

Trek Across Maine comes to Gorham on June 16

GORHAM, ME -- The Trek Across Maine (40th Anniversary Event), organized by the American Lung Association, will be making their way across Gorham on Sunday, June 16th, as well as neighboring towns and cities. Citizens are asked for their support, patience, and extra care with slowing down and sharing the road as the cyclists make their way through Gorham.

This cycling event will take place between June 14th through June 16th across Maine during which 800+ cyclists and vehicles (large trucks), as well as 400+ volunteers will be on Gorham and other town and city roads during daytime hours. Cyclists will keep right as much as possible.



Gorham Public Safety is aware of the event.

Please find the final

route map and additional information on the Town of Gorham's website. Cit-

izens can contact 207-624-0318 with any questions.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND SHARE THE ROAD!

SAFETY MESSAGE

The Trek Across Maine will be cycling through your community on Father's Day weekend (June 14-16, 2024). Help us keep our cyclist safe by following a few of these safety tips:

- Always watch for cyclist on the road
- Always stop and look in both directions before turning right on red
- Keep at least three feet between you and a cyclist

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Solo exhibition features Lee Gordon of Gordo Glass

WEST GARDINER, ME – The Center for Maine Craft is pleased to announce their current solo exhibition, "MARSH & STONE: THE JOURNEY HOME," featuring blown glass by southern Maine artist Lee Gordon of Gordo Glass. This exhibition will be on display from June 3 – July 22, 2024, showcasing a collection that encapsulates the essence of Maine's forests and coastal marshlands through Gordon's unique creative vision, process and materials.

About the Exhibition: "MARSH & STONE: THE JOURNEY HOME"

explores the intricate relationship between the marshlands and stone formations of Maine. Lee Gordon's colorful glass forms and vessels draw inspiration from these natural elements, weaving together a narrative that speaks to childhood nostalgia and a deep connection to the environment. Each piece in the exhibition is a testament to Gordon's craftsmanship and unique approach to glass art.

"Growing up amidst the lichen covered trees, on the edge of tall salt marsh grasses, I developed a profound connection to the

ever-changing vistas of the marshlands. Through this series I endeavor to preserve the beauty and nostalgia of my childhood sanctuary. The intricate patterns and organic forms within each sculpture reflect the rich tapestry of life that thrived within those sacred spaces."

– Lee Gordon, Gordo Glass

Exhibition Details:
Location: Center for Maine Craft, 288 Lewiston Rd. West Gardiner, Maine 04345

Hours: Open Daily, 9am - 6pm
Dates: June 3 – July



22, 2024

<https://shopmainecraft.com/lee-gordon-2024-exhibition/>

About the Artist:
Lee Gordon is an award winning New En-

gland-based artist who has been glassblowing since 2008. Lee's work draws inspiration from the natural environments of his rural hometown and landscapes visited. Working

with hot molten glass, he layers earth-toned colors, patterns, and textures using an abstract painterly technique that brings life to the landscapes that inspire him. The results are unique works of art.

Visit the Exhibition:

The Center for Maine Craft invites art enthusiasts, collectors, and the community to experience the work of Lee Gordon in "MARSH & STONE: THE JOURNEY HOME." For more information, please visit shopmainecraft.com or contact Whitney Gill, whitney@shopmainecraft.com.

Gorham senior property tax assistance applications available

GORHAM, ME -- Applications are now available for the Town of Gorham Senior Property Tax Assistance Program. This program was estab-

lished to provide property tax assistance to persons 65 years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of

Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet the criteria established by this

article.

To obtain an application, please visit the Town Clerk's Office at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street) or go to the

Town's website.

Completed applications can be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office now through the deadline of August 1, 2024. If

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WATERVILLE, ME—Maine Film Center Presents June Pride Series

The Maine Film Center will be hosting a series of Pride films throughout June. The diverse lineup touches upon a wide range of LGBTQIA+ experiences.

Saturday, June 15 at 12pm—*Queer Futures*: This series of short films centers joy and connection to radically imagine future visions of queer life, exploring gender-affirming healthcare, fat beauty and

liberation, nonbinary ballroom culture, and the anonymous connections of a decades-old LGBTQ hotline.

Sunday, June 16 at 3pm—*Big Boys*: On a camping trip to the northern California woods, awkward 14-year-old Jamie finds himself taking the first steps towards figuring out who he is as he begins to question if he may be gay.

Sunday, June 23 at 3pm—*The Birdcage*: This beloved, laugh-out-loud comedy follows the hilariously

deceit-filled meeting between two sets of future in-laws: one couple played by Robin Williams and Nathan Lane, the other by Gene Hackman and Dianne Wiest.

Sunday, June 30 at 3pm—*The Persian Version*: The youngest of nine siblings and the only daughter in the family, openly queer filmmaker Leila feels as though she couldn't be further alienated from her family of Iranian immigrants—that is, until she gets pregnant from a one-night stand after recently separating from her wife.

For tickets and more information, visit maine-filmcenter.org/pride.

Red Cross: Get ready for hurricane season, volunteer

PORTLAND, ME

— June 1 marked the start of the Atlantic hurricane season. Northern New England residents should prepare for an extremely active hurricane season as the climate crisis threatens to upend more communities. The best defense during an emergency is to be prepared and the American Red Cross advises everyone to get ready now.

Forecasters warn that the combination of warm sea temperatures and the arrival of La Nina conditions could mean more named storms and an above-average probability for landfall in the U.S.

“With warmer sea surface temperatures, we are getting more intense storms that are building faster,” said Dr. Daniel Gilford, climate scientist, Climate Central. “Also, as the temperature of the atmosphere warms, the tropics expand. That means hurricanes can move further north and regions, like the New England coast, that wouldn't have gotten very many historic hurricanes, are seeing a small uptick in the numbers of storms that reach the region. We expect this trend to continue over time with the climate crisis.”

The number of billion-dollar disasters in the U.S. has increased 85% in just the last decade as disasters grow in frequency and intensity. People across the country are feeling the impact as an estimated 2.5 million were forced from their homes by weather-related disasters in 2023 — with more than a third displaced for longer than a month.

“Today, the Red Cross is responding to more large disasters —



almost twice as many — than we did a decade ago,” said John Montes, regional disaster officer, Red Cross Northern New England Region. “This growing need for help means we need more volunteers trained and ready to support families facing their darkest moments. Additionally, it's critical for residents right here in Maine to make and practice their emergency plans now.”

Comprising 90% of the Red Cross workforce, volunteers are continuously providing shelter, comfort, hot meals, health services and recovery support to families in need across the country. In the last year, the Red Cross of Northern New England saw 549 volunteer deployments — a five-year high and nearly four times the deployments compared to 2019. These Red Cross volunteers supported disasters at home, including historic flooding events in Vermont and Maine, several large-scale, multi-family fires and a mass casualty response. They also deployed outside our region to support a variety of disasters like Hurricane Idalia, Typhoon Mawar, wildfires in California and Hawaii, and tornadoes in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas.

VOLUNTEER TODAY The Red Cross is seeking new volunteers who are team-oriented and want to make an immediate difference. Visit

redcross.org/volunteertoday to sign up. Free online training will be provided, and there is a critical need for these positions:

Local Disaster Action Team volunteers help families in need by providing food, lodging, comfort, recovery assistance and other support.

Shelter Services volunteers support the day-to-day activities in an emergency shelter for those forced from their homes by disasters.

As a Disaster Health or Mental Health Services volunteer, you can use your professional skills as a licensed healthcare provider to deliver hands-on care to people in shelters.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOUSEHOLD With the increasing risk of climate-driven disasters, help keep your family safe by getting prepared today.

Build an emergency kit with bottled water, non-perishable food, a flashlight and battery-powered radio. Also include medications, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers and emergency contact information.

Make an evacuation plan with what to do in case you are separated from your family during an emergency and if you must evacuate. Make sure to coordinate with your child's school, your work and your community's emergency plans — and don't forget your pets.

Know how to stay informed by finding out how local officials will contact you during a disaster and how you will get important information, such as evacuation orders.

Plus, download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you'll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for weather alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and more safety tips. Choose whether you want to view the content in English or Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find these and all the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

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Evergreen CU expands community partnerships



PORTLAND, ME – Evergreen Credit Union has established two new Community Partners, Maine Mayhem Football and Maine Footy United Women's Soccer.

As Maine Mayhem's Platinum Sponsor, Evergreen CU is directly helping the team pursue a National Championship in the Women's Football Alliance (WFA), which has over 60 teams across the country. "Last year the Mayhem were the Northeast Regional Champions. We are striving for even greater

success this year," said Kate Archambault, Maine Mayhem's General Manager. "We can't achieve that goal without the support of our community partners like Evergreen Credit Union."

Maine Footy is looking forward to their first home game on June 1. The team is celebrating their second ever season. "Not only do we have a top team, but we've funded a second team for the best high school girls in southern Maine. That's a new concept for anybody—that

the program is funded and free." said Todd Sniper, Maine Footy's Director of Football & Board Director. "Without our fantastic sponsors, like Evergreen Credit Union, this doesn't happen."

Evergreen Credit Union's Community Partners program was created in 2016 to develop deeper connections with organizations and nonprofits that echo Evergreen's mission. "Our team invests time and energy into our Community Partners so we have the privilege to help further their missions," said Jason Lindstrom, Evergreen's President/CEO.

Evergreen is Maine's 5th largest credit union, serving 6 counties in southern Maine. To learn more about Evergreen's Community Partners and their efforts, visit egcu.org/community.

Bailey Library to host Caitlin Shetterly

WINTHROP, ME – The Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop will host writer Caitlin Shetterly on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. The event is part of the fifteenth annual Winthrop Lakes Region Forum.

Caitlin will discuss her new novel "Pete and Alice in Maine." The book explores a fractured marriage and the struggles of modern parenthood.

Shetterly studied English and American Literature at Brown University and is a frequent contributor to NPR. She has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, and others. She is the founder and artistic director of the Winter Harbor Theatre Company. Her 2016 book "Modified" was named one of Publishers Weekly's best books of the year.



The event is free and open to the public and will take place in the lower-level King Event Room of the library at 39 Bowdoin Street. For more information call the library at 377-8673.

5th annual Paddle the Presumpscot in Gorham area



WINDHAM, ME -- This event is open to all. You do not have to be a member to join us. Please arrive in time at Gambo Soccer Fields Boat Launch on June 15 to be on the water by 10am. Kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, no motors. We will be paddling up riv-

er to the covered bridge, possibly beyond. Everyone is free to wander. The current is calm and paddling against the flow is seemingly no different from paddling downstream. This is an opportunity to meet other members. We hit the water at 10am and end whenever

you want to. Please visit the Facebook page and click on "Going" if you plan to go.

RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 16th

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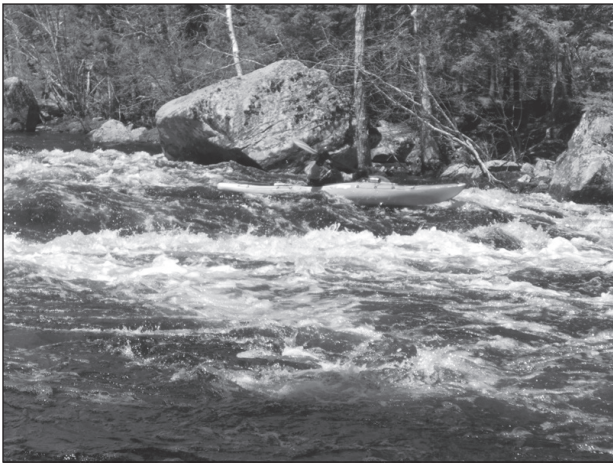
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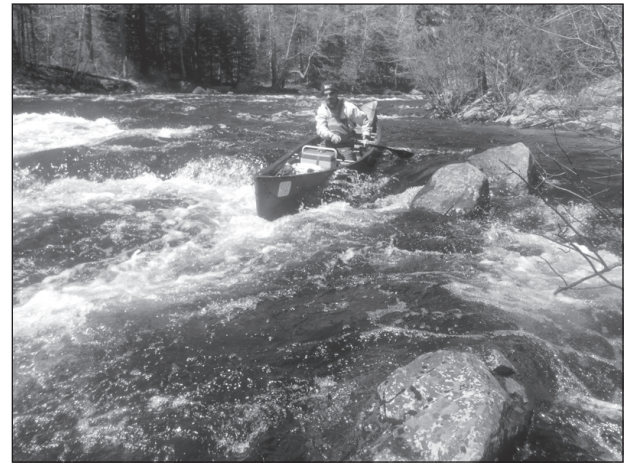
Exciting Wigwam Rapids on the Machias River



Kayaker Ken Gordon avoids as gnarly hole on First Wigwam Rapid



Rick Farnsworth navigates his heavy canoe through a narrow channel on Third Wigwam Rapid



Boulders are avoided by Morgan Baxter on Third Wigwam Rapid

On the second day of our Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society Machias River trip, four Chowderheads awoke to a welcome cold morning at Little Falls Campsite, arguably the finest site on the river. The temperature was sufficiently cold to freeze the water in one of my pots. I say welcome cold as it was a near guarantee blackflies would not be joining us on the river during the day.

We had acquired a remarkably good weather forecast prior to beginning the trip and it held for day two. The skies were perfectly clear and the temperature quickly rose into the 50s. Our outdoor gourmet, Rick Farnsworth, served a delicious break-

fast. He baked biscuits in a reflector oven and cooked sausage gravy in a Dutch oven. It was a hearty meal but we anticipated burning lots of calories paddling four significant rapids called the Wigwams and completing a demanding carry around Holmes Falls.

Our group consisted of four solo paddlers. Rick and Morgan Baxter were in canoes while Ken Gordon and I paddled expedition kayaks. We had met a tandem canoe team on the river the day before. They would be the only other paddlers we would encounter on the trip.

Our quest to reach Holmes Falls by the end of the day began with a pleasant five-mile stretch

of flatwater to the confluence with Mopang Stream on the right. We were the beneficiaries of the rarest of all winds, a tailwind. A substantial number of eagle and osprey sightings were an entertaining part of the journey.

Wigwam Cabin is on the right around the bend from Mopang. The hut marks the beginning of the First Wigwam Rapid portage trail. We didn't intend to portage but used the trail to scout the Class III high volume falls. Rick and Morgan carried some of their heavier gear.

The upper portion of lengthy First Wigwam consists of large waves pockmarked with gnarly boat flipping holes. After

careful inspection, we decided to proceed along the left shore and ride a wave train that bypassed most of the holes before turning right into the easier lower sector. Our plan worked to perfection and everyone remained dry.

Following a serpentine series of easy rapids, we entered Second Wigwam right center. We maneuvered left of a ledge drop and then drove hard right into standing waves to avoid a second ledge.

A calm pool separates Second Wigwam from Third, a difficult rapid with a precipitous pitch at the finish. After careful scrutiny, we entered left center and proceeded far left through a narrow channel between two boulders in the final drop. A rocky beach at the bottom provided an excellent location for lunch.

Fourth Wigwam was next. Four Chowderheads paddled left center when entering and rode stimulating waves to a pool at the finish. Several miles of flatwater brought us to Holmes Falls.

The Holmes Falls portage is on the left. The trail begins about 75 yards above a bridge. The dangerous falls is just below. The canoeists carried on the normal path. Ken and I

opted to catch a micro-eddy next to the bridge in our kayaks, offering a somewhat shorter portage.

While not a long carry, the portage around the falls is a workout, especially for this arthritic senior citizen. The initial portion is gradually uphill but the final half drops steeply downhill to calm water at the bottom of the falls.

The campsite at Holmes Falls is adequate but doesn't compare with Little Falls. The food continued to be exceptional. Morgan took over as head chef and pan fried a scrumptious steak dinner. Rarely do paddlers gain weight on a river trip but that could happen on this one.

We benefited from another cold night almost ensuring a bug-free day of paddling. The sun was up and the skies clear when we arose the next morning, the precursor to another outstanding weather day.

Morgan continued serving exceptional culinary fare with bacon and cheese bagel sandwiches on the breakfast menu. While eating, plans were made for upcoming encounters with Little Holmes Falls and Great Falls, challenging complex descents.

My book, Maine Al

Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine narrates six additional river trips in Maine, including an expedition down the entire Machias River beginning at Fifth Lake.

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

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WinterKids grant applications open for Maine organizations

WESTBROOK, ME— WinterKids, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to providing programs for children to be active outdoors, is excited to announce the opening of the WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund 2024 application window. This marks the third year of the Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund, continuing WinterKids' efforts to expand access to outdoor activities among children throughout Maine.

The WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund seeks to remove barriers that prevent children from participating in healthy outdoor activities, such as limited access to proper equipment, clothing, and transportation. This year, WinterKids will distribute

a total of \$25,000 in grants to ten deserving organizations, divided among three Maine public schools, three Maine parks and recreation programs, three Maine nonprofit organizations, and one honorable mention.

"The WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund grants allow us to support meaningful outdoor projects or programs that foster a love of active lifestyles and appreciation for the outdoors," said Marion Doyle, WinterKids Education Director. "We are thrilled to invite organizations across Maine to apply and join us in providing children with opportunities to live healthier lives."

Applications for the WinterKids Downhill 24



Outdoor Fund 2024 are now open. Interested organizations are encouraged to apply through the WinterKids website (<http://www.winterkids.org/>) by the application deadline on June 14, 2024. Winners

will be selected through a community voting process and will be announced later in the summer.

WinterKids is grateful for the ongoing support of its sponsors, partners, and community of sup-



porters, whose contribu-

tions make programs like the WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund possible.

Great Race Day to celebrate classic cars, community

GARDINER, ME – The City of Gardiner is proud to announce June 30th, 2024, as The Great Race Day, a celebration of classic automobiles and community spirit. Mayor Patricia H. Hart has officially proclaimed this date as a testament to Gardiner's rich contributions and engagement with the Great Race, having been voted best stop in 2018 and now being the finish line!

The highlight of Great Race Day is the arrival of 140 classic cars as they cross the finish line into Gardiner, marking the culmination of a 2,300-mile journey through picturesque landscapes. The race brings together enthusiasts and competitors alike, showcasing the enduring appeal of vintage automobiles.

From 11am to 7pm, Downtown Gardiner will come alive with a showcase of all things local. There will be food trucks offering a wide range of local goodies, art, theatre,



and the opportunity to do a little shopping at the local retail stores!

At 1pm, the festivities rev up with a local classic car cruise-in, inviting enthusiasts to admire some beautiful vintage vehicles.

Then, at 2pm, the anticipated arrival of the Great Race cars begins as

the 140 classic cars cross the finish line!

The day doesn't end there! At 4:30PM, get ready for some live music with the GemsTones! They'll be performing in Waterfront Park until 6:30. Their tunes provide the perfect backdrop for a nice evening by the river!

At 4:30 pm, the mo-

2024 GREAT RACE

Finishes in Gardiner on June 30

Friday, June 28
Lunch: New England Racing Museum, Loudon, NH - 11:00 AM
Overnight: Main Street Historic Downtown, Freeport, ME - 4 PM

Saturday, June 29
Lunch: Seal Cove Auto Museum, Seal Cove, ME - 11:35 AM
Overnight: Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, ME - 4 PM

Sunday, June 30
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ment, local flair, and family-friendly fun all into one day!

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For more information and event updates, visit The Great Race 2024 | Facebook

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ment everyone has been waiting for arrives—the announcement of the Great Race Winner.

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built by Eagle Scout candidate Christopher Bolton with help from his troop, scout leader Kelly Deprez, and Rick Smart. Bucket Steps have 3 rows, with 4 buckets each. You may share a bucket step unit with someone. Bucket Steps are user friendly planters with minimal bending required.

This is just a beginning as we continue building raised garden units offering planting boxes and vegtrugs. Bucket Steps are available now on a first come, first served basis. To use one of these planters, please contact Lorraine lindcabin@gmail.com for guidelines and an application.

Bucket Steps were

Saco River Theatre launches SRT, Jr Summer Theater Camps

BAR MILLS, ME -- Saco River Theater (SRT), a 501(c)3 organization located in Bar Mills, announces an expansion of their programming to include "SRT, Jr", featuring two one-week theater camps in August.

The children's theater camps will be led by local theater professional Karen Ball. The camps will provide an enriching experience where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. Each camp runs for one week from 9am to 3pm and features campers learning theater games, improvisation, and other group activities.

"Circus Ship Follies" Camp will take place August 5 to 9 for students entering grades 3-5. Set sail on a weeklong creative adventure of workshops, games, rehearsals, and stagecraft that help your child develop an understanding of how the magic of theater is created. Over the course of the week, campers will bring to life a page-to-the-stage adaptation of Circus Ship, by Chris Van



Dusen, with a performance for families to end the week.

"Heroes and Villains" Camp will take place August 12 to 16 for students entering grades 6-8. Experience the joy of performance in an original one-act play. Campers will use their imagination to create original characters in a series of engaging theater games designed to teach them more about the craft of acting. These characters will form the basis of an original production to be performed for an invited audience at the end of the week.

Karen Ball is an actor and teacher. She earned her Master of Fine Arts at the Royal Birmingham Conser-

vatoire of Acting and Music in Birmingham, UK. Some of her acting credits include Hamlet, Titania, and Lady Macbeth. The cost for each camper is \$300. Register at SRT, Jr. — Saco River Theatre

Saco River Theatre is an Actors Equity Small Professional Theatre and music venue, now in its 34th season. By adding children's programming, the SRT board hopes to welcome more young families, furthering its mission to enrich the community as a performing arts center and public forum for accessible and diverse cultural and educational programs.

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Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theatre presents

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The Hive to host monthly taco nights at Dandelion Spring Farm

BOWDOINHAM, ME -- Taco Nights at The Hive will be hosted on the third Thursday of each month this summer: June 20, 2024; July 18, 2024; August 15, 2023. Events will take place at 6pm at The Hive at Dandelion Spring Farm, 961 Ridge Road, Bowdoinham, ME 04008.

All are welcome to enjoy creative takes on tacos from local guest chef pop-ups and beer from Oxbow Brewing. Each casual gathering will feature music from local artists and celebrate the bounty of this land and the beauty of summer in Southern Maine. All food sales at our June event will support the annual Maine Fermentation Fair, which celebrates the art and science of fermented food and drink.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.dandelionspringfarm.com/shop/workshops>

About Dandelion Spring Farm

Beth Schiller grew up in rural Maine, and was naturally drawn to the idea of a farm life. After attending college in Ohio, her first job led to a career rooted in Maine's vibrant local agricultur-

al community, and she's never looked back. She founded Dandelion Spring Farm in 2002, moving the farm to its forever home in Bowdoinham in 2018. If you walk with her down the flower-lined farm road, past the greenhouses and around the pond, she will point out all the little projects she is most excited about in the corners of her fields — Beth likes to work in the margins. Even her main crops tend to be unique varieties of vegetables and herbs you won't find elsewhere. Because of this, her Certified Organic products have become favorites for many of the renowned restaurants from Portland to Rockland, and beyond.

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About The Hive

The Hive at Dandelion Spring Farm is a newly built timber-framed barn and community space situated on a working organic farm in Southern Maine. The handicap-accessible space is available for year-round use, designed to uniquely unite organic agriculture and community gathering together on the same land to demonstrate how farming and community are mutually sup-



portive. Just as pollinator hives center nutrition and community, we hope the Hive can provide a space for meaningful experiences that enrich our guests' lives, from out-of-the-box corporate retreats to one-of-a-kind wedding celebrations, memorable birthday and holiday parties to farm-to-table dinners with friends and strangers.

Easily accessible in Bowdoinham, we are also just 40 minutes from Portland, an hour from the Midcoast, and two miles from the Rt. 295 corridor. An aerial view of Dandelion Spring shows 75 acres of mixed forest and active agricultural fields. There

are remnants of an apple orchard from the 40's and a dairy farm in transition that is next door. This land is quintessentially rural, accessible, and open to all.

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About The Chef-Collaborators

Sean Doherty is dedicated to celebrating the wild and local flavors of each season through the art of fermentation. He combines traditional techniques with modern creativity, honoring the cultures that inspire him while crafting bold dishes that tell a story of place and

community. His kitchen is a hub for experimentation and connection, where the beauty of fermented food brings people together.

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Richard Yu-Tang "Dede" Lee is a dumpling-maker + artist living in Portland, ME. The name Little Brother Chinese food comes from Richard's family nickname, "Dede" (meaning "little brother" in Mandarin Chinese). To Richard, Little Brother Chinese Food is both a business and a collaborative public artistic practice.

Claire Guyer is a dumpling maker + sewist living in Portland, ME. A fan of Chinese cuisine from the pu-pu platter hits to the fermented fish deep cuts, Claire has fully embraced the asian palate and style of cooking. With an eye on local ingredients and farm raised proteins, Claire is building an ethical + creative business in the land she loves.

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Billy Hager and Hannah Buoye are in the midst of starting their own business, Waxwing Bakery, in Windham, ME. Most recently, Billy was the executive chef at Helm

and Hannah served as the Kitchen Manager at Tandem in Portland, ME. They met working at a seafood restaurant in San Francisco around the last time the Bruins won a Stanley Cup and have over 15 years of culinary experience working in BBQ joints, fine dining restaurants, and french-inspired bakeries. Billy loves cooking over live fire, while Hannah enjoys all things bread and pastry. Their take on taco night will be an ode to the Mexican food they experienced living and working in the Bay Area, keeping it traditionally inspired while utilizing the local bounty of Maine's farms.

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and open to the public.

Potted plants will be available for sale this year along with the very popular \$1.00 rhizomes.

The Maine Iris Society exists to develop the science of horticulture, specifically through the propagation and culture of the genus, Iris, and to stimulate and foster interest in irises through education of the public and our members.

Annual membership dues are \$8.00 per individual and \$10.00 for two in the same household. Members receive the in-

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Gorham students, teacher place in Expressions Challenge

DEERFIELD, IL — Walgreens awards high school students and teachers more than \$25,000 in prize money in the 15th annual Expressions by Walgreens creative arts contest. Expressions by Walgreens is a free contest that gives teens a platform to creatively engage and share their feelings on any topic they choose. This year, common submission themes were the impact of social media, social justice, and mental health. Youth mental health is one of the US Surgeon General's core priorities with one 2023 survey revealing that 87 percent of young people in the United States had suffered some mental health problem on a regular basis. Clinical psychologists call The Expressions Challenge an "excellent platform" that helps adolescents "face emotions, decrease anxiety and build confidence."

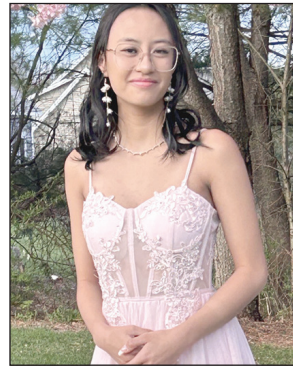
The contest shows a record year in student entries with nearly an 80% increase from last year. Walgreens received close to 9,000 student submis-

sions with entries coming from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands in addition to nearly double the online votes for People's Champs winners. Eligible entries are judged in four categories: visual arts, media arts, spoken word, and creative writing. Walgreens also recognizes and awards educators as Teacher Champions for going above and beyond with their support of students.

"It warms our hearts that our 15th Anniversary year of Expressions by Walgreens has been such a banner year. All the students who entered shared their voice through the art they created, and that's exactly the intention of Expressions," says Alethia Jackson, Senior Vice President of ESG and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at Walgreens Boots Alliance. "Our commitment to championing healthier communities is of critical importance to current and future generations. The high school years can often be filled with many pressures and



Aiden Fortier



Lilliana Noel



Lucinda Stein



distractions, and self-expression through art can be therapeutic in handling those pressures. Our overall mission is to reimagine how local healthcare improves societal health and well-being, and the Expressions Challenge helps us achieve that mission among our teens."

The full list of winners follows:

Visual Arts
 First Place: (Lost Remembrance) Zeno P., Bergen County Academics, Hackensack, NJ

Second Place: (Juvenile Witness) Soleil F., Osceola County School for the Arts, Kissimmee, FL

Third Place: (September 20th) Kiara P., Escuela Especializada Central de Artes Visuales, Dorado, PR

People's Champ:

(September 20th) Kiara P., Escuela Especializada Central de Artes Visuales, Dorado, PR

Media Arts
 First Place: (Frame) Chauncey V., James Campbell High School, Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Second Place: (Anxious Love) Lilli N., Gorham High School, Gorham, ME

Third Place: (Autism, my mental pet) Jayden A., Denton High School, Denton, TX

People's Champ:
 (Static Starvation) Emma G. and Emma S., Midwood High School, Brooklyn, NY

Spoken Word
 First Place: (The Question vs. The Statement) CarRyn G., Cass Technical High School, Detroit, MI

Second Place: (Show Us What You Have Done)

Sasmitha B., Solon High School, Solon, OH

Third Place: (The Children of America) Amora S., Dekalb School of the Arts, Lithonia, GA

People's Champ:
 (Acceptance) Aiden F., Gorham High School, Gorham, ME

Creative Writing
 First Place: (Versatile or Violent?) Aliyah B., Dekalb School of the Arts, Scottdale, GA

Second Place: (Home) Jae B., Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville, KY

Third Place: (To You, My Memory) Sophia D., Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia, PA

People's Champ:
 (A Two-Sided Sword) Fabiana H., Littleton High School, Littleton, CO

Teacher Champions
 Whitney Davis, CE King High School, Hous-

ton, TX

Sheanna Eggers, Burnsville High School, Burnsville, MN

Nicole Jacob Licht, DeKalb School of the Arts, Avondale Estates, GA

Jonathan Webb, RFK - School for the Visual Arts and Humanities, Los Angeles, CA

About Expressions by Walgreens

Expressions was established by Walgreens to educate, empower and equip young people and their communities with insights and resources on issues impacting teens. Since 2009, Expressions by Walgreens has reached approximately one million high school students and awarded more than \$400,000 in monetary prizes. More than 500 organizations, high schools, teachers and parents have participated in the program since its inception.

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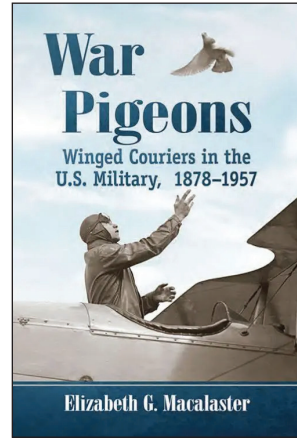
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Standish hosts book talk on the winged couriers of the US military

STANDISH, ME -- The Standish Historical Society invites you to a fascinating author talk, book signing and LIVE Homing Pigeons Demonstration on Saturday June 15, 2:00 p.m.

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Maine International Film Festival announces festival program

WATERVILLE, ME—The Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) has confirmed a full lineup of more than 100 films for its 27th annual 10-day festival held July 12–21, 2024 in Waterville, Maine. A project of the Maine Film Center, MIFF returns this summer to once again showcase a diverse range of Maine-made films, international cinema, rediscoveries of timeless classics, and world premieres. This year’s program draws in part from the record number of submissions ever received in the festival’s history.

“I am so happy to be sharing this year’s 100-film slate with audiences here in central Maine,” said MIFF Programming Director Ken Eisen. “This year’s MIFF proves that cinema is alive and flourishing as never before, as we welcome cinema and filmmakers from Maine and from around the world with a greater diversity

and quality than MIFF or anywhere else in our region has ever seen. Our visiting filmmakers and actors are remarkable, our rediscoveries will open your eyes to the past, and our premieres will open them to the future.”

The festival will open Friday, July 12, with *Every Little Thing*, an infectiously charming documentary about Terry Masear, who dedicates her life, love, and savings to rescue countless tiny hummingbirds. The Maine-made feature film *The Ghost Trap* will serve as this year’s centerpiece on Wednesday, July 17. Gorgeously shot on Maine’s stunning seawaters, the adaptation of K. Stephens’ novel follows a young lobsterman caught in an increasingly threatening industry. Closing out the festival on Sunday, July 21, is Irish feature *Kneecap*. A completely atypical music biopic, *Kneecap* charts the rise of the eponymous Belfast, Northern Ire-



land-based group, starring the band as themselves, and exploring how they sculpted their own defiant sound rapping in their native Irish language.

This year’s program includes a special series spotlighting new Rwandan cinema, including feature films and shorts alike. MIFF and the Maine Film Center’s international reputation has steadily grown over the years as the organizations continue to build working partnerships overseas. Last year, MFC Executive Director Mike Perreault served as a juror in the Mashariki African

Film Festival in Kigali, Rwanda. He made several connections in Kigali and we are excited to welcome Rwandan filmmakers Yuhi Amuli and Myriam Birara to MIFF this year to present the Maine premieres of their films *Citizen Kwame* and *The Bride*, respectively.

Though continually expanding its international footprint, the backbone of MIFF every year is its unique and robust lineup of Maine-made features and shorts, which compete for the annual Tourmaline Prizes of \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively. The

Tourmaline Prizes are designed to celebrate the best of Maine filmmakers and foster the state’s developing filmmaking industry. This year’s program features three Maine-made full-length features (*The Ghost Trap*, making its

New England premiere, *Carlo...and His Merry Band of Artists*, and *The Ruse*, both making their world premieres), and 19 Maine-made shorts, including narrative films, documentaries, and music films.

“MIFF represents the best 10 days of the summer in Maine,” Perreault said. “With world premieres, brand-new made-in-Maine films, the opportunity to meet the filmmakers themselves, and a host of special events and programs, I’m excited for MIFF to light up downtown Waterville for this 27th annual celebration of film.”

MIFF will welcome back (for the first time since 2006) Canadian filmmaker Mary Harron

to present her with the 2024 Mid-Life Achievement Award. Harron’s films *Daliland*, *Charlie Says*, *The Moth Diaries*, and *American Psycho* will all screen at the festival this year. Dutch auteur Jos Stelling will return to Waterville as the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award-honoree, having received the inaugural Mid-Life Award in 1999. Stelling brings with him what he says will be his final film, *Natasja’s Dance*, for its U.S. premiere.

MIFF returns to the Paul J. Schupf Art Center, home of the Maine Film Center, and the Waterville Opera House for its 27th edition July 12–21, 2024. Visit MIFF.org for the full festival lineup and to reserve passes and tickets. Those who have already purchased their passes can now enjoy a full week of advanced access to ticket reservations before tickets become available to the public June 14.

AARP Maine holds Dark Secrets hybrid event

BANGOR, ME -- In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, AARP Maine and Legal Services for Maine Elders (LSE) bring *Dark Secrets: The Terrible Truth About Elder Abuse in the Family* to Bangor’s Gracie Theatre at Husson University. This June 20th event features a keynote address by Philip Marshall, elder justice advocate, whose grandmother, wealthy philanthropist Brooke Astor, was the focus of the landmark elder abuse case involving her son – Marshall’s father.

The Brooke Astor story was chronicled nationally by the press due to

Astor’s public profile and the nature of the allegations, which culminated in a six-month criminal trial that convicted Mr. Marshall’s father as well as one of Mrs. Astor’s attorneys.

Marshall will share his story at this one-date only event in Bangor, which can also be attended virtually over Zoom. The event will culminate with an on-site broadcast of Maine Public’s *Maine Calling*.

Registration is required. Lunch provided to all who attend in person.

WHO and WHAT: AARP Maine and LSE bring elder justice advocate, Philip Marshall, to



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Maine to present keynote address on landmark Brooke Astor elder abuse case.

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Women Who Care Southern Maine donates to Best Buddies

MAINE -- Best Buddies Maine, a nonprofit bringing hope and ending the isolation of students with intellectual and developmental disorders, was selected as the May recipient of charitable donations from 100+ Women Who Care Southern Maine.

Best Buddies Maine was one of three nonprofits to give five-minute presentations about their

organizations at the quarterly meeting of 100+ Women Who Care Southern Maine on May 6th at The Elks Club in Portland. The nonprofit received the most votes from more than 175 in-person attendees with many others joining on Zoom. Best Buddies Maine will receive a \$50 check from each member in the group.

Julia Preston, Deputy Director, Communications & Stewardship of Best Buddies Maine, gave a heartfelt presentation for the nonprofit dedicated to ending the isolation of students and adults with IDD, also known as intellectual and developmental disorders. Best Buddies Maine currently has close to 40 chapters in local schools across the state that provide one-to-one friendship matches between students with and without IDD. The goal of their student programming is to engage students with and without disabilities with one another and forge meaningful friendships between the two groups.

Julia Preston of Best Buddies said “We’re so thankful to have been selected as 100 Women Who



Deb Bergeron, founder of 100+ Women Who Care Southern Maine, Julia Preston, Deputy Director, Communications & Stewardship of Best Buddies Maine. Photo by Susan Gatti

Care Southern Maine’s charitable partner for this quarter! This funding will be put towards the launch of our transitions program, which provides post-sec-

ondary and job skills training to high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

In addition, the two runner-up organizations - Community Doulas and Birth Roots Maine - each received \$2,000 from the group of philanthropic women.

Deb Bergeron, founder of 100+ Women Who Care said “To date, our group has collected \$15,000 for Best Buddies Maine. And, as a bonus, the nonprofit also qualifies for the \$5000 grant from the generous Richard Schulze Foundation, bringing their total to \$20,000 Deb continued, “We are on track to have the biggest donation yet! Every day I am so grateful for the kindness, compassion and generosity of our members!”

Since the inception of 100+ Women Who Care over nine years ago, the group has raised over \$599,000 and donated to 41 local nonprofits throughout Southern Maine.

For more information on 100+ Women Who Care Southern Maine, visit: www.100womenwhocaresouthernmaine.com

For more information on Best Buddies visit their website at www.BestBuddies.org/Maine.

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UMaine Extension launches podcast featuring farm experts

MAINE -- University of Maine Cooperative Extension has launched the Maine Farmcast, a podcast that features weekly conversations with experts from across the country sharing insights and advice for both new and seasoned farmers running operations of any size.

"This is a way to share conversations around the livestock industry that relate to research, production, nutrition, reproduction, diseases, husbandry and economics," explains Colt Knight, associate Extension professor and state livestock specialist, who started the podcast with his colleagues Glenda Pereira, assistant Extension professor and state dairy special-

ist, and Rachel White, assistant Extension professor of sustainable agriculture.

"Our goal is to bring not only expertise, but also practical advice about how to apply cutting-edge research to improve the efficiency and sustainability of farming operations," says Pereira.

Dean of Extension Hannah Carter adds, "One unique aspect of the services Extension provides is the large number of local connections our staff make with people in communities all across the state. As the world relies more and more on digital technologies, especially for communication, we need to embrace new and evolving opportunities to reach out

to the people who benefit most from our work. The Maine Farmcast will do just that."

Topics discussed on the podcast will include latest research results and ongoing projects; practical information about day-to-day operations, as well as guidance about emerging issues like H5N1 outbreaks. Hosts will interview fellow Extension educators from across the country, industry professionals, researchers and farmers.

"Farmers are busy folks who don't always have time to check emails, read scientific journals, or go to educational seminars," says Knight. "Podcasts are a way for farmers to listen to up-to-date in-



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formation on-the-go while working, driving or operating equipment."

A primary focus of the Maine Farmcast is to reach livestock farmers, but the diverse conversations will relate to anyone wanting to learn more about the

ins and outs of livestock production including other extension agents, educators, agricultural service providers and the general public. If you would like to share an idea for a future podcast or have any other questions, email the team

at extension.farmcast@maine.edu.

To learn more and listen to all episodes, visit the podcast website. Maine Farmcast is also available on most major podcast players including Apple and Spotify.

Report: Maine remote work impacts job trends, industry

AUGUSTA, ME - The Maine Department of Labor's Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI) has released a new report documenting how remote work has impacted job trends and the industry composition of jobs. The report compares the changes in the number of jobs to the changes in the number of recorded worksites in Maine.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, jobs and worksites increased at similar rates. The number of worksites in Maine has spiked post-COVID, primarily due to increases in remote work. Much of the net job growth in recent years has been among small worksites with five or fewer employees, many with

only one. Remote workers are likely to be employed in industries in which information and communication technology are commonly used and tasks do not need to be completed onsite. The adoption of remote work has led some jobs to be reallocated into different states and different sectors. This has occurred through the combination of some remote workers choosing to relocate and incumbent residents starting new remote jobs where employers did not previously have an established worksite in Maine.

The shift in growth is due to a combination of people moving to Maine while continuing to work for an employer located elsewhere, and of residents

of Maine gaining jobs that allow them to work remotely for employers located elsewhere. In each of these cases, the employer is required to open an unemployment insurance tax account in Maine on behalf of those individuals, resulting in an increase in the number of worksites. Jobs are reported on the basis of where work is being performed. For remote workers primarily based in Maine and working for an employer located in another state, their employment is counted here rather than where the employer is located.

The full report is available here: <https://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/blogs/Remote-Work2024.pdf>

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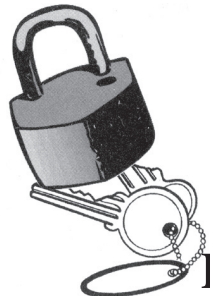
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Summer 2024

NORWAY -- Art Exhibition "If You Lived Here, You Would" at the award-winning Gingerbread House, Main Street, Norway, Maine. The show will dialogue with the history of this incredible edifice, which pours out of its every nook and cranny. "If You Lived Here You Would..." is a consideration of the home's past that offers a glimpse into its potential future through a selection of sculptures, paintings, drawings, and mixed-media pieces—brought to western Maine for the very first time—by a group of internationally recognized and acclaimed artists.

June 13

Sampson AFB Veterans and persons with a connection to those who took Air Force Basic Training there will have a get together Thursday, June 13 at the Governor's restaurant at noon time for lunch. All veterans of any branch or era are welcome to join us and share your experiences with us. FMI call 207-657-4909 Bob Sawyer or email wwmk-wkr1933@gmail.com

Fridays June 14 –

July 19

LEWISTON -- Opening Minds through Art, Fridays June 14 – July 19, 2 pm – 3 pm, Education Center of SeniorsPlus at 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Through a series of classes, OMA engages adults with dementia in creating free-wheeling art. Contact SeniorsPlus, at 207-795-4010, edcenter@seniorsplus.org.

June 15

GORHAM -- Gorham Garden Club Plant sale, June 15th 9AM -12 PM. Location: Baxter Library next to the Gazebo, 71 South St., Gorham, Maine

June 15

AUBURN -- On Saturday, June 15th, the Maine Iris Society will hold its 59th Annual Flower Show from 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Drive in Auburn. Admission is free. There will be a plant sale of potted perennials. Bare-root iris rhizomes will also be available this year for \$1.00 each. Come and vote for your favorite Iris Bloom, Iris Stalk, Peony and Hosta Leaf.

June 20

SOUTH PARIS -- University of Maine Cooperative Extension and McLaughlin Garden and Homestead will host a panel on how climate change impacts plants on Thursday, June 20, 2-3:30 p.m. at 97 Main Street, South Paris.

June 22

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray Saturday Night Church Supper, Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray. Handicapped Accessible.

Meals are Single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door. The Menu includes: Variety of Casseroles & Salads, Baked Pea Beans & Red Kidney, Red Hot Dogs, Breads, & Assortment of Desserts & Beverages

June 26

LEWISTON -- Birds and Flora of New Zealand talk will be happening at Lewiston Public Library on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 11:30 am to 12:30 PM. FMI: <https://lplonline.org/events/lpl-to-host-the-stanton-bird-club/>

July 6

GORHAM -- Hosta auctions are coming July 6th when the Maine Hosta Society will offer many exciting hosta varieties at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden at 120 Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham, Maine. The silent auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the live auction at 1:00 p.m. SAVE THE DATE for this event that is

free and open to the public.

July 13

GORHAM -- The Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of bearded iris rhizomes on Saturday, July 13th, starting at 1:00 pm at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden located at 120 Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham, Maine, A complimentary self-guided tour of the Treworgy Garden is included. This event is free and open to the public.

July 13, 14

LEWISTON -- Sat. July 13, at 7:30 PM and Sun., July 14, at 2 PM Late and Alone – An unforgettable one-man tribute to Johnny Cash featuring his greatest hits and stories from his life and career performed by Scott Moreau. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple Street - www.thepublictheatre.org

July 17

AUBURN -- Read ME Summer Book Discussions at the Auburn Public Library, Wednesday, July 17, 2024 -- 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Moon in Full)

Thursdays Aug 1 – Sept 5

WILTON -- Opening Minds through Art, Thursdays August 1 – September 5, 1 pm – 2 pm at Education Center of SeniorsPlus at 284 Main St., Suite 100, Wilton

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Aug 5 - 16

BAR MILLS -- Summer Theater Camps at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, August 5 - August 16. Join us for an enriching experience where children can explore their creativity and develop confidence through the theater. FMI, visit SRT, Jr. — Saco River Theatre

Aug 14

AUBURN -- Read ME Summer Book Discussions at the Auburn Public Library, Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 4:00-5:00 p.m. (The Road to Dalton)

Sept 14

LEWISTON -- From 12 noon to 3 PM 4th Annual Rally for Recovery hosted by the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee in Kennedy Park

Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

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GRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES, held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Monday 11:15am-12:30pm 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-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

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:

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- Add infield mix and relevel current fields
- Acquire tarps and field maintenance equipment
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