

Prose and poetry reading by Women Who Write in Gorham



GORHAM, ME --The Women Who Write group meets every two weeks at the library to workshop their writing

with their peers. Members include Lynne Mentzer and Mary Snell of Gorham; Carolyn Gaul and Cheri Wing-Jones of Windham; and Annie Boissevain of Gray.

The group is hosting a special reception on Wednesday, October 23 at 7 pm at the North Gorham Public Library. They will spend an hour reading stories, poems, and other works they have developed during the two years they have worked together. We are all invited to attend. Refreshments will be served

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'All Boys Aren't Blue' discussion tonight at Gorham's BMI

GORHAM, ME --Mark your calendars, because we have a busy September at the Library! For more information, please

visit our website at https:// baxterlibrary.org/, or visit us on Facebook!

Thursday, September 26, 6 PM Evening Book Group

Join us for a discussion of All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson. There are many valuable reasons to opportunity to see yourself reflected in the pages or the opportunity to read about lives very different from

read memoir, including the your own. This award winning memoir has been one of the top challenged books in the country, but we invite you to form your own opin-

ion. Our focus in this discussion is on the book as a work of literature rather than a debate on its inclusion in any particular library.

under/current panel discussion held at USM Gorham

GORHAM, ME --Join University of Southern Maine Art Gallery for a panel discussion on October 5 at 4 pm on issues around land claim, mining's impact on the local economy, and how themes of economic and ecological intertwinement can be viewed as a microcosm of the concerns that

face many communities throughout the ecoregion. This program is part

of our under/current exhibition. Panelists include:

Stephanie Garon, Art-

ist Bruce Taylor M.D., Public health physician

Nickie Sekera, Community Water Justice

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Nick Bennett, Natural Resources Council of Maine Staff Scientist and Healthy Waters Director

Jan Morill, Earthworks Tailing Campaign Manager

Please note: This program will be in-person in our McGoldrick Center and held simultaneously via Zoom. Register for the Zoom session at USM's website.

This event is sponsored by a Maine Humanities Council Major Grant.

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



Town of Gorham announces 2024 fall brush drop off

GORHAM, ME -- Public Works will be accepting brush Saturday, 10/12 and Saturday, 10/26 from 8AM-3PM at the Gorham Public Works

Department located at 80 Huston Road. This is for Gorham residents ONLY, no com-

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Sen. Collins proposes reforms in response to mass shootings

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As the State of Maine continues to grieve the lives lost in Lewiston on October 25, 2023, U.S. Senator Susan Collins introduced the Armed Forces Crisis Intervention Notification Act to require U.S. military services to use state crisis intervention laws when a service member poses a serious threat to him or herself or to others. Senator Angus King is an original cosponsor.

Immediately following the Lewiston shooting, Senators Collins and King called for the Army Inspector General to conduct independent review an to more fully understand what happened and what can be done at the local, county, state, and federal levels to help prevent future tragedies.

That review, as well as the investigations by the Army Reserve and the Independent Commission established by Maine Governor Janet Mills, substantiated that there were numerous missed opportunities to potentially separate the shooter, Sergeant First Class Robert Card, from his firearms while he received mental health treatment. In many instances, there was a clear lack of effective communication and coordination between the military and civilian law enforcement.

Informed by these findings, this legislation would require U.S. military services to utilize state crisis intervention programs-like Maine's Yellow Flag Law-and to fully participate in judicial proceedings authorized by such laws, while protecting the Second Amendment and due process rights of service members.

۴T authored the Armed Forces Crisis Intervention Notification Act in response to the October 25, 2023, tragedy in Lewiston, Maine. On that day, 18 Mainers were killed and 13 others were injured during the worst mass shooting in Maine history," said Senator Collins. "While the shooter was responsible for his horrific actions, multiple independent investigations revealed that there were numerous missed opportunities to potentially intervene and prevent this tragedy. This bill would facilitate effective communication and coordination between state agencies and military service branches, thereby helping to keep our communities safe and ensuring that service members in crisis get the assistance they need, without infringing upon the rights of law-abiding gun owners."

"After shoppers were killed in Buffalo, New York, and schoolchildren and teachers were murdered in Uvalde, Texas, we came together to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act," Senator Collins continued. "I was honored to be a part of that effort, which I believe has saved many lives. I co-authored provisions in that bill to help take dangerous criminals off the streetsand that is exactly what is happening. The Lewiston tragedy requires legislation and other changes to eliminate the communication gaps that the investigations have revealed. We have a chance to help service members in crisis. We have a chance to help protect our neighbors and families. We have a chance to save lives."

"We cannot bring back our friends and family members we lost last October, but we can take steps to fix the cracks in the system that led to the tragedy," said Senator King. "Whether through the Blast Overpressure Safety Act, or starting brain screening of service members on day one, or investments in additional mental health services to deliver needed care to those still processing unseen scars, this public safety threat is a complex problem that requires a wide range of approaches. While making sure that this bill has guardrails to protect the 2nd Amendment, this legislation strengthens the information sharing practices that can literally be the difference between life and death."

Key Provision of the Armed Forces Crisis Intervention Notification Act Include:

Directing the Armed Forces to Fully Utilize State Crisis Intervention Programs.

This bill directs the Armed Forces to fully utilize state crisis intervention programs in certain circumstances, namely when a service member is determined to be unfit to possess military firearms due to the member making a serious, credible threat of violence or when

a service member has been involuntarily committed to a mental hospital. "Fully utilize" is defined to mean (1) taking action available to third parties under a state crisis intervention program and (2) providing relevant material facts to appropriate law enforcement or judicial personnel.

Directing the Armed Forces to Fully Participate in Judicial Proceedings.

This bill facilitates information sharing by directing the Armed Forces to produce, upon request, relevant evidence in judicial proceedings authorized as part of a state crisis intervention program.

Protecting the Ability of States to Design Crisis Intervention Programs.

This bill preserves the ability of states to craft crisis intervention programs that work best for them. The Armed Forces would simply operate within each state's framework, provided the state programs adhere to the due process and Second Amendment protections detailed for such programs in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. The bill does not require states to adopt, modify, or expand any crisis intervention programs, nor does it create a federal crisis intervention program.

Protecting the Due Process Second and Amendment Rights of Service Members.

As noted, this bill directs the Armed Forces to utilize state crisis intervention programs that include the due process and Second Amendment protections already specified by Congress in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

This bill directs the Armed Forces to fully participate in judicial proceedings authorized as part of state crisis intervention, including proceedings initiated by a current or former service member to modify or terminate a protection order to regain possession of his or her firearms when the military has evidence that may be helpful to his or her case.

This bill does not affect the military's existing authority to disarm service members of their service weapons in a broad range of situations that are unrelated to a serious, credible threat of violence or involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, when it might not make sense to trigger a state crisis intervention program.

MaineCF awards \$211K in journalism scholarships

PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME The Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF) Guy P. Gannett Journalism Scholarship Fund has awarded \$211,000 in scholarships to 21 students studying journalism at the undergraduate or graduate level

The Gannett Scholar-

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

This year's Gannett Scholarship recipients are: Ashley Allen, Yarmouth: Endicott College; Ella Anderson, Long Island: New York University; Ryan

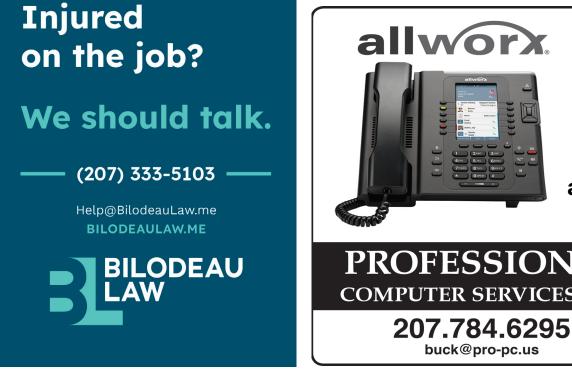


Bell, Palmyra: Syracuse University; Iselin Bratz, Camden: Emerson College; Skylar Cummings, Portland: University of Montana; Emma Gaecklein, Searsport: Marist College; Cally Gudroe, Garland: University of New England; Nola Goodwin, Turner: Georgetown University; Isabelle Hamann, Monmouth: University of Southern California; So-



of Virgin Islands; Amber Stone, Farmington: University of Southern Maine; Sandy Tomasco, Winslow: University of Maine at Presque Isle; and Cali Warren, Brooks: University of Maine.

A volunteer review committee selected the students based on demonstrated interest in journalism, excellence in academic performance and financial need. The application for the 2025 Gannett Scholarship will open in January. For more information, visit www.mainecf.org/scholarships.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces Robin Taylor-Chiarello named sponsor for gala event

Camp Susan Curtis is thrilled to announce beloved children's author Taylor-Chiarello Robin as the Children's Author Sponsor for its 50th Anniversary Gala event. The Campfire Under the Stars Gala will take place on October 3rd at Brick South on Thompson's Point and celebrate 50 years of providing life-changing summer camp experiences for Maine children from low-income families.

Robin Taylor-Chiarello, owner of Blue Lobster Book Co., is an active and award-winning children's author. She has received a Gold Mom's Choice medal and four Sil-

PORTLAND, ME ver Mom's Choice awards. Her books celebrate overcoming challenges and adversity and stress family values, faith, and determination. An alumna of Finch College and Harvard Graduate School of Design, she has had a home in Lovell, Maine for nearly 40 years.

Robin has been an active member of the Camp Susan Curtis community for several years and is deeply committed to ensuring that underserved Maine youth can access life-changing outdoor programming. In addition to serving on the Camp Susan Curtis Board of Trustees, Robin works to raise awareness and connect Maine communities to the



camp's mission through vibrant events.

"Our mission is my bible, to help children facing economic hardship have a transformative experience at camp," said Robin. "To hear them

sing, and joke with each other, like kids are supposed to do on a summer afternoon. Listening to the laughter from the lake as they accomplish a new skill. Watching them view life differently through the lenses of hope and strength, and learning they have a collection of new friends to support them, even as they struggle with poverty. As we celebrate our 50th year, I ask anyone who is able to join me in supporting our mission. Let's take care of Maine's most important resource – our children. The future of this state depends on it."

Camp Susan Curtis is the only camp in Maine that exclusively serves Maine children from low-income households at no cost to their families. Since 1974, Camp Susan Curtis has served more than 19,000 campers. The 50th Anniversary Gala will celebrate this legacy while raising funds to ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the camp's unique programs, which are designed specifically to best serve children from low-income households.

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Camp founders Governor Ken Curtis and Mrs. Polly Curtis will be the special guests of honor at CSC's 50th Anniversary Gala, which will give attendees a chance to experience the magic of camp firsthand.

Goodwill NNE, Gorham offers donation pick-ups

MAINE -- Goodwill Northern New England now offers donation pickups, thanks to a new partnership with ReSupply. The partnership will begin in the Greater Portland, Maine area and expand in the coming weeks.

"Getting to a donation center can be difficult for some folks, especially if they have large, bulky items like furniture," said Goodwill's Director of Logistics Rick Mooney. "Our goal is to make donating easier and more accessible



for our communities by offering donation pickups." ReSupply offers a fee-based pickup service

to donors and in turn provides that donation to Goodwill. Goodwill does not take any part of the



pick-up fee. Any items Goodwill cannot take Re-Supply will then take to other charities to further help keep items from ending up in landfills.

Goodwill stores and donation centers will always remain a free option for donating clothing and household items.

ReSupply will initially serve folks surrounding these stores: Biddeford, South Portland (Maine Mall), Gorham, Westbrook, Falmouth, Windham, Topsham and Brunswick.

"We hope our donors find value in this alternative donating option,"

Mooney said. "If it's not your cup of tea, our donation specialists are ready for you at our stores."

Visit goodwillnne. org/donate/ or call (361) 264-1467 to schedule a donation pickup. ReSupply will reach out to coordinate the pickup within 24-48 hours.

WRCC invites Gorham to bean supper

GORHAM, ME --White Rock Community Clubhouse at 34 Wilson Road, Gorham invites the public to a homemade bean supper on Saturday, Octo-

ber 5, 4:00-5:30pm. Eat in or take out.

Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12

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Casco FCU's 7th annual Ride to End Hunger

Casco FCU had their 7th Maine Credit Unions' Hunger. Last year Cas-

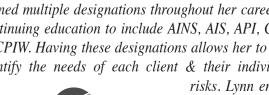
CASCO, ME -- all proceeds go to the donations are important because they help the Annual Ride to End Hun- Campaign for Ending pantries purchase new refrigerators or make much co FCU raised a total needed renovations. Keep an eye out next summer for information on joining their next ride.

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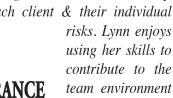


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ger on Saturday, August 3 at 393 Ossipee Trail in Gorham. Despite the weather, they were able to raise \$5,445.60 for the Campaign for Ending Hunger.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age Circumnavigating Campobello Island





Brent Elwell enters a cave on Head Harbour Island

Kayakers approach spectacular Head Harbour Lightstation at the northern tip of Campobello Island

For several days, a large group of Mainers had been camping at Herring Cove Provincial Park on Campobello Island in New Brunswick. Early on, many of us enjoyed an outstanding sea kayak trip along the rugged east side of the island. When foggy conditions prevented kayaking, we biked and hiked the Roosevelt Campobello International Park trails. However, for some of us, one goal remained - a sea kayak expedition along the western and northern shores of the island.

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As a result of a previous visit last year and our earlier voyage, several of us had kayaked about two-thirds of the island shoreline. However, the sector from the village of Welshpool on the west side to Mill Cove in the northeastern corner remained undone. Two trips had been planned but were cancelled due to thick fog.

Signs were encouraging for a paddle when we arose for the final full day of our stay. A drive to Welshpool confirmed that the coastline was fog-free but patchy fog lingered in the distance. Nine of us decided to attempt the trip.

We dropped kayaks next to the ferry landing in Welshpool. Since there is minimal parking at the landing, most of the vehicles were transported to Mill Cove and the drivers returned in one vehicle while two of us remained with the kayaks.

The landing was a busy place. Just before we launched, the Deer Island Ferry delivered and picked up full loads of vehicles.

Fog banks could be seen in the distance along the shores of Eastport and Deer Island when we departed in gentle seas and a light tailwind at about high tide. An early concern was crossing the mouth of substantial Harbour de Lutre since treacherous tidal currents were reported to occur at some levels. We had studied the tide schedule and planned to arrive at close to high tide to minimize the risk.

The seas were calm but fog was infiltrating when we began the Harbour de Lutre traverse. We took a precautionary compass bearing to distant Cook's Point before continuing. Nearing halfway, the fog lifted and



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Light rain commenced as we passed the small village of Wilson's Beach. Soon after, we progressed along cliffs that were reminiscent of the east side of the island. A substantial fish weir was the object of exploration in this area.

Members of our party spotted a whale off the distant shore of Eastport. Whale sightings are common in the Campobello Island area and whale watching tours are conducted from Welshpool and Wilson's Beach. A few people in our group had gone on a tour and observed a minke whale. Alas, no close encounters on our journey.

Rounding an escarpment near the northern end of the island, we were thrilled to encounter spectacular views of dramatic Head Harbour Lightstation. The colorful distinctive lighthouse sits on the jagged cliffs of a tiny islet that is separated from the main island at high tide. It was constructed in 1829 to aid ships navigating the notorious Bay of Fundy fog, high tides, and rocky Campobello Island.

We split into two groups: some passing on the outside of the lighthouse, others negotiated through a narrow channel on the inside. After paus-



Paddlers venture into fog while crossing Harbour de Lutre



Bob Dawson passes an ancient fish weir near Wilson's Beach

ing to embrace the magnificent view, we crossed open water to Head Harbour Island. Tall cliffs dominate the outside of the island where we investigated a cave carved out of the wall by eons of violent Bay of Fundy storms. Offshore boulders provided opportunities for stimulating slalom-style maneuvers.

More open water brought us to the northern end of Mill Cove. Fog was creeping in from the south when we entered. By the time we were deep into the cove, visibility was less than a couple of hundred feet. We had been extremely fortunate. Had dense fog been encountered earlier, it might have jeopardized the trip.

Instead, our voyage ended on a very happy note. We were able to locate the rocky beach and carry kayaks to our waiting vehicles. For me completing a circumnavigation of Campobello Island was the highlight of several exceptional outdoor adventures during our visit.

My book Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine narrates eight sea kayak excursions along the Maine coast including a foggy expedition on the Bold Coast that ended in nearby Lubec.

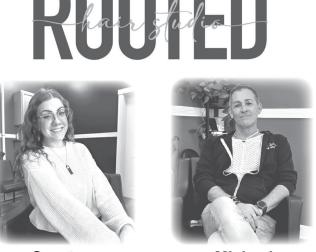
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What women need to know about treating postpartum depression

Dr. Ana Stankovic, Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare of Maine

Pregnancy and childbirth are often celebrated as incredible events in a woman's life. But, for some, it can be anything but joyful. One in five women experience pregnancy-related mental health conditions. Of those, 20% will face suicidal thoughts or attempt to harm themselves. In fact, maternal mental health challenges are the number one cause of maternal mortality, primarily due to suicide.

Most women have some degree of the "baby blues." So, what makes some women more likely to experience more severe mental health issues? Women with a history of anxiety or mood disorders or those with a family history of postpartum depression have a higher risk. Women from under-resourced communities, those with little to no social support, and those who use substances like drugs or alcohol also face higher risks, as are women who have experienced fertility challenges, an unwanted pregnancy, or a difficult birth. And among communities of color, stigma and judgment often prevent women from seeking mental health treatment.

But it doesn't have to be that way. The time has come to recognize that pregnancy-related mental health conditions are not only prevalent but largely preventable. Here are a few tips to help combat maternal mental health challenges: Take some time to familiarize yourself with emotional changes that can come with pregnancy and the postpartum period. This knowledge not only helps in setting your own expectations but also empowers you to communicate effectively with healthcare providers.

Talk to your doctor about treatment options. When exploring medication treatment options for postpartum depression, it's important to understand the benefits and potential side-effects of the medications. Be sure to speak with your health care provider to understand the best option for you and check with your health coverage plan to make sure the medication is covered.

Destigmatize mental health. It's okay to talk about how we're really feeling. Whether you're pregnant, a new parent, or a supportive partner or friend, speaking up about mental health challenges should be as normal as talking about a backache. When we open up, we make it easier for everyone to seek the help they might need without fear.

Monitor your well-being. Keep an eye on how you're feeling emotionally, not just physically. Changes in mood, energy levels or thoughts can be subtle clues that you need some extra care. It's like keeping a diary of your emotional world — noting down what feels different, what's worrying you, or even what's bringing you unexpected joy.

Call your health plan provider: Your health insurer can also help you access care. For example, some insurers like United-Healthcare have specially trained advocates to support members who might be struggling due to their social environment, help members understand their benefits and guide them to timely care.

Take advantage of your Employee Assistance Program (EAP). These programs typically offer services that relatively few employees take advantage of. Depending on your situation, you may not need to seek additional behavioral health support with a care provider if your EAP offers personalized guidance.

Seek support: A trusted healthcare provider can guide you to the right level of support, such as talking to an expert in person or virtually, or joining a network or discussion group about this issue. Your family and friends can be there for you by listening, offering the voice of experience, or even helping with household chores to allow you time to rest. Remember that taking action early is a proactive step toward maintaining your mental health. It's a sign of strength.

Together, we can break the silence, prioritize maternal mental health, and ensure that no mother faces this challenge alone. It is time to unite, embrace compassion, and empower all women to embark on their motherhood journey with strength and resilience.

* EAP availability varies by plan design and benefits selected by the employer

Inform yourself.

Virtual field trips explore Maine's aquaculture industry

MAINE -- University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H announces the launch of virtual field trips (VFTs), an innovative way for youth learners to explore Maine's thriving aquaculture industry. These immersive online experiences bring aquaculture to life, offering participants the chance to step inside cutting-edge facilities and learn directly from industry experts. Through the power of virtual reality and accessible browser-based tools, these trips highlight the processes behind sustainable aquaculture—no travel required.

"Virtual field trips can introduce learners to professionals and bring them to places that would otherwise be infeasible," said Carla Scocchi, 4-H Youth Development Professional. "We're excited to use this technology to teach youth about Maine aquaculture, even when they're unable to visit these facilities in-person."

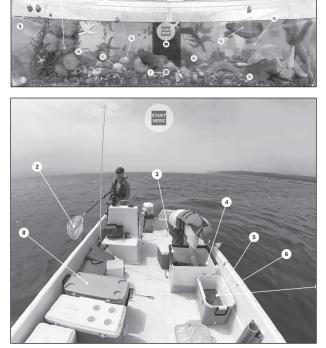


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Accessible at no cost, the VFTs are designed to break down geographical and financial barriers, making high-quality, hands-on learning available to all. Educators, both formal and informal, can register online to receive a link to the VFTs. Each field trip also comes with complementary 4-H activity guides and lesson plans to help facilitate meaningful engagement with K-12 vouth.

The first VFT cur-

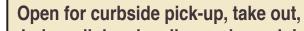
rently available features the University of Maine Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research (CCAR), a large-scale, land-based aquaculture facility in Franklin. Additional virtual field trips are in development and will be rolled out in 2025 and 2026. These experiences will offer insight into seafood production, workforce development, career exploration and STEM concepts related to aquaculture technologies.



"The aquaculture industry continues to grow and significantly impacts Maine's economy," said Hannah Carter, associate provost for online and continuing education and dean of Cooperative Extension. "We are pleased that UMaine Extension 4-H can help expose youth to opportunities within this industry no matter where they are located across the state."

Visit the program webpage to register for a virtual field trip. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Carla Scocchi, carla. scocchi@maine.edu or 207.667.8212. This initiative is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, and SEA Maine.

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Gala Celebration to honor Hancock Lumber

WINDHAM, ME --The Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing will hold its sold-out 5th Anniversary Gala Celebration on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Stone Barn at Saint Joseph's College in Standish. The Gala will honor Hancock Lumber for its very generous donations of funds and building supplies to "The Fuller Center," a Windham-based nonprofit that offers home repairs for seniors and veterans so they may remain in their homes safely and enjoy the quality of life they deserve.

The Gala will be hosted by Diane Dunton Bruni, Board Chair, President, and Founding Member of the Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing, who recently was named one of "20 Outstanding Women of 2024" by The Portland Radio Group (WMGX, Coast 93.1 FM) and Hannaford Supermarkets.

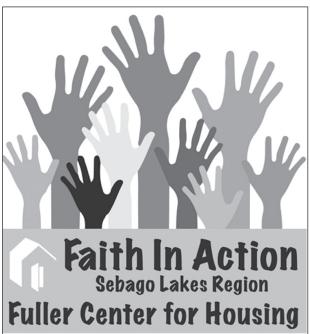


Image courtesy of The Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing.

Prior to the Gala, an online auction will be held to raise funds for the Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing. The attractive auction items will include One Week's Rental of a Cobalt Travel Trailer, Maine State Theater Tickets, 4 Rounds of Golf at Point Sebago, A Gorgeous Handmade Braided Rug, collectibles, gift baskets, gift certificates, and more. A Silent Auction will also be held at the event.

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Author booked for West Buxton Public Library presentation

BUXTON, ME --Join us Saturday, October 5, 2PM-4PM at Buxton Town Office, 185 Portland Road, Rear Entrance for guest speaker Gerard Bianco, an award-winning artist, author, teacher and lecturer. He holds a BA in Studio Art and an MFA in Writing. His books can be found on Amazon. His short stories have appeared in various literary journals and his lessons, exercises and advice on the art and craft of creative fiction have appeared on the web and in the book, *Now Write! Mysteries: Mystery Fiction Exercises From Today's Best Writers and Teachers.* His latest book, *Mar-lee*, takes place in Maine and contains thirteen of his unique illustrations. He lives in Maine. Please visit his website at https:// gerardbianco.com/

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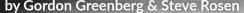
PORTLAND, ME - Camp Susan Curtis is thrilled to announce Bangor Savings Bank as the presenting Trout Lake Sponsor for its 50th Anniversary Gala event. The Campfire Under the Stars Gala will take place on October 3rd at Brick South on Thompson's Point and celebrate fifty years of providing life-changing summer camp experiences for children from low-income families.

"Camp Susan Curtis provides Maine youth with access to mentorship, support, and life skills essential for their development. Growing up, camp was a significant part of my life, and I see the same impact on today's campers. From the youngest participants to those in the leadership program, they learn to collaborate, have fun with and lead others," said Bob Montgomery-Rice. "These experiences are crucial for their personal growth and the future prosperity of Maine, as these kids are the next generation of leaders and innovators. At Bangor Savings Bank, we are deeply committed to investing in our communities and are proud to support this milestone event."

Camp Susan Curtis is the only camp in Maine that exclusively serves Maine children from low-income households – at no cost to their families. The 50th Anniversary Gala aims to celebrate this legacy while raising funds to ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the camp's unique programs, which are designed specifically to best serve children from low-income households.

Camp founders Governor Ken Curtis and Mrs. Polly Curtis will be the special guests of honor at CSC's 50th anniversary gala, which will give attendees a chance to experience the thrill of camp for themselves.





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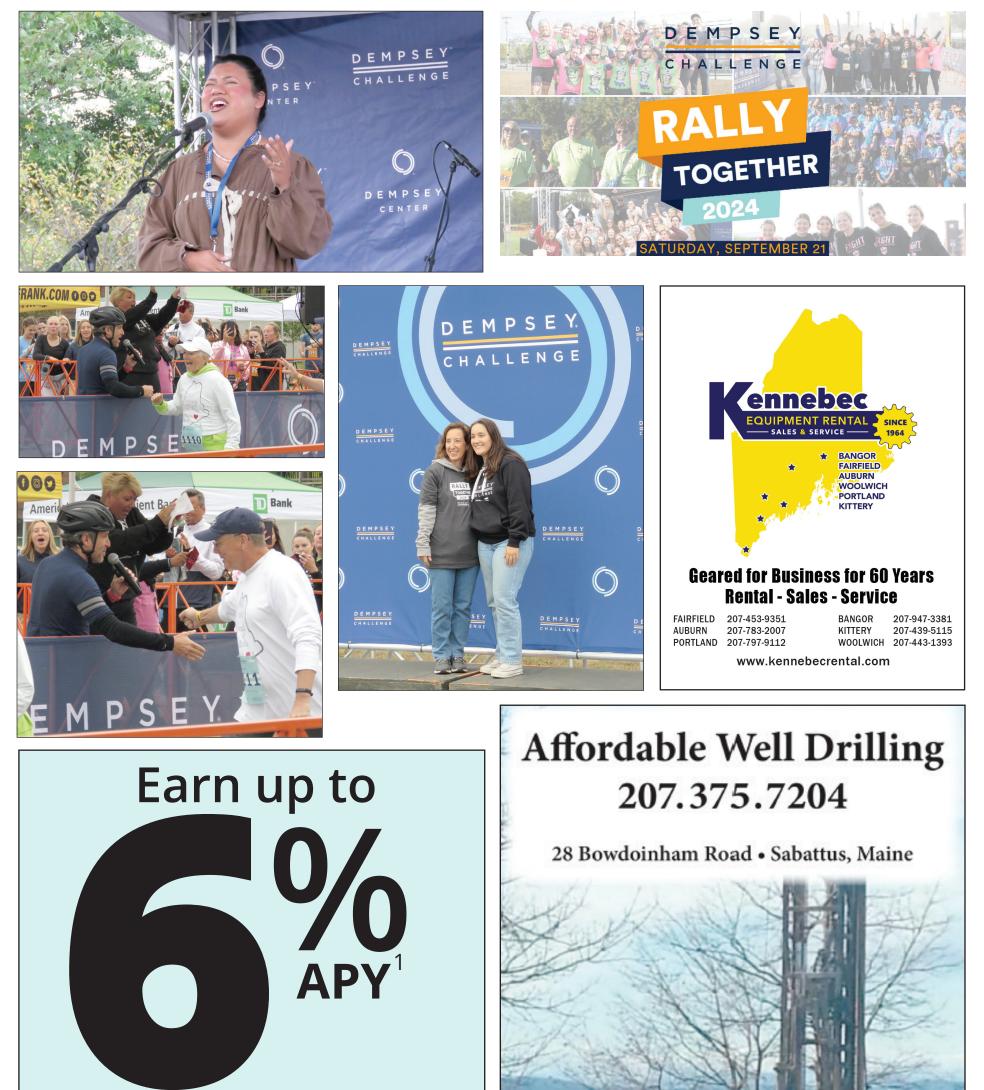
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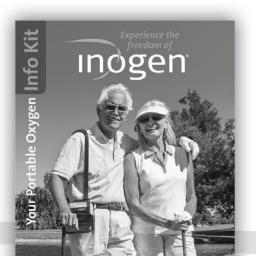
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MET 'Live in HD' returns to the LHE/PAC this fall

FRYEBURG, ME The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts, opens its 18th season on Saturday, October 5, 2024, with a live transmission of Offenbach's Les Contes d'Hoffmann, which stars acclaimed tenor Benjamin Bernheim in the title role of the tormented

poet, alongside sopranos Erin Morley and Pretty Yende and mezzo-soprano Clémentine Margaine.

The 2024-25 Live in HD season also features the Met premiere and live transmission of Jeanine Tesori's new opera Grounded, starring mezzo-soprano Emily D'Angelo; new stagings of Strauss's Salome by director Claus Guth, with a cast led by soprano Elza van den Heever and baritone Peter Mattei, and Verdi's Aida, with soprano Angel Blue and tenor Piotr Beczała, directed by Michael Mayer; the first-ever Met Live in HD transmission of Beethoven's Fidelio, along with Puccini's Tosca, both featuring soprano Lise Davidsen as she continues to explore the full range

of Italian and German dramatic repertoire; Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro with an all-star cast; and director Bartlett Sher's beloved take on Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia, with opera's newest star, mezzo-soprano Aigul Akhmetshina, returning to the Met after her hit run this season in the new production of Bizet's Carmen. Met Music Director

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Grounded, Aida, and Salome.

"From its beginning, The Met: Live in HD was created to connect the Met to a global audience," said Peter Gelb, the Met's Maria Manetti Shrem General Manager. "We're glad to see audiences around the world beginning to return to cinemas in larger numbers

since the end of the pandemic."

Live in HD tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for students. Purchase tickets online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac, or call the box office at 207-544-9066. The LHE/PAC is located at 18 Bradley Street in Fryeburg, Maine on the campus of Fryeburg Academy.

State Farm associates sort food for neighbors in need

MAINE --State associates from Farm across the country are celebrating Good Neighbor Month in September. Locally, seven agents and employees partnered with Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine to highlight their commitment to being good neighbors. Good Shepherd Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization in Maine, serving over 140,000 individuals each

The organization vear. services the entire state of Maine and partners with more than 600 hunger-relief agencies where people can access food, including food pantries, meal programs, and mobile distributions.

The State Farm associates spent an afternoon at Good Shepherd Food Bank's warehouse in Hampden where they packaged 326 boxes of donated

Celebrate Garlic Fest with entertainment, food, fun

CANNAN, ME

-- Lake George Regional Park and N44 North Farmstead will host the 6th annual Maine's Garlic Fest at Lake George Regional Park in Canaan, Maine. This year's festival will be held on Saturday, October 5th and Sunday October 6th. Doors open both days at 9:30am.

The festival features local produce, crafts, art, youth activities, food, spirits, live music and of course garlic. The festival setting is perfect, lakeside amidst the surrounding hills and Autumn foliage. For more information, please visit the festival website at www.main-

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State Farm associates present Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine with funding to support hunger relief efforts.

food for older Mainers.

"We had an incredible day at the distribution center," shared State Farm Sales Leader Delia Bouchard. "Good Neighbor Month is the perfect way

for our associates to celebrate the essence of being a good neighbor and fostering community spirit. I'm proud we can continue our support of Good Shepherd Food Bank.

In addition to volunteering, the State Farm associates presented the Food Bank with a \$5,000 check to support hunger relief efforts.

Last year, Good Shepherd Food Bank distributed 39 million meals. The food bank also manages research and advocacy for programs and policies that bring hunger relief to families and individuals, nutrition education, cooking classes, and more.

"We are grateful to our Corporate Partner, State Farm, and appreciate their dedication to supporting hunger relief in Maine during Good Neighbor month," said Heath-Paquette, President er of Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. "The time and resources provided by State Farm and their associates make a direct impact on the lives of Mainers facing food insecurity. It's through community-driven efforts like these that we can work toward a future where no one in Maine has to worry about where their next meal is coming from."

Visit the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine to learn more about the organization's programs and services.

Wounded Warrior Project names King 'Legislator of the Year'

WASHINGTON,

D.C. — U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME), a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee, has been recognized as the 2024 "Legislator of the Year" by Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). The prestigious annual award recognizes outstanding legislative efforts and achievements by a member of Congress in improving the lives of post-9/11 wounded, ill and injured veterans. Senator King was selected for this award due to his advocacy for bills to promote smoother military transitions, enhance career training opportunities,

and strengthen practices and standards concerning blast injury prevention and care.

"Our veterans have made countless sacrifices to defend and serve our nation," said Senator King. "We have a solemn duty to return that service to them long after they hang up their uniform. From helping our veterans navigate the transition to civilian life to ensuring they have accessible, affordable care, we have made tremendous strides together. But there is still much work to be done to step up for those who wore the uniform. I want to thank the Wounded Warrior Project for this award and will work with anyone in Congress on behalf of our veterans in Maine and across the nation "

for wounded warriors and the entire veteran community, and his leadership is a model for other members of Congress," said Wounded Warrior Project CEO, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Walter Piatt. "His work supports the Armed Forces and veterans every single day, and WWP is honored to be able to work with him in Congress and recognize his outstanding efforts on behalf of everyone who is wearing or has worn the uniform."

Representing one of the states with the highest rates of veterans per capita, Senator King is a staunch advocate for America's servicemembers and veterans. He has been among the Senate's most prominent voices on the need to address veterans suicide, and has re-"Senator King has peatedly pressed for action rifices of Maine's veteran been a dedicated advocate from top Department of De-

fense officials on this issue. An advocate for amplifying veteran voices, Senator King held a field hearing focusing on long-term care in Maine. Additionally, he recently led a letter urging further investments in traumatic brain injury research, the signature wound of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and introduced legislation to provide safe firearm storage for veterans. Senator King also contributes to the Veterans History Project, a Library of Congress initiative to collect and preserve the stories of American veterans; he most recently interviewed an Army National Guard veteran from Pittsfield, Maine. Senator King uses this interview series to learn and share the stories of the lives, service, and sac-







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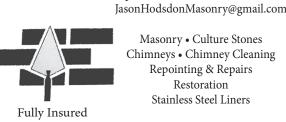
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Drop-in and join us for Baby Sensory Playtime! Babies and their caregivers will have the opportunity to interact with a variety of sensory toys and socialize with other families with young children. Playtime with sensory toys contributes to a baby's cognitive development, fine motor skills, social and emotional development, creativity, and language development.

R e c o m m e n d e d for babies ages birth-18 months and their caregivers. Siblings are always welcome. This program is free, open to the public and no registration is required.

Sept 28

AUBURN -- There will be a baked bean supper at Sixth St. Congregational Church at 109 Sixth St. in Auburn on Saturday, September 28 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The menu consists of two kinds of beans, brown bread, cole slaw, red and brown hot dogs, assorted casseroles, assorted desserts and beverage. The cost of the meal is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 12, under age 5 is free. All are welcome. Take-out is available.

Sept 28

GRAY -- First Congregational Church of Gray



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Saturday Night Church Supper held on Saturday, September 28,2024 @ 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

Sept 28 LISBON FALLS -- Dine In/Take Out Bean Supper, Saturday, September 28th from 4:30pm -5:30pm or SOLD OUT at Lisbon United Methodist Church, 14 School Street, Lisbon Falls, ME. Sponsored by the Methodist Women. Adults \$9.00

Menu: Pea Beans, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, dinner roll and a slice of pie! FMI-Gwen Rioux 353-6814

Oct 5

GORHAM -- Public Homemade Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham Saturday, October 5. 4:00-5:30pm

Eat in or take out. Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12 Follow us on Facebook for updates: facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub

Oct 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

BAR MILLS -- The Original's present Molly Sweeney, a play by Brian Friel at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Oct 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 @ 7:30 PM

and Oct 13 & 20 at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www. sacorivertheate.org.

Oct 19

BRUNSWICK -- The 2024-25 UUCB Concerts for a Cause Series season will include folk, jazz, blues, celtic, and choral singing for justice. This season's charities receiving 100% of the profits from the concert are Brunswick Area Teen Center and Maine Family Planning. For further details about the concerts, go to https:// www.uubrunswick.org/ events/

Sally Rogers & Claudia Schmidt - Sat, Oct 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Doors open 7:00 pm.

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Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$10 students/children. Tickets are available at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at https://ticketstripe.com/ sallyrogers.

Oct 26, 27

LEWISTON, TOP-SHAM -- "Majestic Earth Movements" Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Franco

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cially needed.

A steady increase in lifesaving blood products is vital to ensuring hospitals stay ready for any situation this fall. As National Preparedness Month continues, the Red Cross highlights the importance of having a strong supply of blood products already on hand for disasters and emergencies of all kinds

and to meet the needs of patients every day.

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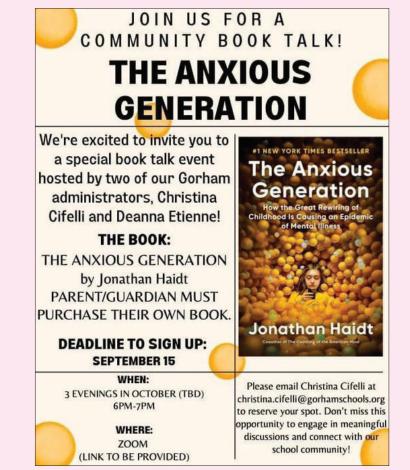
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