islands in 1614 and named the area "Cape Porpus." Numerous reefs and ledges on the periphery of the harbor make entry potentially hazardous. The need for a lighthouse was apparent early on. The original light was established in 1833 and the current twenty-five foot brick tower was rebuilt in 1859. Keeper records indicate that during one 55-year period there were forty-six shipwrecks in the area.

Climbing the narrow dark circular tower stairs to the railed platform at the top was like taking a journey back in time. The views of the surrounding area were nothing short of phenomenal. The lighthouse is now automated and still an important navigation aid.

The covered walkway was rebuilt in 2011 after the original was swept away during the blizzard of 1978. The current bell tower was also constructed during that timeframe. Keeper Dombrowski thoughtfully opened the bell tower for our inspection.

Our thoroughly enjoyable and informative visit completed, we de-

ecided on some additional island exploration on the return trip. Departing from Goat Island, we kayaked northeasterly into modest swells on the outside of Trott Island and then negotiated through a very narrow rocky channel between Trott and Cape Islands.

A gentle tailwind helped propel us back to the causeway landing. Low tide resulted in a substantial mudflat at the take-out. Rather than wallow through the mud, we elected a strenuous carry along the rugged shoreline. The unplanned struggle at the end did not diminish from a wonderful day of paddling and lighthouse reconnoitering.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates eight more exciting sea kayaking excursions on 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.north-countrypress.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

Maine DOE podcast highlights voices from Maine schools

AUGUSTA, ME—The Maine Department of Education (DOE) launched a new podcast today hosted by Commissioner Pender Makin featuring conversations with educators, school staff, and students. The monthly podcast, *What Holds Us Together*, highlights the great things happening in public schools across Maine and how public education connects us.

The podcast launched with a conversation between Makin, 2023

Maine Teacher of the Year Matt Bernstein, and the newly named 2024 Maine Teacher of the Year Joshua Chard. The three discuss what they love about teaching and schools in Maine, the importance of public education, student voice, elevating the education profession, their message to aspiring teachers, and so much more.

"Public education is the most precious common good that we share. Every month, I'll

highlight the inspiring and amazing things happening in Maine schools through conversations with educators, school staff, and students across our state," said Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin in the podcast's trailer.

What Holds Us Together can be listened to and subscribed to on all major podcast platforms, including Apple and Spotify. New episodes to be released on the third Thursday of every month.

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Maine guardsmen join regional domestic response training

JOINT BASE CAPE COD (August 24, 2023) (readMedia) – Twenty-five Maine soldiers and airmen joined over 150 fellow guardsmen from New Hampshire and Rhode Island Aug. 12-18, 2023, for a training and evaluation exercise of the New England CERFP (pronounced “surf-pee”), a regional National Guard response team designed to assist first responders during various large-scale emergencies.

CERFP stands for ‘CBRN enhanced response

force package,’ and CBRN stands for ‘chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear.’ The package is an additional mission set on top of what units are primarily trained and equipped to do in a combat environment. The CERFP mission is one example of Air and Army National Guard elements working together jointly as part of what the military calls defense support to civil authorities, or DSCA (“disk-uh”).

The package consists of six elements: command

and control, search and extraction, decontamination, medical, fatality search and recovery, and a communications team. Maine is primarily responsible for the command and communication elements.

The scenario for the final test on evaluation day centered around a simulated ten kiloton nuclear detonation in a New England city. Over 350 simulated casualties were extracted from building rubble and processed through decontamination, triage, and recovery stations.

“The New England CERFP received a ‘T’ for 100% of all collective performance tasks for all elements,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Kelley, commander of Maine’s 521st Troop Command.

A ‘T’ rating indicates the unit is fully trained on that particular task. Kelley also reported that the exercise director and lead evaluator shared that the current New England team is only the second unit he has seen achieve a 100% in the past ten years of the director’s conducting similar

evaluations.

“The CERFP mission is a critical one, and really embodies what the National Guard is all about – being ‘Always Ready’ to render aid to our civilian neighbors,” said Brig. Gen. Dean Preston, commander of the Maine Army National Guard, during a site visit. “Every time they get together, this New England team gets it done. The faces have changed, but their record of success does not. This group has a lot to be proud of.”

Preston recognized

five soldiers and airmen for excellence and presented each with a command coin.

Nationwide, there are 27 CERFPs, all composed of regional Air and Army National Guard personnel who perform additional annual training beyond the traditional two weeks a year focused on the federal wartime mission. The New England CERFP, which serves FEMA Region 1, can assemble within six hours of an official request and an advance party can be on scene within four hours.

Maine secures \$3.07M for tree stewardship and grants

AUGUSTA, ME (September 21, 2023) – The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) announced the award of over \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support urban and community forestry projects and workforce development initiatives. This funding is part of President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to advance environmental justice, generate economic opportunity, and build a clean energy economy nationwide. The grants are made possible by investments from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate investment in history.

“Today’s announcement marks a significant milestone in our commitment to environmental stewardship and community development,” commented DACF Commis-

sioner Amanda Beal. “As we invest over \$3 million in urban and community forestry projects and workforce development initiatives, we are strengthening the well-being of our community forests and nurturing the growth of forestry careers.”

A \$1.57 million allocation will fuel a pioneering initiative launched by the Maine Conservation Corps (MCC), enabling the enlisting of five dedicated Community Tree Stewards, who will serve as full-time MCC members over four years.

“The Community Tree Stewards program will provide invaluable hands-on experience and mentorship opportunities for our members as they pursue careers in forestry,” said Sara Knowles, Director of the Maine Conservation Corps. “Simultaneously, it will elevate the

well-being of community forests, benefiting all residents.”

Established in 1983, MCC builds upon the Civilian Conservation Corps legacy by engaging diverse individuals to address pressing conservation needs in Maine communities. Members of MCC develop in-demand skills and work experience while showcasing the power of service and civic engagement. MCC is part of the DACF’s Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Project Canopy, a DACF Maine Forest Service (MFS) program, is set to allocate \$1.5 million in a competitive subgrant program aimed at municipalities and community organizations. This funding will support the upkeep of public right-of-way and park shade trees, risk mitigation efforts, and replanting initiatives to bolster

climate change mitigation and resilience. Key determinants for grant approval will include designations as disadvantaged entities, evidence of pressing needs, proactive urban forest risk planning, community involvement and educational endeavors, and a demonstrated commitment to climate-responsive planning and planting for resilience against pests and storms.

“This significant investment in public funding for community trees will address the 20-year backlog of deferred maintenance of roadside trees in Maine,” said Jan Santerre, Project Canopy Coordinator. “The investments will allow communities to build local capacity to understand this resource and plan for ongoing maintenance, growth, and long-term support for care.”

According to Maine State Forester and MFS

Director Patty Cormier, trees within our urban environments deliver economic, environmental, and social advantages. “Urban forests help mitigate air pollution and stormwater runoff, provide the pivotal role of carbon sequestration, and strengthen local economies.”

The Urban and Community Forestry industry contributes \$410 million to Maine’s economy annually and employs more than 5,000 people, according to a ground-breaking study by the Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance. Trees are estimated to cover 44.9% of Maine’s most populous communities, saving them \$83.8 million a year by removing air pollutants, stormwater reduction, and carbon sequestration.

Project Canopy will seek input from potential

grant recipients on the types of support most needed through a grant survey. The Request for Proposals will be announced by December 1, 2023. Interested parties are encouraged to subscribe to receive Project Canopy updates.

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Northeast Delta Dental strives to improve oral care

LEWISTON, ME -- Northeast Delta Dental will officially present a gift of \$665,000 to University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) to expand the dental workforce in Maine. The award will enable UMA to expand the current UMA Lewiston Center Dental Clinic and

increase the enrollment size of dental assisting and expanded functions dental assisting (EFDA) students and provide dental hygiene students with additional rotations. Entitled Expanding The Dental Workforce Throughout Maine: An Educational, Rotating Dental Clinic,

the initiative’s goal is to address the shortage of dental auxiliaries in Maine and extend the benefits of dental care to address disparities in oral health, providing quality oral health care for people who are low-income, uninsured, and/or members of racial/ethnic minority, immi-

grant, or rural populations. Specifically, the funding will cover:

The addition of state-of-the-art dental units to UMA’s Lewiston Center Dental Clinic, including equipment and construction costs; A scholarship program; Support for necessary staffing additions.

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Arts & Entertainment

Third Thursdays yoga in the Gorham Gallery



GORHAM, ME -- The Recovery Oriented Campus Center is collaborating with the Art Gallery at the USM Gorham campus to host Yoga on Thursday, November 16, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. There will be no December session. Together, we invite our USM community and the larger public to participate in slow looking at the artwork in

the Gallery, facilitated by the movement and energy that accompanies any workout.

Let this meditative experience add to your appreciation of our current exhibition *Embodying Softness / Excavating Delight*. Mark your calendars, and partake in a nurturing and reflective activity surrounded by art.

A limited number of mats will be provided.

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

GHS Theater presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

GHS Theater Presents
A Midsummer Night's Dream
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 Script adapted by J. Tierney-Fife

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 Saturday, November 11 at 2pm & 7:30pm
 Sunday, November 12 at 2pm
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GORHAM, ME dates: -- GHS Theater Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare on the following Friday, November 10th at 7:30 Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 and 7:30 Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 Tickets sold at the door. \$5 for students, \$10 for adults.

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Auburn publishes homeless service data

AUBURN, ME -- The Auburn Community Development Office announces the release of its latest Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), for federal funds granted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via the CDBG and HOME programs. The report spans activities undertaken by the city to serve low- and moderate-income residents from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

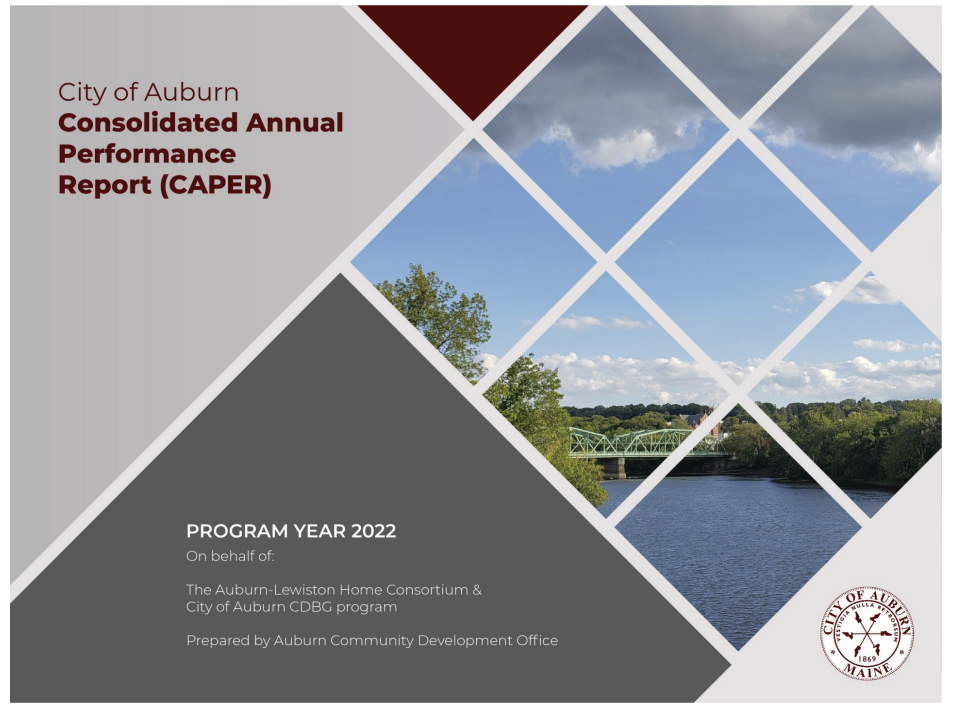
Notably, this year's report includes data from the HOME-ARP program,

assisting homeless and at-risk residents in Auburn and Lewiston. In its first six months, Auburn helped 34 homeless households and 14 households at-risk of becoming homeless. The General Assistance program, located within the same office, saw a 330% increase in local need, with 426 applications received, including 112 asylum-related cases (509% more than the previous year). The City's General Assistance budget contributed an additional \$233,375 in leveraged funds for federal activities, a 237% year over year increase, primar-

ily for housing, utility, and food aid.

The report also highlights the city's use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Project Support You (PSY) program. These funds provided a dedicated staff position with mental health and substance abuse expertise to co-respond directly with Auburn police and fire departments to triage care during rescue calls. In the first seven months, staff, in collaboration with Tri-County Mental Health, served 263 homeless Auburn residents.

The Auburn City



Council held a Public Hearing regarding this report on October 16, 2023, in Council chambers. Auburn

Community Development Office is dedicated to enhancing residents' well-being through strategic Fed-

eral fund investments. For more details, see the full CAPER report on the city's website, auburnmaine.gov.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Residential services for those impacted by domestic violence

Through These Doors offers shelter and transitional housing.

Shelter
TTD's Residential Services' Shelter Program assists victims of domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking in seeking safety from an abuser. Through These Doors operates a 16-bed residential shelter that serves as a temporary

home for those in danger or homeless due to domestic violence. Additionally, TTD provides shelter referrals, advocacy, housing assistance, and referrals to other shelters and housing resources.

TTD's shelter is in a private location in Portland, ME, and adults and their children. At our shelter, residents share communal living space

(bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, children's playroom, and library). All victims who are not sheltered by TTD due to lack of capacity or safety reasons are provided with referrals, links to community resources, and safety planning.

Families staying at TTD's shelter receive: Necessities such as

food, clothing, and personal care items

Ongoing, comprehensive safety planning

Education and information about the dynamics of domestic violence

Referrals to community resources

Assistance with applying for and obtaining safe, stable housing and other resources

Ongoing housing

support services after leaving the shelter

To learn more about the shelter and residential services, call our 24-hour helpline at 800-537-6066

Transitional Housing

In TTD's transitional housing program, our advocates support abuse victims by helping them find and keep safe, secure, and stable housing and providing continuous,

sustained assistance. We offer resources and voluntary support services to encourage survivors to regain confidence in their own skills and continue shaping a life guided by their own goals, free of abuse, with dignity, toward long-term economic stability. To learn more about transitional housing, call our 24-hour helpline at 800-537-6066.

Violence intervention

Through These Doors TTD maintains a Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Program (CDVIP) called 'A Different Choice.' ADC's weekly groups for men who perpetrate domestic violence are facilitated by trained educators using the Duluth Model as its curriculum. TTD's CDVIP is certified by the Maine Department of Corrections.

ADC is part of TTD's response to domestic abuse. Based on the belief that a strong, consistent criminal

justice system coupled with men's nonviolence classes is important for addressing domestic violence in a community. The criminal justice system is the first step in holding men who batter accountable.

Our men's nonviolence classes continue the accountability while offering the opportunity for men who batter to examine and change beliefs they hold that allow them to be violent or controlling of their partners.

Here is a list of vio-

lence intervention classes in Cumberland County:

Monday - 5 pm and 7 pm

Wednesday - 4 pm and 6 pm

Thursday - 5:30 pm

Friday - 8:30 am
All classes are held in person at 655 Riverside Street in Portland.

All classes are 90 minutes. Participants must be previously enrolled to attend. To learn more, contact us here: <https://www.throughthesedoors.org/violence-intervention/>.

Support domestic violence survivors

Through These Doors **Donate**

"I felt all alone, but with my advocate, I don't anymore. I feel like someone has my back. I'm coming out of this a stronger person."

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Volunteer

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the

world." – Howard Zinn
BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE!

Through These Doors offers several unique ways to volunteer to be a part of the movement for ending domestic violence in our community. Use your talents to strive for peace, support survivors and their children, share your experiences, and learn new skills.

Volunteering works best when the volunteer's talents and passions line up with the needs of the organization. At TTD, we explore your interests and skills and help determine where you can provide the most service to the survivors we support.

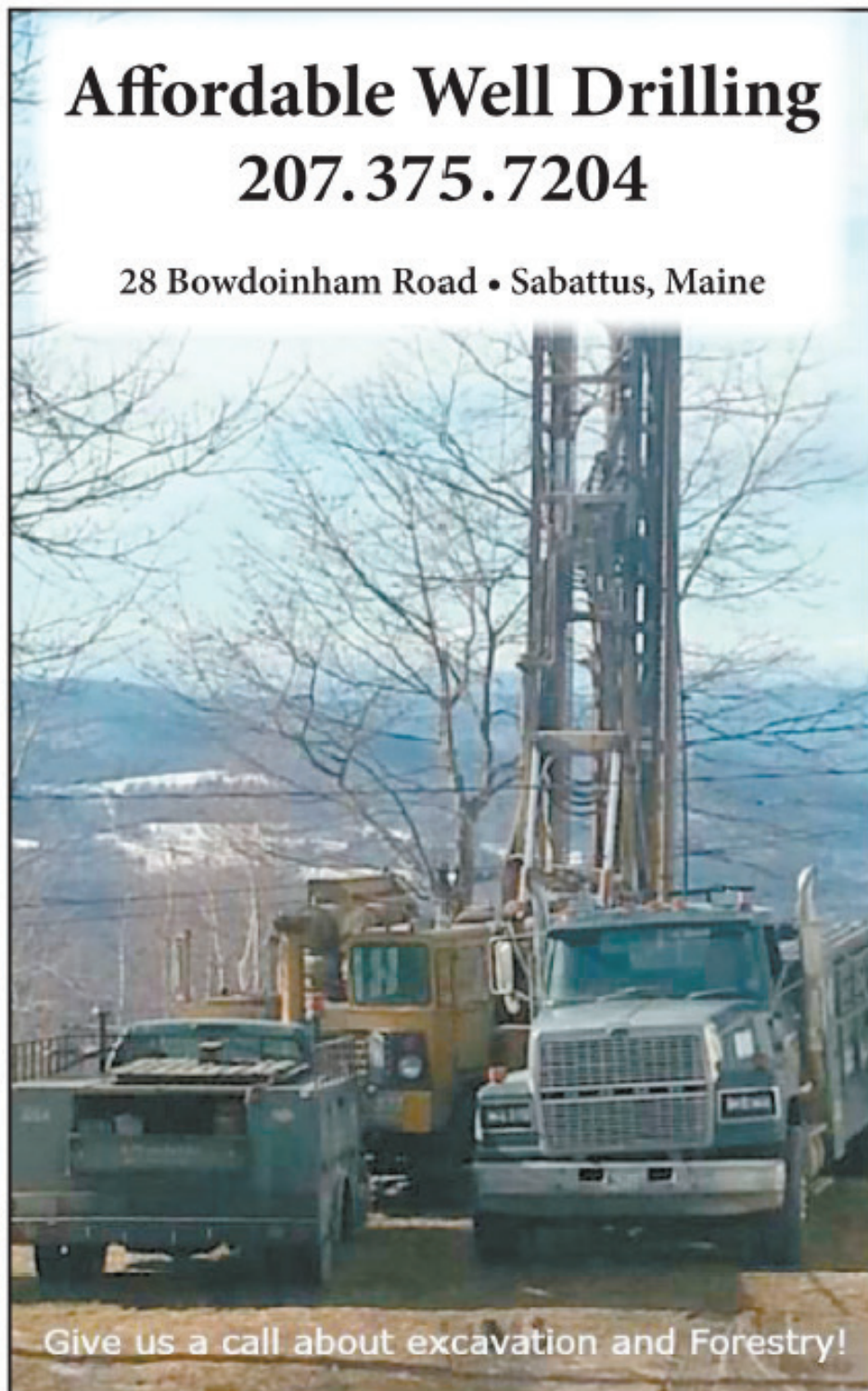
Our greatest need is for volunteers to engage with survivors directly on our 24-hour helpline or in person, providing emotional support, safety planning, information about partner abuse, and resources. We provide all of the training for this work. No previous

education or experience is necessary.

To become a direct service volunteer, you must complete our 44-hour Core Comprehensive Advocacy, Intervention, Response, and Ethics Training (CAIRET). During this training, you will learn about the dynamics of abuse, the cultural roots of violence and oppression, and the core components of social change advocacy.

This training will teach you to use active listening skills and provide support in a non-judgmental way using trauma-informed best practices while learning about Through These Doors' programs, procedures, and philosophy to support survivors and their families the best way possible.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

For October 2023, President Joe Biden released this proclamation on National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Domestic violence touches every community in this Nation. Americans of every race, religion, and background are affected; its consequences transcend generations, impacting children and reshaping whole families. During National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, we stand with the tens of millions of people who have experienced intimate partner violence, and we thank the first responders, service providers, and community members who work to make sure that every American can live in safety, with dignity and respect.

I was always taught there is no worse sin than the abuse of power, especially when that abuse is directed toward a partner. But just decades ago, much of our Nation wanted to keep the issue of domestic violence in the shadows.

Survivors sat in shame, and society often looked away from what people too often dismissed as a “family affair.”

I have spent more than 30 years of my life working to change that — to end gender-based violence in the United States and around the world. I wrote the original Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1990, which made strides toward shifting the legal and social burdens away from survivors, holding offenders accountable, and addressing gendered violence as a shared priority with a determined and coordinated response. That law introduced our Nation to countless brave survivors, whose stories changed the way America saw this issue. It created the National Domestic Violence Hotline to provide confidential support nationwide. It supported shelters, rape crisis centers, housing, and legal assistance, creating life-saving options for survivors and their children. And it helped to train police, advocates, prose-

cutors, and judges to make our justice system more responsive to survivors. It saved lives and helped survivors rebuild.

Since then, every time we have reauthorized VAWA, we have improved it — broadening its scope to include stalking and sexual assault in 2000, expanding access to services for immigrants and communities of color in 2005, and recognizing criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts over non-Indian perpetrators and protections for LGBTQI+ individuals in 2013. And last year, we reauthorized VAWA again and strengthened access to services for survivors from underserved and marginalized communities, expanded special Tribal criminal jurisdiction with support for Native communities, and recognized the need to combat cybercrimes and address online harassment and abuse. We brought the Federal Government’s investment in life-saving gender-based violence programs to \$700 million this year alone — the highest

funding level in history — and to \$1 billion in next year’s budget.

Last year, I also signed the most significant gun safety law we have had in nearly 30 years, which keeps firearms out of the hands of convicted domestic abusers. Another law I signed ensures we continue to sustain the Crime Victims Fund to help domestic violence survivors cover abuse-related costs like medical bills, lost wages, and temporary housing. And further, I signed a law empowering survivors of workplace sexual assault and sexual harassment to take their cases to court. We fundamentally transformed how the military prosecutes sexual assault and domestic violence within its ranks, shifting to specialized prosecutors independent from commanders. We have established a civil cause of action for anyone who has had their intimate photos shared without their consent, and we are working to prevent the spread of deepfake non-consensual images too. And last May,

we released the first-ever National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, laying out a Government-wide plan to prevent and address sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and other forms of gender-based violence.

Despite all this progress, we have more to do. Four in 10 American women and nearly 3 in 10 American men are still impacted by sexual abuse, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes. If you or someone you know needs help today, immediate and confidential support is available 24/7 through the National Domestic Violence Hotline by visiting thehotline.org, call 1-800-799-7233 (TTY 1-800-787-3224), or text “START” to 88788.

Every survivor should know that they are not alone and they deserve better. Together, we will keep spreading awareness, changing culture, supporting survivors, and moving toward a world free of gen-

der-based violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. I call upon each of us to change the social norms that permit domestic violence, provide meaningful support to survivors, and express gratitude to those working diligently on prevention and response efforts. Together, we can transform the country and build a Nation where all people live free from violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

twenty-ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

Through These Doors, serving Cumberland County

Our history began in 1977. Through These Doors (TTD) is the domestic violence resource center serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse, dating violence, and stalking in Cumberland County, Maine. When we opened the doors to our first shelter in 1977, there were already women waiting on the doorstep.

Our original name was Family Crisis Shelter. Emergency shelters were our most critical service in those days as there were few other options for people who were not safe in their homes. We later changed our name to Family Crisis Services to encompass the wide array

of services and programs we provided. In March 2018, we changed our name again. This time to Through These Doors.

This name demonstrates our history and the many ways we are available to survivors, including our helpline, outreach offices, shelter, and other locations and methods. The name indicates a sense of hope and promise for a life free of abuse. Most of the people who use our services go on to better lives with greater safety and autonomy. We want those reaching out for help to feel that sense of future possibility.

TTD provides safe, accessible services to all people affected by domes-

tic violence regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, primary language spoken, or immigration status. Our core service is our free, confidential, anonymous 24-hour helpline to people living in or leaving abusive relationships, struggling with a former partner, and concerned friends, family members, neighbors, etc.

We operate an emergency shelter for people fleeing abuse and violence, transitional services, support and education groups, safety planning, advocacy, support, and legal matters, including Protection



from Abuse Orders. We offer specialized support services on issues as elder abuse and human trafficking. We work in the systems of child protective services and local jails and prisons. We engage in consultation and case assessment with all law

enforcement agencies in Cumberland County.

We provide extensive community education, consultation, training, and systems change advocacy to the general public and youth through

our Young Adult Abuse Prevention Program to prevent future violence. TTD operates the batterer’s intervention program in Cumberland County, Maine, called “A Different Choice.”

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The Right Priorities

Lowering Taxes

Mayor Levesque is acutely aware of the importance of reducing taxes. Throughout the past six years, he has successfully limited tax increases to rates below inflation. Furthermore, under his leadership this year, taxes have remained unaltered. Although these efforts have presented challenges, Mayor Levesque’s commitment to fostering development in Auburn’s tax base will ultimately contribute to stabilizing tax rates, enhancing the overall quality of life, and safeguarding crucial city services.



Quality Education

Mayor Levesque was the first Mayor to take his seat on the School Board in over 20 years, championing educational excellence with tangible outcomes: notably, significant improvements in proficiency scores and a remarkable surge in the graduation rate, soaring from 73% to an impressive 93%. Led the efforts to create Auburn’s and CMMC’s Spring Ahead initiative creating the likelihood that ELHS students can attain an associates degree, or trade certification program upon graduation. Mayor Levesque has also been at the forefront of implementing strategic and efficient education funding, ensuring that Auburn’s taxpayers receive the maximum benefit from their investments in education.

Economic Development

Under Mayor Levesque’s leadership, Auburn has achieved record-breaking development in 4 out of the past 6 years, positioning the city as a leader in both new growth and high-paying job opportunities within the state. This remarkable expansion of the tax base promises to ensure the long-term sustainability of Auburn for generations to come.

Attainable Housing

Mayor Levesque is a strong advocate for making housing accessible to everyone. He has championed inclusive zoning, worked to dismantle obstacles, and facilitated partnerships between developers, landowners, and contractors to foster growth in the housing sector.

Protecting Natural Resources

We cannot have a vibrant city without identifying and protecting the natural resources that are essential to our future. Mayor Levesque is proud of the work done to Protect Lake Auburn.

ote **Jason Levesque**
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USM alum Tony Shalhoub breaks ground on new Center for the Arts

PORTLAND, ME -- University of Southern Maine (USM) students, leadership, alumni, and community supporters celebrated the official groundbreaking of The Crewe Center for the Arts, the new performing and visual arts facility being built on the Portland campus. The name of the Center, announced by award-winning actor and USM graduate Tony Shalhoub '77, recognizes the generosity and commitment of Daniel Crewe '22H, a longtime champion of the arts and Chair of USM's just-completed Great University Campaign, which raised a record-breaking \$50 million.

Commenting on the significance of the groundbreaking milestone, Tony Shalhoub '77, Honorary Chair of USM's Center for the Arts Campaign and a 1977 graduate of USM's Theatre Department, recalled his personal experience at the University.

"Being able to work so closely with dedicated professors and mentors in USM's Theatre Department allowed me to discover my own potential and passion for acting—and helped me go further than I ever imagined," said Mr. Shalhoub. "Building a new Center for the Arts on USM's Portland campus will help ensure that today's talented students will discover their own greatness, too."

Remarks at the groundbreaking event were punctuated with student performances by the Concert Band at USM's Osher School of Music, directed by Dr. William Kinne. The program included a read-



ing of USM's Land Acknowledgement by USM Theater students, remarks by Tony Shalhoub, and a ceremonial "groundbreaking" by university officials, campaign leadership, and USM arts students. Architectural renderings of the new building were on hand, along with displays of visual arts that would be featured in the new Crewe Center.

Describing the game-changing impact of the new arts facility, USM President Jacqueline Edmondson said, "Beyond bricks and mortar, the Crewe Center will better serve our talented faculty and students, open the doors to wider community collaboration in music, theatre, and the visual arts, and greatly benefit Maine's unique creative economy. We are deeply grateful to

our trailblazing donors who are helping us realize this vision and to leaders like Tony Shalhoub and Dan Crewe, who are committed to building a great future for the arts at USM."

The Crewe Center for the Arts will become the new home of USM's highly acclaimed Dr. Alfred and D. Suzi Osher School of Music, named in honor of Mrs. Osher and her late husband, Dr. Alfred Osher. A \$10 million gift from Mrs. Osher paved the way for construction of the new facility—the largest monetary gift in USM Foundation history. Another significant contribution of more than \$6 million came from the Crewe Foundation, established by Dan Crewe to honor his late brother, the legendary singer, songwriter, and producer, Bob Crewe.



The \$63 million Crewe Center project and construction is being funded through a combination of private philanthropy and public investment, including \$9 million from ongoing capital funding provided to the University of Maine System by Governor Mills and the Maine Legislature.

Speaking of the ongoing Crewe Center fundraising campaign, Ainsley Wallace, President and CEO of the USM Foundation said, "So many generous people have stepped forward to support this project—and there are still many opportunities, at every level, to join in. To date, we've raised more than \$20 million in philanthropic donations. With Dan Crewe and Honorary Chair Tony Shalhoub leading the way, we're confident we can raise the additional \$5 million needed to complete this transformational project."

With a footprint of approximately 40,000 square feet, the Crewe Center will have state-of-the-art facili-

ties for music teaching, learning, and performance, and establish a Portland presence for USM's theatre, dance, and visual arts programs. The Center's key spaces include the 200-seat Performance Hall that can accommodate smaller ensembles, opera, and dance performances; the multipurpose Arts Lab for recitals, rehearsals, and other events; the Great Hall Gallery exhibition space; and the Visual Arts Studio, home to the Kate Cheney Chappell '83 Center for Book Arts. Outdoor spaces are planned for concerts, a sculpture garden, and visual arts terrace.

When completed in 2025, the Crewe Center for the Arts is expected to boost enrollment at USM's Osher School of Music, attracting talented students from Maine and throughout the northeast. The Osher School has a 60-year legacy as a premier program and training ground for musicians and teachers and its influence can be felt all over the world. Distinguished and award-win-

ning graduates include Grammy winners, Metropolitan Opera singers, nationally known soloists, and music entrepreneurs. The school is also the backbone of K-12 music education in Maine, with choral and band professionals leading programs across the state.

Situated at the corner of Deering Avenue and Bedford Street, the Crewe Center for the Arts is a signature part of USM's Portland campus transformation, which also includes the newly opened McGoldrick Center for Career & Student Success, Bean Green campus quad, and Portland Commons residence hall. These buildings are among the most sustainable ever constructed at USM. The new Crewe Center for the Arts is expected to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification. The design/build team includes Pfeiffer Partners Architects, Oak Point Associates, and Consigli Construction.

Engineers conduct top enlisted changeover



Command Sgt. Maj. Heath Bouffard accepts the battalion colors from Lt. Col. Lisa Sessions, commander of the 133rd Engineer Battalion, signifying his assumption of responsibility.

BRUNSWICK, ME (readMedia) -- The Maine Army National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion held a change of responsibility ceremony at the Brunswick Armed Forces Reserve Center on Oct. 14, 2023, in which Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Graves relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Heath Bouffard.

Graves is retiring after 27 years of military

service. The ceremony was officiated by Lt. Col. Lisa Sessions, commander of the 133rd Engineer Battalion.

"To the leaders of the organization – you are considered by me to be the top of the top when it comes to getting things done and completing the mission," said Graves in his remarks. "You always lead from the front, and not the rear with the gear. You put the

interests of the mission and the well-being of soldiers before your own and that is true leadership. You couldn't ask for anything better."

Graves praised the soldiers of the 133rd for their work ethic, Bouffard for his qualifications and service record, and his own family for their patience and dedication during his career.

"As I take responsibility for this battalion, I want to emphasize my top three priorities – training, talent management, and accountability," said Bouffard. "I am excited to return to the engineers and work with all of you. Together, we will face the challenges that lie ahead and emerge victorious."

Bouffard further highlighted his intention to build on the skills and capabilities of the individual

soldier, maintain the highest standards of professionalism, and attract and retain the best quality soldiers and leaders, to ensure a bright future for an organization that is frequently called into service at both the state and federal levels.

Both Graves and Bouffard have an extensive history of service within the 133rd Engineer Battalion.

Graves enlisted in the active Army in 1991 as an armor crewman in the 1st Cavalry Division. He transferred to the Maine Army National Guard in 1998, serving as a driver for the 133rd's Headquarters and Support Company. His service in the 133rd includes time as a heavy equipment operator, platoon sergeant, and operations sergeant. Graves deployed to Iraq in 2004



Lt. Col. Lisa Sessions, commander of the 133rd Engineer Battalion, gives her remarks during the change of responsibility.

and 2013 with the 133rd and previously served as first sergeant for both the 133rd's Headquarters and Headquarters Company in Brunswick and the 136th Engineer Company out of Lewiston and Skowhegan.

Bouffard enlisted in the Maine Army National Guard as a heavy equipment operator in 2001 and has since served as a team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant, and first sergeant. Bouffard deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

in 2004-2005, was mobilized to Washington in 2021 for Operation Capitol Response, and recently returned from Poland with Maine's 120th Regional Support Group.

Graves and his wife, Shunna, reside in Brunswick and have two children, Haylee and Tristan.

Bouffard resides in Poland with his wife Jennifer and daughter Janelle. Their son Ethan is currently serving at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

The Lewiston Raytheon Story

Part 1: Why Raytheon chose Lewiston and why it left



Radio Electronics Magazine, Feb 1953. Source: rfcfe.com

It is easy to understand why the area's the last two generations identify the 1775 Lisbon Street structure as the "old" Liberty Mutual building, given their 1970 arrival as tenants (purchased from RCA in 1972 and vacated in 2022). It is also understandable that not many people remember that 2023 marks the 60th anniversary of Raytheon's March 1, 1963, announcement to leave the Lisbon Street plant and relocate their transistor/computer memory manufacturing facility to Mountain View, California.

I do not recollect Raytheon's opening in June 1961 and never knew much about how its arrival and departure impacted the state, Lewiston, and the greater L-A and Portland areas. It all began in 1957 when Raytheon hired Boston's nationally

recognized Arthur D. Little company, which, at the time, specialized in business operations research and analysis. The Little study would produce data on some 30 New England communities, resulting in Raytheon's decision to select only Biddeford-Saco, greater Portland, and the L-A area as plant finalists.

Early media reports surfaced about Raytheon's Maine interest in March 1959. By May, the Portland Press Herald revealed there were "rumors" that Lewiston would be selected. There was also a report that Bangor and Auburn had made last-ditch efforts to derail the selection process. In the end, Raytheon chose Lewiston because its wage rates were slightly more favorable than those of the greater Portland area.

When Raytheon

issued their formal announcement of Lewiston's selection on July 1, 1959, the company's arrival into the L-A airport came complete with a police-escorted caravan into the city; a banner on one caravan convertible filled with city and Raytheon officials that read "Raytheon IS HERE!"; and a press conference and banquet at Lewiston's DeWitt Hotel featuring prognostications of a statewide "industrial renaissance."

Given the challenges associated with convincing manufacturers of their size to relocate to Maine in the 1950s, this was a significant achievement for the elected officials, Industrial Development Director Sam Michael, the resident-created Lewiston Development Corporation (LDC), and the State of Maine's relatively new Department of Economic Development. Raytheon's status as a significant national technology company signaled that the city's economic development work was moving in the right direction.

Raytheon would formally open in June 1961 and sign a twenty-year lease for a building funded and owned by the LDC. All seemed well, and employee numbers would increase to 1,300 by 1962, but the unimaginable would happen on March 1, 1963. Raytheon unexpectedly announced they would leave Lewiston and move their operation, which had just begun transitioning from germanium to silicon transistors, to a California silicon transistor manufacturing facility they had purchased from Rheem in 1961. It was a stunning announcement as this was all happening in the same year that Fairchild Semi-

conductor began operations in South Portland. Their new facility was fabricating the same kind of silicon transistors that Raytheon desired to make in California. The question was, why would Raytheon invest the energy and money in Lewiston and leave twenty months later?

Raytheon would say that the California plant was more efficient. Stories also circulated about how their unhappiness with the area contributed to their departure, statements that were utterly contrary to every public report made by the company. What Raytheon did not do was reveal how they failed to develop the kind of silicon semiconductor manufacturing technology developed by Fairchild in 1960 to fabricate competitive and superior silicon transistors. In 1959, they compounded their problems by expanding their germanium transistor manufacturing capability in Lewiston, underestimating the value of silicon transistor competition. These misjudgments would permanently erode their mid-1950s reputation as a transistor manufacturing leader.

Fairchild Semiconductor's research and development in silicon semiconductors and their control of silicon semiconductor and integrated circuit patents established their early dominance in the analog electronics field. It also helped that the leadership provided by Dr. Robert Noyce, later recognized as the father of the integrated circuit (and co-founder of Intel in 1968), impacted Fairchild's success in the early and mid-1960s. For Raytheon, their semiconductor/chip division's missteps eventually led to their abandoning the division and its assets after being purchased by Fairchild Semiconductor in 1996.

The impact of Ray-



Lewiston Raytheon Semiconductor Division Plant, City of Lewiston Bicentennial Booklet, 1961. Source: DigitalCommons.USM.Maine.edu



Lewiston caravan into Lewiston - July 1, 1959. Source: Lewiston Evening Journal, p1, July 1, 1959

theon's departure disappointed city leaders, but their resolve to overcome the setback produced a new tenant for the building. This economic development leadership can be traced to 1952 when Mayor Roland Marcotte created the Industrial Development Department, which worked with Lewiston residents who assembled the Lewiston Development Corporation that same year. Those efforts led to the Knapp Brothers shoe company expansion in Lewiston in 1953; the relocation of the New Jersey-based Geiger Brothers company in 1954; the creation of the area's first business park, the Lewiston Industrial Park, in 1957; and the recruitment of the Raytheon Company. Lewiston's resolve would also fuel more success in the future and inspire its twin-city neighbor Auburn, who would also create a similar development strategy

in the 1950s. Phil Nadeau has written about L-As history in his book "The Unlikelihood of it All - Part 1" and now produces a free YouTube history channel called "Deconstructing Lewiston-Auburn and Maine History." See Episodes 1 through 4 for more Raytheon story details.

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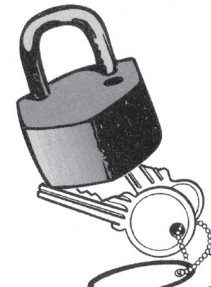
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Oct 27 - Nov 5

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Oct 27

BAR MILLS -- The Originals present *OUTSIDE MULLINGAR* a play by John Patrick Shan-

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ley at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Oct 27, 28, Nov 2, 3, 4 at 7:30pm and Oct 29 at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

Oct 28

BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, October 28, 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.

Oct 28, 29

LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "Soulful Expressions" Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

Oct 28

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night Church Supper Saturday, October 28, 2023, @5:00 P. M. at

the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray

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Phone # day of the supper - 657-4279

Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

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Nov 11

TURNER CENTER -- Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 11th from 8 to 1at the Universalist Church, Turner Center, across from the Gazebo. Crafts and Attic Treasures. Lunch available.

Nov 18

GORHAM -- Christmas Craft Fair 9:00am -

2:00pm

White Rock Friendship Club and the White Rock Grange #380 will host our annual Christmas Craft Fair. Over 30 crafters offering jewelry, sewn & knitted items, home decor and much more!

Nov 19

SABATTUS -- Our Lady of the Rosary Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9 to 3. The fair will be located in the lower level of the church at 131 High St. in Sabattus. We'll have around 30 crafters and vendors, a basket raffle, and a bake sale. Come join us.

Jan 20, 21

LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "Song & Dance Music from Around the World" Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

Mar 23, 24

LEWISTON, TOPSHAM -- "A New Artistic Mélange" - Emily Isaacson, Guest Conductor Saturday, Mar. 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco Center, Lewiston; Sunday, Mar. 24, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

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Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

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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-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 Ho-

meschool 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

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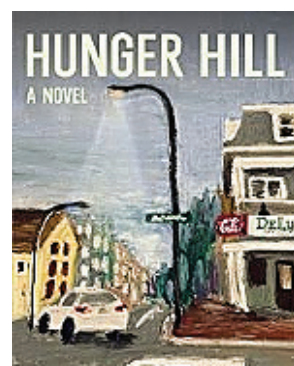
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