



# The Buzz

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When the ass is too heavily loaded he lies down: man always moves on. - P. J. Proudhon



The Old School Fellowship Education

## Area scholarships still available

Meet Justin Chenette on the Rockland Metro Show this Wednesday, June 9.



We will talk about the Worthington Foundation, about Justin, about education, and about life in general. Join us from 5-6 pm June 9 by dialing in to 93.3 or 99.3 fm, by going to wrfr.org, or by tuning in to Maine Coast Television, cable channel 7 and online at mainecoast.tv

### Justin sent us a description of his project:

“This year, the Worthington Scholarship Foundation plans to award \$3 million worth of college scholarships to students going to college or university in Maine. This is thanks to the generosity of our founders, David and Beverly Worthington, summer residents of Spruce Head.

So far, we have selected about half of our available scholars for this year’s class of high school graduates. These students will be notified at their graduation or scholarship award nights. This leaves half of our scholarships available to award.

We have worked with our participating 4-year college and community college partners to extend our deadline. Meaning, there is still time to apply. Colleges include: UMaine system, Community College system, Thomas College, Husson University, Maine Maritime Academy, Colby College, Bowdoin College, and Bates College.

If you are a graduating senior at any of our 23 high schools across Knox, Waldo, Lincoln, and Washington counties, you are encouraged to apply. Links to online applications are available on our website www.worthingtonsscholars.org. All applications go through the colleges themselves.

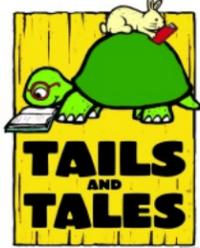
The requirements are a cumulative GPA of 2.2 or higher for students accepted to community college and 3.0 (B) or higher for students accepted to a bachelor’s program. Your EFC or expected family contribution from your Student Aid Report should reflect \$15,000 or lower.

Our scholarship awards are up to \$16,500 and up to \$6,000 depending on what path you select for college. Take advantage of this opportunity to help fund your education. Our hope is this Worthington Scholarship will enable students to reach their educational goals and put them on a path to success in life.

Justin Chenette”



Glen has a new camera



## Children’s Summer Reading Program at the Camden Public Library

The Camden Public Library announces that sign-up is now open for the children’s Summer Reading Program called “Tails and Tales.” The program will kick off outside the library on Thursday, June 24, at 10:00 am for ages 4 to 7 and at 11:00 am for ages 8 to 12. Participants will meet with Miss Amy on Thursdays for 6 weeks to enjoy books, crafts, and special activities. For more information and to register, please call the library at 207-236-3440.

“We have make and takes, reading logs, and lots of great activities planned,” says youth librarian Amy Hand. “Chewonki will be bringing their Maine Mammals program, and we’ll celebrate our finale with a story walk around the library grounds!”

All of the activities will take place outdoors in the Amphitheatre and on the library’s grounds. The library respects that some families may not feel comfortable gathering in person until their children have been vaccinated. Mask-wearing is welcome, and there will also be virtual opportunities for families to participate in some of the summer reading activities. Visit librarycamden.org for more details.



Arts on the Hill: Bay Chamber’s Music School Camden – Coastal Mountains Land Trusts’ popular Arts on the Hill series is back! Join us on Tuesday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m. for a musical summer celebration with Bay Chamber Concert’s Music School at the top of Beech Hill. The program will feature students and faculty performing in small chamber ensembles ranging from classical duos, trios, and quartets, folk songs, and tangos, to a fiddle band and small chamber orchestra.

The performances will be held outside and will celebrate the hard work of Bay Chamber’s music school community in a year when in-person music-making is more meaningful than ever. Light refreshments will be served and we welcome families to bring evening picnics. Free and open to all ages but please leave your dogs at home for this event.



Camden Opera House, 29 Elm St., re-opens its SoundCheck series of one-set performances Friday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. with Maine singer-songwriter Anni Clark.

The opera house can now welcome larger audiences, but is using a choose-your-own ticketing software that inserts a couple of seats either side of each party’s reservation for comfortable spacing.

Tickets are still just \$10, and advance purchase is encouraged via camdenoperahouse.com and 236-3154. Also encouraged is wearing a face covering while in the building.

Maine native Anni Clark performed on the road full-time for 23 years, bringing her 6- and 12-string guitars and original folk, blues and pop songs to audiences of all ages. Then, with seven albums and numerous songwriting, vocal and performance awards under her belt, she went on to work with behaviorally challenged students for 12 years. Her video “I’m With You Greta” was screened at the International Environmental Film Festival in Barcelona Spain in 2019 and won Best Folk Video in the Music Video Portland ME Awards last year. During the COVID-19 lockdown, she went to work co-producing her first full studio album in 18 years, “Will It Ever Be the Same.”

This show is sponsored by the Lord Camden Inn. Doors will open at 7 p.m. SoundCheck also is livestreamed on the COH Facebook page. For the full lineup, and to donate to the Community Arts Fund that makes it all possible, visit www.camdenoperahouse.com.

## Aldermere Farm Friday Farm Tours start June 25th

ROCKPORT - This summer, Maine Coast Heritage Trust’s Aldermere Farm will host free tours for the public on these Fridays: 6/25, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/13, 9/10, 9/17, and 9/24. The tours will begin at 10 AM at the farmhouse, 20 Russell Ave in Rockport, and be led by volunteer docents who will share the history of this 200+ year old saltwater farm. Attendees will meet Aldermere’s iconic Belted Galloway herd and the 4-H Club that works with them. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Attendees must wear facemasks and closed-toe shoes and children must be accompanied by an adult. More information and registration can be found at aldermere.org, and by calling (207) 236-2739.



## Code 13: Communications error

In most modern day appliances a “communications error” indicates the main computer is not communicating with one or more of the various components. A non-response from the motor, pump, element or other vital part sends a message to the main board saying it has failed or not ready to complete its task. The appliance cannot function if the various elements do not communicate with each other.

Each year the RSU 13 school board meets for months to hammer out an annual budget and each year despite the objection of the public, the board approves a budget with an increase. This process also occurs at the County and City level. Each year the budget increases, property taxes increase and residents get more disillusioned with those that represent them. This “communications error” seems to continue unabated year after year and even though budgets get voted down at the polls the will of the electorate is overruled by the board.

Administrators blame the increase on salaries, on lack of State funding, on increased expenses, but the overall result is more money being robbed from taxpayers to fuel the insatiable thirst of the schools the county or the City coffers. In 2021 despite receiving approximately an additional \$350,000 in State revenue funds which could have gone to reducing the tax obligation, councilors instead choose to add a new position at the cost of \$114,000. The Budget also includes \$141,000 for wage and benefit increases for ALL City employees. Other expenses councilors felt we could not live without were a part time “sustainability” director despite the fact the person who currently holds that job has resigned. What this all means is Rockland taxpayers end up paying more and more and more. County administrators are no different rewarding us with an annual increase year after year despite constant objection.

If we as concerned citizens expect to correct this “communications error” we must act by going to the polls next Tuesday, June 8th and voting DOWN the school budget. We must attend public hearings and have our voice heard and lastly we must act to vote out of office those who do NOT represent us. Our representatives are stealing our money and we need to speak up. You wouldn't just let someone rob your house and look the other way. Don't do it now. Remember they work for you and right now you are working for them. Let's change that.

Steve Carroll

A **Black Lives Matter vigil** is held every Wednesday in Chapman Park Rockland from 12 noon to 1pm. We stand for racial justice and we stand against white supremacy. Join us for the hour or even for 15 minutes or drive by and honk your horn in support of Black Lives Matter.

Susan Manning

## New Show on WRFR: Friendly Society Thursdays 12 pm - 2 pm

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## Not for Love, not for money, for beer maybe?

The incentives keep rolling out. In one state get the jab, (the shot of vaccine) and win a gun. In other states do the right thing, (roll up your sleeve) and win a million \$\$\$. I guess then you buy a gun. Now with the biggest brewer in the nation joining in, vaccinate and inebriate and fire your AK-47 at the zenith to celebrate 70% vaccination rate in the USA. What do guns have to do with Covid vaccine? good question. What do cold frosty mugs of "brewski" have to do with a Corona virus? Well, from what I can gather from the headlines (pay walls keep me from reading



more) all this is a sign of the decay of social cohesion. Gun sales are at an all time high. I'll point my gun at you but I'm not going to roll up my sleeve to save your grand mother's life. Not to save anyone's life. I don't believe in....fill in the blank, virus, vaccine, Fauci, the tooth fairy. But I do believe in beer, guns and money. My fellow citizen? Don't trust him. Not since that Biden sign on his lawn last year. That's what the gun is for. Once, when we all got along, fences made good neighbors. Now the Kalashnikov does the trick. As Mao famously never said, "Citizenship grows from the barrel of a gun" Or was that Eldridge Cleaver referring to another orifice? Whichever, its too late for me, I vaccinated early and got cheated out of my beer, my gun, my million \$ prize. Life is NOT fair.

Glen Birbeck

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