

St. Nick's Christmas Fundraising Fair in Gorham

GORHAM, ME – It's that time of year again, and we are excited to announce our 3rd Annual St. Nick's Christmas Fundraising Fair, taking place on December 14th at Cressey Christian Church on Cressey Rd., Gorham, ME. Additionally, we will host our "Polar Express Experience" on December 7th at the Kennebec YMCA in Augusta, Maine. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at both events for the kids along with John Merrifield, musician playing music for the day and featuring an

amazing luncheon.

Both events will feature gift collections, raffles, and silent auctions showcasing amazing Maine-made items. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who supported us last year, enabling us to assist families throughout Maine in need.

This initiative began in 2019 with our daughter, Julia Swett, who started the "Giving Tree of Maine." Julia was featured on WCSH6 207Maine and was honored as the young-



est recipient of the WCSH6 Teens Who Care scholarship and award. Since then, we have made significant strides with our events, and we are thrilled to host two major ones this December!

In addition to these events, we are also hosting our "Queen's Winter Ball" (Bridgerton Experience Event) on November 30th at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta. This event, which is currently sold out, aims to raise funds for my husband, Joe Swett, who is on dialysis and on the Maine

Transplant List.

The Queen's Winter Ball will feature an exciting silent auction with amazing items, including a signed helmet by Tom Brady, a signed stand-up photo by Taylor Swift, and signed memorabilia by Larry Bird and Kevin McHale. We are also proud to present performances by Thomas Bailey, a talented 13-year-old sixth-generation violinist who plays at Maine hockey games, and Steph Dlugan, who will perform on the electric violin.

Get in the holiday spirit with Nutcracker Tea Party in Gorham

GORHAM, ME -- Calling all young dancers to step into a world of enchantment and grace! You're invited to join Atlantic Dance Arts for a delightful Nutcracker Tea Party that promises to be a celebration of dance, sweetness, and holiday magic!

Join us Saturday, December 7th from 9am-

11am at Summit Community Church. Tickets are \$25 for one adult and child, or \$30 for a family. Tickets can be purchased on our website: www.atlanticdancearts.com

Highlights:
Mini dance lessons
Ballet-themed crafts
Nutcracker story

Sweet treats and fes-

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Photo booth for magical memories

Dress in your cozy PJs or your favorite dancewear and let the magic of the Nutcracker come to life! Share the joy with fellow young dancers and create memories that will last a lifetime.

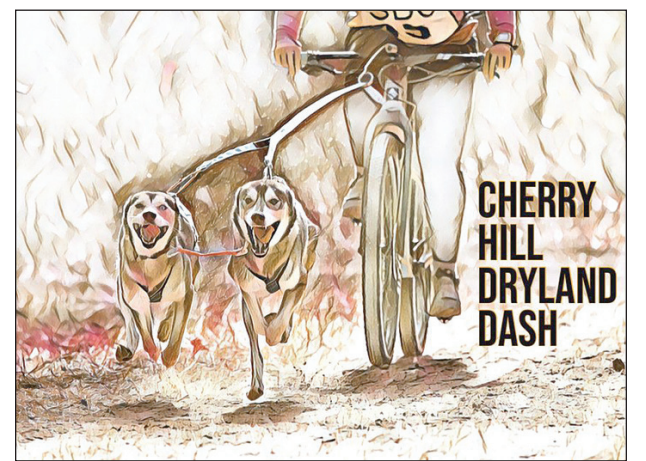
Let's twirl into the holiday season together!

New England Sled Dog Club hosts Dryland Dash in Gorham

GORHAM, ME -- The Cherry Hill Dryland Dash is back! Save the date! Saturday December 7 at 7AM!

This one day race will feature the same 2.2 mile course as last year. Classes will include canicross, 1 & 2 dog bike, 1 & 2 dog scooter, fun run, and the relay. More info to come!

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Clothes galore at Gorham's Mission of Hope Clothes Closet

GORHAM, ME -- The FREE Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church (Mission of Hope Clothes Closet) is open to all who need Fellowship, Friendship and Clothes. We are located at 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, and we are open on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month from 9 o'clock AM to 12 Noon.

We focus on clothes and accessories (gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) and welcome your donations during our operating hours. Clean

clothes in good shape help the most, as they go right out to help people locally or in nearby communities. An attempt is made to have season appropriate clothes available to you. After we have displayed them for a time, they are donated to our local second-hand shops.

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

There are tables to sit, talk and to share a cup of coffee and usually a goodie with volunteers or others. Come see us! You might make a new friend. All are welcome!

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Send all items for Names & Faces to the editor. Deadline is Friday by five pm.

Lakes Region Senior Center invites Gorham seniors to activities

GORHAM, ME -- If you are looking for a fun senior center with lots of activities daily, come join

us at Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, Gorham, Maine. We are open from 8:30 to 2 or 3

pm depending on the activity. Our calendar is online.

Call Gerry Day, President, at 839-3859 for more

information

Membership fee is \$20 a year with many perks.

Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Maine-ly Harmony performing Songs of the Season



Left to Right, first row Judy Labonte, Jennifer Clair, Betty Avery, Martha Tait, Lynn Izzi, Kathy Joyce, Lea Davis, Barbara Combs; 2nd row Martha Bangs, Peg Dubrow, Candace Peppin, Janet Dunham, LouAnne Mossler, Donna Ryder, Dotti Meyer; Third row Lynn Rogers, Danielle Bolouc, BJ Sylvester-Pellett, Cathy Anderson, Nancy Bossie, Sue Staples, Director Kathy Greason.

GARDINER, ME -- Join the Maine-ly Harmony Chorus Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. at the Highland Avenue United Methodist Church, 35 Highland Av-

enue, Gardiner, Maine for the "Songs of the Season" - your favorite Christmas songs, including a silent auction, refreshments and a special appearance from

Jolly Ole St. Nick! We all need a little Christmas and look forward to sharing our musical holiday favorites with you. A donation of \$15 is accepted at the door.

UMaine Extension offers holiday gifts for gardeners

MAINE -- If you're in need of a gift for the gardener in your life, University of Maine Cooperative Extension is offering 8 new bundles of pre-recorded webinars on gardening-related topics.

The On Demand Webinar bundles include 3 to 4 pre-recorded webinars plus helpful related resources. New topics include: ornamental garden design and maintenance, garden problem solving, homesteading, decorating with nature, and a range of crops from mushrooms to cranberries. This is in addition to bundles already available on home orchards, natives, compost and soil health, and seed selection and starting.

The webinar bundles are offered on a



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sliding scale fee (\$7.50 - \$30). More information and links to purchase the bundles are available on the On-Demand Webinar page.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Rebecca Gray, 207.356.1348; extension.gardening@maine.edu.

UMA hosts "Voices of Hope" recovery film, discussion

AUGUSTA, ME— Please join us for a presentation of the veteran's edition of "Voices of Hope" on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Farber Forum, Jewett Hall, 46 University Drive, Augusta. Immediately following the video, Ed Walsh, LCSW, U.S. Army (retired), and UMA alum will facilitate an open discussion on recovery and resources.

Presenting films such as "Voices of Hope" reflects UMA's commitment to provide a supportive environment and be a catalyst for positive

change. This event embodies the spirit of empowerment and resilience, offering an opportunity to connect with stories of triumph over adversity. By showcasing "Voices of Hope: The Rugged Road to Recovery" and facilitating a discussion with a veteran and UMA alum, it reinforces our belief that no challenge is insurmountable with support and determination.

This event, presented by UMA Veteran Services along with Students Empowered to End Dependence (SEED), is

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open to all, free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

About the Film
Sometimes the most inspiring people we encounter are those who have suffered the most. Meet these Maine veterans who have experienced great trauma but climbed out of the dark hole and found ways to lift their brethren. "Veterans in Recovery" is a part of the "Voices of Hope: The Rugged Road to Recovery" series created by SEED. Learn more at seedmaine.org.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus visiting Scarborough this weekend

SCARBOROUGH, ME -- Bundle up the family and head to Memorial Park to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to Scarborough! Shuttles from the High School parking lot will begin making their rounds at 4:30 PM. We'll be getting in the Holiday spirit with sweet treats, activities, music, fireworks, and more from 5:00-7:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: The fireworks will be AT THE START of our event this year! During that time, shuttles and walking down

to the park will be paused to ensure safety of attendees. Please make sure to arrive early if you want to see the show before meeting with our guest of honor.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 4:30 pm - Tractor Shuttles Begin
- 5:00 pm - Event Begins
- 5:15 pm - Chorus Performance
- 5:25 pm - ALL VEHICLE & FOOT TRAFFIC STOPS
- 5:30 pm - Santa & Mrs. Claus Arrive



5:35 pm - Tree Lighting & Fireworks

6:00 pm - Visits with Santa

7:30 pm - End Help us spread the

holiday cheer by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to the Scarborough Food Pantry.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor: Saco and Biddeford Savings and supporting sponsors: The Little Gym, Goldfish Swim School, Hannaford, and Rotary Club of Scarborough for helping celebrate with us!

Event by Scarborough Community Services and Town of Scarborough, Maine

Memorial Park Scarborough

North Gorham Public Library to host Holiday Craft & Book Fair

GORHAM, ME -- North Gorham Public Library will be hosting its annual Holiday Craft & Book Fair on Saturday, December 7, from 9 to 2. Mark your Calendar!

This year, we're offering a little more than usual and a few changes. First, we're taking advantage of all the available space in our corner of North Gorham. The Library, Fire Department, and United Church of Christ will all buzz with activity.

The book sale will be in the Fire Department Community Room to the left of our front door. In the library, to the right of the front door, we'll sell raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt, several gift certificates to local businesses and establishments, and a few other items.

The library will also be offering free child care. Leave your children in the capable hands of Paula Boyce, who runs our weekly Story Hour, Becky Steenburg, who fills in when Paula is away, and St. Joseph's College student and library volunteer Ava Moffet. They'll read stories and do crafts with the kids while you shop, shop, shop!

We are also hosting two mini estate sales in the library. Collections from two separate estates — Ice Yarns for knitting enthusiasts and costume jewelry. Every penny

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raised from the sales will go to North Gorham Public Library.

The craft fair will be next door in the church's community room. The extra room will allow us to include more vendors. The Church Guild will also be there with their annual Holiday Bake Sale. Delicious homemade goodies.

We've been working hard to get everything set up. We hope you'll take the time to visit all three locations, which are all accessible. Our volunteers will help point the

way for you and answer any questions.

See you Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 2 pm!

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

Polar Santa Express
Experience Family Event
Kennebec Valley YMCA
31 Union St., Augusta

Polar Santa Express Experience is a magical family event hosted by Mystical & Whimsical Events, designed to bring the enchanting world of the beloved holiday story to life. This immersive experience invites families to embark on a whimsical journey filled with festive cheer and unforgettable memories.

Saturday, December 7th

Meet Santa and His Elves: Wear your PJs, bring a blanket and pillow for the movie!

Meet the Train Conductor
Hot Chocolate Station
Craft Corner
"Polar Express" Movie (11am)
Polar Express Train Backdrop photos
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State of lung cancer report: Survival rates improve

AUGUSTA, ME – Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths here in Maine and across the U.S., but the American Lung Association’s 2024 “State of Lung Cancer” report reveals positive news. The lung cancer survival rate has improved 26% in the last five years. The report also presents opportunities for Maine to further improve lung cancer survival by increasing access to screening and biomarker testing.

The organization’s seventh annual “State of Lung Cancer” report highlights how the toll of lung cancer varies by state and examines key indicators throughout the U.S., including new cases, survival, early diagnosis, surgical treatment, lack of treatment, screening rates and insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing.

The report ranked Maine in to top 10 best for Screening, Surgery, and receiving treatment, indicating that a higher percentage

of residents were screened, underwent surgery and received some type of treatment than in most other states around the country. Unfortunately, the report also found that the incidence rate for lung cancer in Maine remains high, with the state having the sixth highest incidence rate in the country.

New this year, “State of Lung Cancer” examines health insurance coverage requirements of comprehensive biomarker testing across the U.S. Lung cancer biomarker testing sometimes referred to as tumor, molecular, genomic or genetic testing, looks for changes in the tumor’s DNA. The results of the test may show biomarkers that can help determine what treatment options would be best for an individual patient. Insurance coverage of biomarker testing is important for removing a cost barrier to people with lung cancer, but coverage for biomarker testing is only required in some states. The

report found that Maine does not require insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing. Although both chambers of the Maine Legislature passed legislation requiring coverage earlier this year with bipartisan support, the measure was one of several bills caught up in a legal procedural issue at the end of session and was not signed into law by the governor. The Lung Association looks forward to working with partners and the Maine Legislature to advance the measure in the 2025 session.

“Lung cancer is a devastating disease and impacts far too many families in Maine. To address the burden of lung cancer and to help improve the lives of people it impacts, we must continue to evaluate the greatest needs. This report helps us prioritize which areas to focus on to truly make an impact,” said Lance Boucher, Division Assistant Vice President for State Public Policy for the

American Lung Association. “This year’s ‘State of Lung Cancer’ report shows that Maine must focus on survival. Requiring coverage of biomarker testing can bridge the gap we are seeing between the increased rate for survival nationally, 26% over 5 years, to the 10% increase we’ve seen here in Maine. Together, we can make a difference.”

The report found that Maine ranked:

44 out of 49 in the nation for rate of new lung cancer cases at 67.7 per 100,000. The national rate is 53.6 per 100,000.

25 out of 47 in the nation for survival at 27.5%. The national rate of people alive five years after a lung cancer diagnosis is 28.4%.

18 out of 47 in the nation for early diagnosis at 28.2%. Nationally, only 27.4% of cases are diagnosed at an early stage when the survival rate is much higher.

7 out of 51 in the nation for lung cancer screening at 21.2%. Lung cancer

screening with annual low-dose CT scans for those at high risk can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20%. Nationally, only 16% of those at high risk were screened.

9 out of 47 in the nation for surgery at 23.3%. Lung cancer can often be treated with surgery if it is diagnosed at an early stage and has not spread. Nationally, 20.7% of cases underwent surgery.

8 out of 47 in the nation for lack of treatment at 16.5%. Nationally, 20.9% of cases receive no treatment.

The 2024 “State of Lung Cancer” report highlights opportunities for states and the federal government to reduce the burden of lung cancer and encourages everyone to help end lung cancer. This year, the American Lung Association calls for the state to implement policies to require insurance coverage of comprehensive biomarker testing. The Lung Association also calls on Con-

gress to pass the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act (H.R. 4286).

In addition to addressing biomarkers, the Lung Association is calling on state lawmakers to continue to address leading risk factors that contribute to lung cancer. Radon exposure and tobacco use are the two leading causes of lung cancer and the rates for both in Maine are higher than the national average. “One of the most effective policies to reducing tobacco use is to raise the price of cigarettes by increasing the tax by \$2 per pack. It has been 20 years since Maine last raised the cigarette tax and lawmakers need to prioritize this in 2025 to help lower our adult smoking rate below the national average,” said Boucher.

Get involved and help the mission of the American Lung Association. The Trek Across Maine is coming up on June 13, 2025. Learn more at TrekAcrossMaine.org

Concert Week: Student ensembles, portBOWIE tribute band

AUGUSTA, ME— University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) announces its Music Program Concert Week, Dec. 10-12, 2024. All concerts will be performed in Jewett Hall,

46 University Drive, Augusta and live-streamed on UMA’s YouTube channel youtube.com/user/UMAineAugusta. The concerts are free and open to the public.

PortBOWIE, a well-established professional David Bowie tribute band comprised of UMA alumni and faculty (formerly The Blackstar White Duke Band), will

perform Wednesday night. Concert Week Schedule
 Tuesday, Dec. 10
 7 p.m. Jazz and Rock Ensembles, Envok Vocal Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec. 11
 4 p.m. Chamber Ensemble
 7 p.m. Jazz and Rock Ensemble with a free performance by portBOWIE
 Thursday, Dec. 12

7 p.m. Junior and Senior Concerts, Jazz Ensemble and Vintage Steel, UMA’s Community Steel Pan Band, pre-recorded only on UMA’s YouTube channel

Influence of the Optical: Artist talk with Hilary Irons

NEW GLOUCESTER, ME – A free artist series hosted by Unity Environmental University focusing on environmental themes, public art, curation, collaboration, teaching, and attention to our natural and urban environments. Join us and Hilary Irons, gallery and exhibitions director at the University of New England. There will be a presentation and a pop-up art



exhibition. When: December 12th at 5:00 PM
 Where: 70 Farm View Dr Suite 200, New Gloucester, ME 04260

Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Caribou Mountain Surf & Turf



Adam Chase kayaks across Donnell Pond towards Caribou Mountain

For my son, Adam, and me, fall is the season for our almost annual surf and turf. Surf and turf is loosely described as an overnight paddle trip combined with a mountain hike or hikes. Past trips have included Moosehead Lake and Mount Kineo, and Attean Pond and Sally Mountain. Last year, Tunk Lake and Black Mountain, part of Donnell Pond Public Lands, was the choice.

Donnell Pond Public Lands consist of over 14,000 acres of remote forested lands located in Hancock County. Several secluded lakes and ponds are surrounded by rugged scenic mountains. Numerous campsites have been established on the lakes and ponds and a network of trails lead from the campsites over and around the peaks. In short, the preserve is an outdoor paradise.

Most of the campsites can only be reached by wa-

ter making the area ideal for a surf and turf. For those uninterested in paddling, a few hiking trails can be accessed by vehicle.

This year, we decided to paddle across Donnell Pond to a basecamp for a climb of Caribou Mountain. Our tentative plan was to ascend nearby Schoodic Mountain the following day and then paddle out.

For us, good weather is a requirement for a surf and turf. We identified a late October weekend with seasonably warm temperatures, light winds, and sunny skies.

We met early on a Saturday morning at a boat landing at the end of Donnell Pond Road in Franklin on the western terminus of the pond. The campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis so an early start is important. However, camping is far more popular during the summer months and de-



Spectacular cliffs are found on the east side of Caribou Mountain

mand decreases in the fall. We were optimistic since no one was at the landing when we arrived.

The tiny rustic landing is only wide enough for one vehicle. However, there is a spacious parking area nearby with a toilet.

Although some participants have brought canoes in the past, Adam and I use sea kayaks on surf and turf trips. We unloaded kayaks and gear before parking our vehicles. As we were leaving, two people arrived to remove a moored motorboat but still no competition for sites.

The paddle east across Donnell Pond was nothing short of glorious. The pond was mirror calm, the sun was shining and the fall colors were magnificent. Our primary destination, Caribou Mountain, dominated the eastern shore and Schoodic Mountain towered above us in the south. Beyond Caribou Mountain, the imposing

cliffs on the southern exposure of Tunk Mountain was seen in the distance.

Several campsites are situated at a location on the eastern shore called Redman's Beach near a path leading to Caribou Mountain. A canoeist was camped at the western-most site when we arrived. He was bow hunting for the weekend and reported all of the remaining sites were vacant. We quickly claimed the site closest to the trailhead.

We changed into hiking clothes and began our trek on Redman's Beach Trail in a mixed hardwood and conifer forest. After 1.4 miles of rocky rolling terrain, we joined the Caribou Loop Trail.

Turning left, we climbed steadily on the southern shoulder of Caribou Mountain. After ascending steep ledges with sporadic views of Donnell Pond and Schoodic Mountain, we emerged onto a



This boulder is believed to be near the Caribou Mountain highpoint

lengthy predominantly forested ridge.

What constitutes the true Caribou Mountain highpoint was unclear since no summit marker was found. However, a location on the northern end of the ridge near spectacular east facing cliffs seemed to be the highest elevation. We descended until reaching a junction in a col between Caribou and Catherine Mountains. Here the loop trail turns right and the left drops to Dynamite Brook Road.

During our return to the campsite, we decided to change our plans for the following day. Instead of Schoodic Mountain, we intended to climb rugged Tunk Mountain. That would entail paddling back across the pond and driving a short distance to the Tunk Mountain Trailhead, still part of Donnell Pond Public Lands.

At the campsite, we gathered firewood, built

a campfire and spent a relaxing evening watching a brilliant sunset. No other campers arrived and no boaters were seen on the pond.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* recounts the best surf and turf trips in Maine. The details of several exceptional overnight river and sea kayak excursions are also included.

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

Topsham Public Library shows Christmas classic

TOPSHAM, ME -- Please join us for a screening of the family Christmas Classic, *March of the Wooden Soldiers*, at the Topsham Public Library on Saturday, December 7, at 1:30 P. M.

Also known as *Babes in Toyland*, this family friendly film features Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy as

its central characters. Laurel and Hardy are widely recognized as the greatest comedy team in movie history, and this picture captured them at the peak of their popularity. Critical reception to this 77 minute movie was extremely positive. Here are a couple of examples.

The Chicago Tribune

review read: "It's been many a long day since I've had so much pure (and I MEAN pure!) fun as I had watching this picture".

Variety proclaimed it "a film par excellence for children. It's packed with laughs and thrills and is endowed with that glamour of mysticism which marks juvenile literature."

The film showing will be hosted by Topsham resident and Laurel and Hardy expert Peter Hanrahan, a lifelong Laurel and Hardy fan, who was first introduced to the team in the 1950's by his mother, Ruth Hanrahan of Keene, New Hampshire. Mrs. Hanrahan remembers growing up in Athol, Massachusetts view-

ing new Laurel and Hardy releases at the local movie theater in the 1930's. Peter has passed that love of the comedy duo on to his daughter Colleen Hanrahan, and grandchildren Michaela and Sean, who also reside in Topsham.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, starring Stannie Dum and Ollie Dee, are de-

lightful in their lead roles, and the film has remained a holiday classic for 90 years.

This special event will feature complimentary popcorn and refreshments, much laughter, and memories for the whole family.

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However, our annual need for borrowed instruments has nearly doubled in the past few years. If you have an instrument you're willing to lend or donate,

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Join PRLT on the Gorham trails



GORHAM, ME -- Looking to stay active and connected with nature as the year winds down? Join us for a walk on December 11th | 10-11:30am at Little River Preserve in Gorham. Little River Preserve consists of over 28 acres of wooded wildlife area bordering the Little River. Paths and bridges allow



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Maine author comes to Gorham's Baxter Memorial Library

GORHAM, ME -- Paul Doiron will read from his crime novel series featuring Maine game warden

Mike Bowditch, answer questions, and sign books, which will be available for purchase from The Book-

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Studio Theatre presents 11th Twisted Christmas!



BATH, ME -- Studio Theatre of Bath presents the 11th Twisted Christmas variety show on December 13th and 14th at 8 PM, at Long Reach Kitchen & Catering at 387 Whiskeag Road. The show is for adults only and presents music,

comedy, dance, improv, audience participation & classic Christmas themes with a twist. STB President Garrett Coffey adds, "Twisted Christmas has become a new holiday tradition for hundreds of audience members for more than a decade."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, "like" Studio Theatre of Bath on Facebook, and visit www.studiotheatreofbath.com

Letter to the Editor: The inspirations of the nativity

When we contemplate that the divine Christ Child came to earth to become one of us tells us by this humility God wants to share in our humanity without wanting any worldly praise. He was born in the most humble setting, coming to earth amongst barn animals and only having a feeding trough as His cradle. All of the virtues will be on display in the life of the Christ Child with kindness and compassion and total giving of Himself to offer forgiveness and mercy to all of humanity.

When we consider

Mary, the Mother of God, we have to ask ourselves how humble would a woman have to be to be chosen as the Mother of our Savior? How trusting and totally dependent on God would she have to be to say to the angel Gabriel, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."

Joseph, the spouse of Mary and the chosen foster father of Jesus is very pleasing to God for his heart as a father. He has obedient faith that does the will of the Father without questioning.

The nativity is God's expression of His love for mankind and the Christmas celebration is our response to that love. The nativity speaks to us in silence and it is in silence that we hear the small, still voice in our hearts that wants to guide us, console us and strengthen us during the hard times.

Could we ever imagine a Christmas without the Christ Child and the inspirations that comes with the Holy Family?

Peace, joy and inspiration to all this Christmas.

Peter Pinette, Woodland, ME

Annual UUCB Holiday Fair Saturday December 7, 9:00-3:00



BRUNSWICK, ME

-- The spirit of the season awaits you at the ever-popular Holiday Fair at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. The aroma of delicious soups and baked goods and the sound of live music will welcome shoppers. The beauty of handmade creations of vendors and crafters will decorate the sanctuary. Freshly created holiday wreaths will add their fragrance in the lobby. Everyone is sure to discover an unexpected perfect find in the White Elephant room and at the used tool table. The room will once again be filled

with treasures. The Kids' Creation Station will entertain young visitors. Enjoy a day of holiday spirit at this festive event.

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Saturday

Dec 7

9am - 3pm

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- Soups & Baked Goods
- White Elephants
- Kids' Creation Station
- Resale Jewelry
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One-man version of *A Christmas Carol* at Saco River Theatre

BAR MILLS, ME -- Neil McGarry's A CHRISTMAS CAROL - a one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Friday, Dec 13 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, Dec 14 at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org.



20 decorated trees on display at Windham Hill U.C.C.

WINDHAM, ME -- Join Windham Hill U.C.C. as we celebrate the 2024 Festival of Trees!

This year, we have a total of 20 beautifully decorated trees, including both new and returning business sponsors! Windham Hill UCC will again sponsor a tree in honor of our beloved friend, Bob Turner.

In addition to the stunning displays, we will also have refreshments available in our café. Our café will offer a range of tasty treats including Mac and Cheese, Hot Dogs, Fish Chowder, Tacos, Whoopie Pies, and a variety of other sweet goodies. Don't miss out on the chance to experience the Festival of Trees and indulge in some delicious food!

December 6th from 12-8 p.m.

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USM Gorham Dept. of Theatre presents fantastic frenzy

GORHAM, ME -- Will they do it? Can a theatre ensemble possibly perform thirty plays in under an hour?! Join the USM Department of Theatre for the high-octane, interactive theatre experience that is Greg Allen's 30 Neo-Futurist Plays from Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind (30 Plays in 60 Minutes), one of Chicago's longest-running theatre phenomena.

Each night audiences receive a menu of play titles that run the gamut between funny, serious, political, poignant, and abstract. Part theatre, part sporting event, each night is different as the audience determines the order and cheers on the cast to make it past the finish line before the buzzer sounds.

USM Theatre's Associate Professor, Rachel Price Cooper, directs the USM Department of Theatre's first-year cohort in this play that truly has something for everyone. "There is a lot of audience participation in that everyone receives a menu of all the plays on their way in and gets to yell out which ones they want to see", she says. "It's a kind of choose-



Luca Enriquez Capalbo, Cece Flint in a recent rehearsal. Photo by Kat Moraros Photography.

your-own-adventure theatre experience. It's a great one to take your friend to who thinks they don't like live theatre. It is also great for those of us (myself included) who don't have the longest attention span. This will keep you interested, start to finish. You'll laugh, you'll think, and can come back a second time and have another totally new experience."

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Students Jamie Henderson, Cece Flint, Ethan Mann in a recent rehearsal. Photo by Kat Moraros Photography.

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MEMIC Group launches life-saving winter safety campaign

PORTLAND, ME – The MEMIC Group, Maine's leading workers' compensation specialist, has partnered with former WGME news anchor Kim Block to launch a comprehensive winter safety campaign aimed at preventing dangerous slips and falls on ice.

In 2021, the National Safety Council recorded over 42,000 deaths from falls, with older adults particularly vulnerable. Winter weather significantly increases the risk of slip, trip, and fall injuries, already a leading cause of injuries both at home and in the workplace. Recent National Council for Compensation Insurance (NCCI) data

shows extreme cold conditions drive a 10% increase in workplace injuries and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that icy and snowy conditions contribute to nearly 70% of all workplace slip-and-fall incidents during the colder months.

MEMIC is urging employers and individuals to take proactive measures to prevent winter weather-related injuries.

The campaign holds particular significance as it features Kim Block, whose 39-year broadcasting career ended following a traumatic brain injury from a winter fall in January 2019. "In one single swoop, my feet came out

from underneath me, and I landed hard. It was the back of my head that broke my fall," Block recalls. Despite more than a year of intensive therapy, her recovery continues to present challenges, leading to her departure from WGME.

"I know the power of sharing stories and experiences," says Block. "Though a traumatic brain injury nearly six years ago required me to step away from my role as an anchor reporter, it has not stopped me from trying to inform and help others. When MEMIC asked me to share my story to help others avoid life-changing falls on the ice, I was grateful for the opportunity."

The campaign includes:

Television and digital advertisements featuring Kim Block running from mid-November through late winter

A winter safety webinar co-hosted by WGME and MEMIC safety experts

A dedicated Walk Safe winter safety webpage featuring Block's story and safety resources

Weather alerts warning of potentially hazardous conditions

"By implementing effective slip, trip, and fall prevention strategies, especially when weather conditions contribute to potentially hazardous conditions, businesses can

safeguard their workforce and customers during the winter months," says Rod Stanley, MEMIC Regional Director of Loss Control and Safety.

Susan Walther, General Manager of CBS 13 and FOX23, adds, "Our station has a deep connection with this campaign because we've seen firsthand how devastating a slip-and-fall on the ice can be. When our own veteran anchor Kim Block had to retire after suffering a traumatic brain injury from slipping on the ice, it really hit home. That's why we're honored to work with MEMIC on this initiative to raise awareness and help prevent these kinds of

accidents."

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"Please learn from my story. Stay focused in icy conditions. One fall can change your life forever." - Kim Block.

Maine delegation secures funding for lobster research

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, and U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden, are announcing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Sea Grant Office's decision to award seven Maine projects with \$1,941,692 in funding for the American Lobster Research Program. The grant program supports projects

that address critical knowledge gaps about American lobster and its fishery in a dynamic and changing environment.

"Maine's lobstermen and women have long demonstrated their commitment to maintaining and protecting a sustainable fishery in the Gulf of Maine," said the Maine Delegation. "This new investment of \$1.9 million for research will en-

sure that Maine's fishery will have the latest thinking to guide their work. From economic and technological advancements to research on how the warming Gulf of Maine is impacting lobster growth, this critical funding will ensure that fishermen and women, lawmakers, and scientists have the information they need to make informed decisions about the future of the industry.

As we have always done, we will continue to support federal initiatives that protect Maine's iconic fishery for generations to come."

The 2024 funding will be awarded to the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, the University of Maine, the Maine Department of Marine Resources, and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. More specifically, the funding will sup-

port research studying the economic implications of changes to the ecosystem, molt indicators to inform machine learning, research into socioeconomic impacts of regulations on the industry, a project to tag lobsters and track them through their first year of life, and a study to follow optimal nutritional conditions for female lobsters and reproduction. Additional information on the

awards can be found below the release.

The 2023 funding was awarded to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences to support a deep analysis of population shifts in coastal Maine ecosystems and to compare patterns of epizootic shell disease in lobsters originating from the Gulf of Maine and Southern New England.

Funding to expand rail, improve safety in Maine

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced that it has invested \$53.3 million in new rail grant funding in Maine. Nationally, more than \$2.4 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is being invested in 122 rail improvement projects in 41 states and Washington, D.C. These projects will make rail safer, more reliable, and more resilient, getting goods and people where they need to be quickly with fewer disruptions, lower shipping costs and less pollution.

Administered through FRA's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, grants being announced will benefit every region of the country, especially rural communities. Projects in this round of selections reflect the broad

array of rail safety and service improvements eligible under this program, such as upgrading track, replacing or rehabilitating aging bridges, expanding rail connections at ports, adding modern locomotives to fleets, and more. The CRISI Program is also the only federal grant program prioritizing smaller, short line railroads vital to the American economy and regional supply chains.

This announcement is part of a series of investments the Biden-Harris Administration has made in nearly 300 rail projects and dozens of emerging passenger rail corridors across the country through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-funded FRA grant programs. This marks the most significant investment in American rail in more than 50 years.

"Today's investments in our rail systems reflect the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to

building a stronger, safer, and more resilient transportation network," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we're funding rail infrastructure projects that create jobs and expand workforce development, reduce costs for consumers, and directly benefit communities across the country. Each project advances a future where our supply chains are stronger, passenger rail more accessible, and freight movement safer and more efficient."

While the majority of CRISI grants directly improve rail infrastructure, CRISI investments are also supporting the rail workforce and investing in the hardworking Americans who will help maintain and operate the Nation's rail networks well into the future. Federal funding will create new apprenticeship programs, expand training

opportunities, establish partnerships with universities, and advance innovative research. For example, one grant awarded to the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen will help develop an effective strategy for integrating wayside hot box detectors to enhance safety and proactively address derailments caused by wheel and bearing failures.

"Under the Biden-Harris Administration and through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, FRA is investing more than ever in communities nationwide, reversing a half-century of federal underinvestment in America's rail network and delivering the world-class rail our citizens deserve," said FRA Administrator Amit Bose. "Today's CRISI grants will enhance rail safety, better connect towns, cities, and ports, introduce more environmentally friendly locomotives, support the

current rail workforce, and provide workforce development opportunities essential to the future of our industry and the national economy."

Selected CRISI projects this round include:

Driving Maine's Rural Economy through Freight Rail Efficiency (Up to \$53,313,091)

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The proposed project was selected for Final Design and Construction and includes upgrade and repair of track infrastructure on the Eastern Maine Railway on behalf of the Maine Department of Transportation. The project aligns with the selection criteria by enhancing safety and improving system and service performance as the project will upgrade or replace approximately 97 miles of rail, installing crossties and ballast, replacing jointed rail with continuous-

ly welded rail, installing Equipment Defect Detectors, and making at-grade crossing upgrades to seven highway grade crossings, thereby improving operating speed, reliability, and safety conditions. Eastern Maine Railway will contribute the 20 percent non-Federal match. This project qualifies for the statutory set-aside for projects in Rural Areas.

In addition to deploying historic funding to modernize and upgrade rail infrastructure, USDOT and FRA have taken unprecedented actions under the Biden-Harris Administration to improve rail safety. This includes finalizing new safety regulations, conducting focused safety audits, expanding a vital safety program to include workers at Class I freight railroads, and pushing freight railroads to provide guaranteed paid sick leave to all of their workers.

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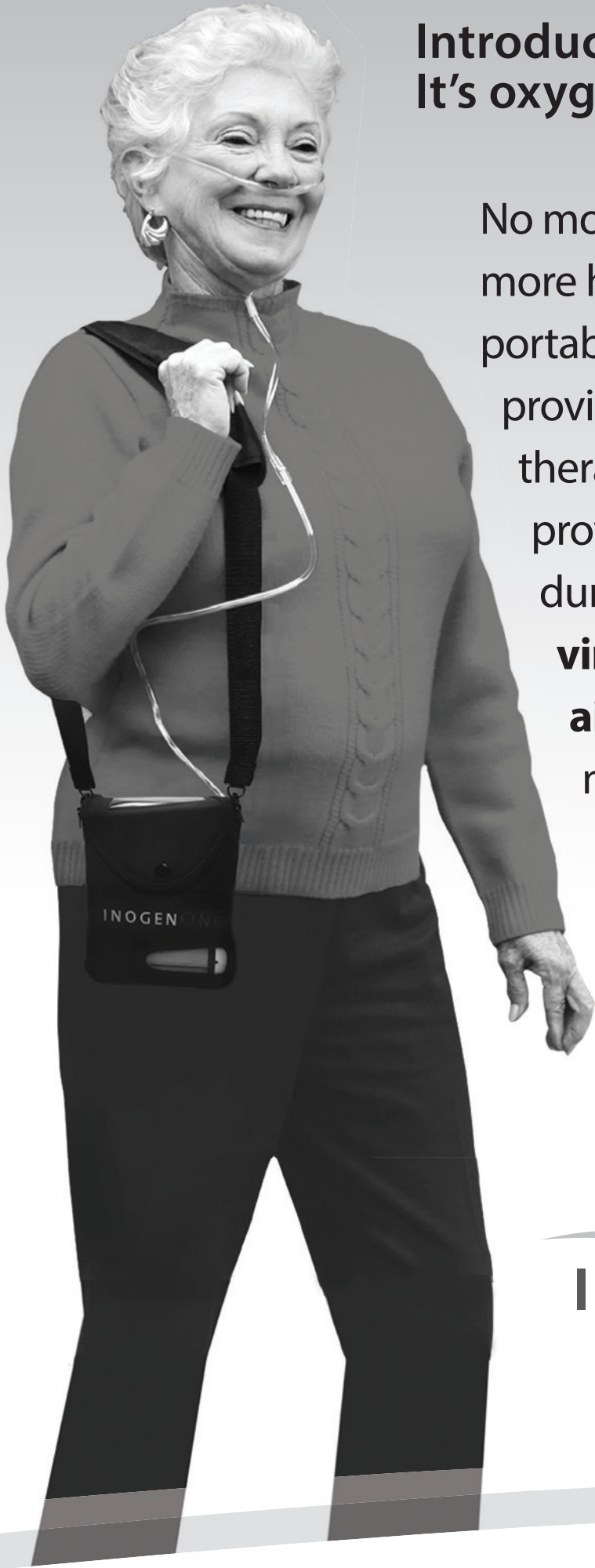
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FAME celebrates partnerships, success stories at Showcase



Business at Work for Maine Awardee Frederick Horton, President, Standard Biocarbon (right), along with FAME Senior Commercial Loan Officer Kim Getchell (left). Photos by Sharyn Peavey Photography



Education at Work for Maine Awardee Julia Bourgojn, President and board member at the Worthington Scholarship Foundation (third from left), and fellow Foundation employees. FAME's College Access & Outreach Manager Mila Tappan is at far left.



Lender at Work for Maine Awardee (assets over \$1.5 billion) Camden National Bank employees. Barbara Rath, Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking, is holding the award (center left), while FAME Director of Business Jennifer Cummings is center right.

AUGUSTA, ME — The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) celebrated business and education success stories and partnerships at its annual meeting and awards event, Showcase Maine, on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at South Portland's Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks.

Showcase Maine is FAME's annual celebration of successful partnerships with Maine's business, lending, governmental, and higher education communities. The event featured a reception, including a showcase of exhibits by Maine businesses and educational organizations that partner with FAME, as well as a dinner and awards presentations.

Curtis Hill, a diversity strategist, educator, author, speaker, and trainer, delivered a dynamic and interactive keynote speech. Hill spoke about creating a Culture of Belonging™ in the workplace that maximizes people, profitability, and performance by tapping into what allows team

members to bring their full potential to work. Rosemary Crimp, a voice teacher and lyric soprano at River Tree Arts, performed the national anthem, as well.

Martha Johnston, FAME's Director of Education, emceed the event. In her remarks, Johnston noted that FAME recently completed a new round of planning work to better align its efforts and focus with the hopes and needs of the state going forward. FAME plans to be a key convener of financing opportunities for FAME citizens and organizations in both the commercial and education arenas. She further took time to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Maine's 529 Education Savings Plan, NextGen 529®. NextGen 529 is a top ten education savings plan in the nation, with approximately \$15 billion in assets under management. Accounts can be set up for any child or grandchild, friend or relative regardless of income, residency, or the age of the beneficiary.

FAME incentivizes savings for eligible Maine accounts through its matching grant programs.

This year's award recipients included:

Business at Work for Maine Award – Standard Biocarbon, LLC, was honored for their innovative work delivering high-carbon biochar produced by state-of-the-art technology from clean, source-verified biomass harvested from the working forests of Maine. Located in Enfield, the company is a clean-tech startup producing biochar at industrial scale to supply demand in agriculture, remediation, composite materials and to generate carbon removal credits. The company has benefited from a FAME Direct Loan and a Grow Maine/SSBCI loan. The FAME/SSBCI loans were made in partnership with CEI and MTL. The company also has benefited from an MRDA loan. To learn more about the company, please visit Standard Biocarbon

Education at Work for Maine Award – Worthington Scholarship Foundation was honored for their extraordinary commitment to providing scholarships and support to graduates of Maine public high schools attending Maine colleges. Since its founding in 2010 by Beverly and David Worthington, WSF has awarded hundreds of schol-

arships to four-year college and two-year college students from all of Maine's counties. The Foundation has continuously sought to expand and grow in ways designed to support students and their success, including by providing ongoing financial education for their recipients. The Foundation works closely with FAME to understand FAFSA filing and financial eligibility data for Maine students. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit Home - Worthington Scholars

Lender at Work for Maine Award (over \$1.5 billion in assets) - Camden National Bank: This was the bank's fourteenth time as an awardee. Over the past year, Camden National Bank partnered with FAME on 55 loans totaling approx. \$15 million. This helped to create 108 Maine jobs and retain an additional 611 jobs. One notable transaction involved support for A Couple of Koi, LLC, the operating entity for The Hoot restaurant in Northport, a farm-to-table restaurant that sources their produce and meat from local farms. The financing helped to create twelve jobs and retain eight jobs. In addition to being a top partner in stimulating economic development in Maine, Camden National Bank is actively committed to the communities in which it operates. Founded in 1875, the bank encourages employee volunteerism and makes donations to local nonprofits. The bank dedicated this year's award to longtime (now retired) executive vice president and senior lending officer

Timothy Nightingale, who also served on the FAME Board for several years. To learn more about Camden National Bank, please visit Camden National Bank - Banking the Way You Live Today & Tomorrow

Lender at Work for Maine Award (up to \$1.5 billion in assets) – Franklin Savings Bank was honored in the category of lenders with assets under \$1.5 billion. This past year, Franklin Savings partnered with FAME on ten loans totaling \$4.5 million. This helped to create nine Maine jobs and retain an additional eighty-five jobs. A community bank based in Farmington since 1868, Franklin Savings conducts business primarily in Western and Central Maine, with commercial services offered in Ellsworth. The bank's mission is to remain a financially strong, independent community bank, dedicated to superior customer and community service. Through its FSB Community Development Foundation, the bank takes pride in its generous support of various causes in the community. To learn more about Frankling Savings Bank, please visit Franklin Savings Bank | Local Banking | Central & Western Maine

Lender at Work for Maine Award (most enhanced partnership) – Norway Savings Bank was honored for having greatly increased its partnership with FAME on various financing projects. Founded in 1866, Norway Savings is a leading mutual banking and financial services company headquartered in Nor-

way. The bank has a strong commitment to personal, community, and financial values. They are proud to be a community bank known for their financial strength, exceptional customer experience, and contributions to local communities. This past year, FAME partnered with Norway Savings on 16 loans to Maine companies totaling approximately \$6 million, an increase of \$2 million compared to last year. This helped to create fifty-six Maine jobs and retain an additional 237 jobs. To learn more about Norway Savings Bank, please visit Norway Savings Bank

Prior to the event, the FAME board of directors held its monthly meeting. New officers were elected to one-year terms. Officers elected for 2025 include: Renee Ouellette, President & CEO of University Credit Union (Chair); William Tracy, President & CEO of Auburn Savings Bank (Vice Chair); and Dustin Brooks, Vice President of Marketing Strategy, UNUM Group (Treasurer).

FAME is a quasi-independent state agency whose mission is to enrich business and educational outcomes through relevant, timely financial support to Maine's people. Our vision is a Maine where all people have access to improved economic outcomes through business growth and education attainment. FAME recently was recognized for the tenth year in a row as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine. To learn more about FAME, please visit www.FAME-maine.com

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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.

Through Dec 15

LEWISTON – Opening November 15th and closing December 15th is an exciting exhibition of painter Robert Shetterly's Americans Who Tell the Truth portraits at the Bates Mill Atrium on 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, Maine.

Dec 6

BAR MILLS -- We at Bar Mills Community Church located at 13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton

will be having our Christmas Marketplace, Friday, December 6 2:00-6:00. There will be a great selection of fresh greens to decorate your home, a wide variety of baked goods-cookies, breads, pies and candy to satisfy your taste buds. There will also be plenty of handcrafted gift ideas for your family, friends and even your pets. There is something for everyone on your list. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends. We accept cash and checks only. FMI contact: Judy 929-5555.

Dec 7

GORHAM – North Gorham Public Library Holiday Craft & Book Fair on Saturday, December 7, from 9 to 2.

Dec 7

LEWISTON -- Holiday At The Plaza from 11:30 AM to 5 PM; Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting at 4:17 PM, Lisbon St., from Ash to Main

Dec 7

GORHAM -- Casco Bay Wind Symphony "Sounds of the Season", A Musical Holiday Celebration with Dr. William Kinne, Musical Director on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00

p.m. at McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave., Gorham, Maine 04038

Dec 7

WISCASSET

-- Home bakers and everyone who loves fresh-from-the-oven cookies! Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest invites you to the 2nd annual Christmas Cookie Challenge on Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 1:30pm, in AKeir Brew Pub, 1st floor, 111 Main St., Wiscasset Village.

Dec 7-8

AUBURN - 'A Fireside Christmas' at Community Little Theatre. A feel-good holiday show of popular Christmas songs and carols, selections from classic holiday musicals, and dance numbers. Santa will appear. Performances on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15.00 available at laclt.com. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20.00.

Dec 7-9

BRUNSWICK -- Holiday Fair at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. UUCB is located at the corner of Middle Street and Pleasant Street in downtown Brunswick.

Dec 8

AUGUSTA -- Please join us for a presentation of the veteran's edition of

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"Voices of Hope" on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Farber Forum, Jewett Hall, 46 University Drive, Augusta. Immediately following the video, Ed Walsh, LCSW, U.S. Army (retired), and UMA alum will facilitate an open discussion on recovery and resources.

Dec 10-12

AUGUSTA—University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) announces its Music Program Concert Week, Dec. 10-12, 2024. All concerts will be performed in Jewett Hall, 46 University Drive, Augusta and live-streamed on UMA's YouTube channel youtube.com/user/UMaineAugusta. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Dec 12

NEW GLOUCESTER -- The Influence of the Optical: An Artist Talk with Hilary Irons, 5:00 PM, 70 Farm View Dr Suite 200

A free artist series

hosted by Unity Environmental University focusing on environmental themes, public art, curation, collaboration, teaching, and attention to our natural and urban environments. Join us and Hilary Irons, gallery and exhibitions director at the University of New England. There will be a presentation and a pop-up art exhibition.

Dec 13

LEWISTON – At 10am the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department will be offering the program Little Keepsakes: Height Ribbons. Caregivers will be able to measure their young children and cut a ribbon to each child's height and place it in a clear plastic bauble to finish the keepsake.

Free. No registration required. Recommended for caregivers and their children ages 0- 6 years old. Siblings are also welcome to attend and participate.

Holiday Market & Celebration

Saturday, Dec 7
3 to 7 pm
@ Westbrook Common

- holiday shopping
- local vendors
- hot chocolate
- s'mores roasting
- holiday music

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Field Funding Campaign



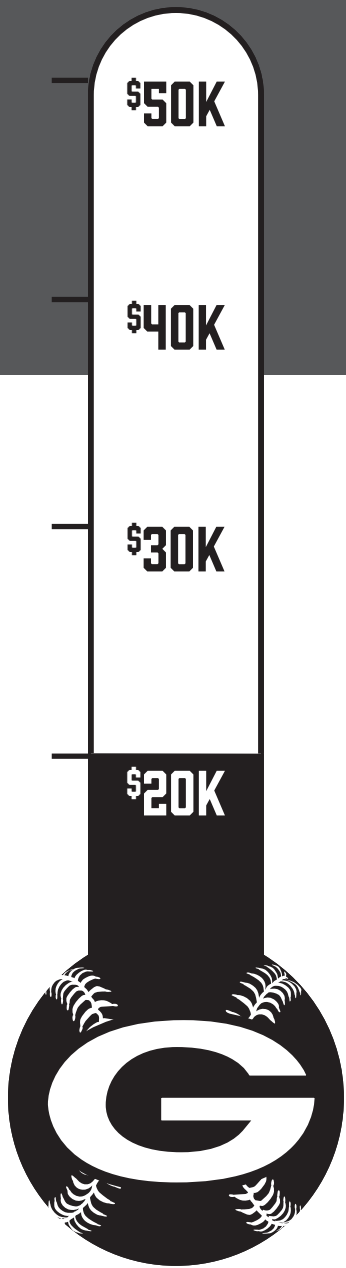
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MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 2025 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

- NATION'S CAPITAL – Trip includes 7 days and 6 nights lodging, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. A guided tour of Washington, D.C. which includes the US Capitol, the White House, the National Archives, Embassy Row and Georgetown. We will also visit the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial. We will also have a

guided evening tour of all the Memorials. We will have a Guided Tram Tour of inspirational sights such as Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Graves and the Iwo Jima Memorial.

We will visit the Smithsonian Museum and the Museum of the Bible which contains some of the oldest and most important biblical artifacts in human history. On our way home we will stop and enjoy the National Harbor which is a unique waterfront wonderland of shopping, dining and more. **A \$75.00 deposit is due when signing up for this trip. The price is \$985.00 per person double occupancy. Add \$305.00 for single occupancy. Final payment is due 3/22/25.**

SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2025 – BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

- Price includes round trip air from Logan International Airport, hotel transfers, and all transportation while on tour, 9 days, and 13 meals. Highlights of this tour are Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky – Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville

Slugger Museum, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farm.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee – Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Theme Park, Guided tour of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park (UNESCO), Cherokee, Old Smoky Moonshine Distillery.

Asheville, North Carolina – Blue Ridge Mountains, tour of the Biltmore Estates Mansion and manicured grounds.

Deposit for this trip is \$698.00 per person and due by March 11, 2025. Early bookings save \$100.00 per person. For more information on pricing call Claire.

OCTOBER 6 – 10, 2025

– ATLANTIC CITY, CAPE MAY, & PHILADELPHIA - Trip includes 5 days and 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners and a free casino bonus for those who want to gamble.

Guided tour of Philadelphia including Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Betsy Ross House, the Federal Reserve and Mint. Then off to Cape May with a Trolley Tour of the Victorian Mansions of Cape May and a walking tour of a historic Victorian Home. We travel to Cape May Point and the

famous Cape May Lighthouse. Our next day is a free day in Atlantic City to do as you please. Take in a show, do some gaming or just stroll down Atlantic City's Famous Boardwalk. **A \$75.00 deposit per person is due upon signing up. The price for this trip is \$849.00 per person double occupancy. Add \$210.00 for single occupancy. Final Payment is due 7/30/25.**

NOVEMBER 16-26, 2025

– CLASSICAL GREECE

- Price includes round trip air from Logan International Airport, hotel transfers and all transportation while on tour. Trip also includes 16 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 luncheon, and 6 dinners).

Highlights of this tour are Athens, the Acropolis and Parthenon, Delphi, Olympia and Ancient Mycenae. You will visit a Greek Farm, have a Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, and visit two remote monasteries. We will also have a tasting of local wines, olive oil and sweets.

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