

## Out & About with Rachel Morin One Day Wonders classes



Christine Holden Class: The new "Three Rs": Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. David Chittim, Mike Brakey, Jean Potuchek and Christine Holden, Instructor. (Judy Hierstein Photo)

"What are these ONE DAY WONDERS' colorful brochures that Senior College members have been carrying around and referring to frequently?"

"Well, glad you asked" we have responded and explained their purpose to many and here it is for our readers.

The brochure contained a listing of 28 ONE DAY WONDER classes from January 24 through March 4 for members of Lewiston

Auburn Senior College for the 2020 Winter Session.

The sessions were held mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or afternoons, 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. They were free and a perk for paid up members of LA Senior College. We look forward to these free winter sessions every year. "First come, first served," so we scramble to register promptly as the classes fill up quickly.

Many times, this perk is an incentive for people to sign up and become a member, thereby, being eligible to participate in the free winter session classes. This winter season had 28 classes and 12 of them are depicted in the photos here. Maybe you will know some of the students in the photos?

The invitation to join Senior College is always available. If interested, there are no entry requirements, just be over 50, have a keen interest in learning for the fun of it, and joining like-minded people with similar interests and goals. The annual membership fee is \$25 and has the academic year from September 1 through August 31.

For more information, call the volunteer line at 753-6610 and leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Please know the phone is staffed by volunteers and may take three to four days to receive and

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## Preliminary approval for CMH Cancer Center



The Central Maine Cancer Center, a planned \$38 million investment for state-of-the-art care at Central Maine Medical Center's Lewiston campus, has received initial approval from state regulators.

The facility was proposed last December by Central Maine Healthcare (CMH). It will provide convenient, centralized access to the system's superior outpatient oncology services, along with needed facility and equipment updates, CMH officials said.

"Our patients will receive cutting-edge care in one central location," said Jeffrey L. Brickman, FACHE, CEO and President of Central Maine Healthcare. "The Cancer Center will provide the convenient access to care we are committed to offering." Brickman noted that the new facility will house brand-new equipment, including new linear accelerators critical for radiation therapy. It will also be home to the Central Maine Cancer

Institute, providing multispecialty, team-based care.

The Certificate of Need Unit of the state's Department of Health and Human Services reviewed CMH's application and this week announced preliminary approval. Final review and approval is still pending from DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew.

Central Maine Medical Center has been providing care to the community for more than a century. As the hospital grew on its sprawling campus, its oncology service became spread out nearly three football fields apart, separating radiation oncology, medical oncology and sur-

geons. Meanwhile, radiation therapy equipment cannot be replaced in its current location—in one of the oldest buildings at the hospital.

At the same time, cancer incidence in Maine has increased, and Androscoggin County remains one of the areas with the highest occurrence of cancers in the state.

In a letter supporting the project, the Dempsey Center wrote: "The {center} would offer Central Mainers another reason to get the highest quality of care close to where they live and work."

Central Maine Healthcare (CMH) is

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Tri-Town Optimist Club February RSU 16 Student of the Month



Pictured l to r: Teacher Heidi Lachappelle, 8th grader Dom Frechette, and Principal Shawn Vincent)

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club is proud to announce its February RSU 16 Student of the Month recipient, eighth grader, Dominik Frechette, from Bruce Whittier Middle School.

Frechette exemplifies the school's core values of Empathy, Integrity, Perseverance, Loyalty, Compassion and Responsibility. He is a natural leader and role model, as well as a hard worker, which is reflected in his grades.

Ready to contribute in any way he can, he is always willing to help others. Frechette enjoys outdoor activities with his grandparents and would one day like to have his own yard care business. Congratulations Dominik Frechette!

## Tri-Town Optimist Club March RSU 16 Student of the Month

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club is proud to announce its March RSU 16 Student of the Month recipient, Stephen Tufts from Adult Education. Tufts was selected by Adult Education staff without hesitation for his optimism and perseverance. He works diligently to continue his education—even through times of 3rd shift, full-time work and overtime, always while making family a



Career & College Advisor, Suzette Moulton (l) and Stephen Tuft (r)

priority. He is an encouragement and role model to others at Adult Educa-

tion and in his community. Congratulations Stephen Tufts!

## New trustees join Maine Community College System board

The Maine Community College System welcomes three new board members, nominated by Governor Janet Mills and confirmed unanimously by the Maine Senate.

The newest trustees are Anna “Anne” Eleanor Roosevelt, former president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Northern New England; Kathie Leonard, president and CEO of Auburn Manufacturing; and Peter DelGreco, president and CEO of Maine & Co.

“Each of these new trustees brings unique perspectives and strengths to the board, and I look forward to working with them in charting a strong, vibrant future for our colleges to best serve the people of Maine,” system President David Daigler said.

Roosevelt, of Embden, is active on multiple boards, including a presidential appointment to the Campobello International Park Commission, board chair of the Roosevelt Institute and secretary of the Embden Pond Association. She also serves on the boards of the Maine Community Foundation, Maine Grains and The Jim Browne Foundation.

Roosevelt retired from Goodwill Northern New England in 2019. Before that, she was vice president of global corporate citizenship for The Boeing Company. Earlier in her career, she spent more than seven years teaching museum studies at Western Kentucky University.

Roosevelt earned

a master’s degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University.

Leonard co-founded Auburn Manufacturing in 1979 and began creating new heat-resistant fabrics to replace asbestos. The company has also patented an insulation kit for use in institutional and commercial HVAC systems to save energy and meet sustainability goals. Today, Auburn Manufacturing has 50 employees and manufactures heat- and fire-resistant textiles in Auburn and Mechanic Falls.

In 2019, she was named the Maine Exporter of the Year by the Maine International Trade Center.

Leonard serves as vice chair of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Textiles for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and serves on multiple boards, including the National Council of Textile Organizations and the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Leonard said graduating from a community college is one reason she wanted to serve as a trustee. She earned an Associate of Arts degree from St. Petersburg College, with special classes in technical writing and general business courses. She furthered her studies in business administration at the University of Maine.

In addition to leading Maine & Co., DelGreco, of North Yarmouth, is vice chairman of the board of the Maine

Rural Development Authority. He also serves on the boards of the Maine Development Foundation, Maine Venture Fund and the Portland Community Chamber of Commerce.

Maine & Co. works to attract companies to Maine and helps them establish successful and profitable operations within the state. Most recently, those companies include athenahealth, Grand Rounds, Grove Collaborative, Sun Life Financial, Wayfair, Carbonite, Nordic Aquafarms, and Kingfish Zealand.

DelGreco is a graduate of Colby College and earned his MBA from the University of Southern Maine.

The Board of the Maine Community College System consists of 13 appointed voting members, one ex-officio voting member, and one ex-officio non-voting member.

MCCS is Maine’s comprehensive two-year college system offering nearly 300 career and transfer programs of study, customized training for business and industry, and continuing education. The MCCS consists of seven colleges with nine campuses, five off-campus centers, and a centralized System office. Each fall, MCCS enrolls some 17,000 students. Annually, the seven colleges serve more than 27,000 individuals through degree programs, customized training, and opportunities for lifelong learning.

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# Lewiston Mayor Mark Cayer: Coronavirus Communication

“The Coronavirus is unsettling to all of us, and I want to assure you that the City of Lewiston and Lewiston Public Schools have been proactively preparing for weeks to respond as needed. History has shown that social distancing is the best way to mitigate the spread of a virus. By doing this as a community, we will protect our most vulnerable, and we’ll limit the strain on our health care system. It’s also crucial that our community turns to trusted agencies for reliable information.” -Mayor Mark Cayer.

The City of Lewiston is taking the following steps to address this health concern:

**Closures:** Effective immediately, all non-essential meetings and events planned for City facilities are cancelled for an initial thirty-day (30) period. The City’s Recreation Division programs and Senior Center located at the Lewiston Armory will be closed for the next two (2) weeks. These closures will be re-evaluated at the expiration of that time.

Closures extend to all Lewiston Public Library programming for March & April, including the use of Library meeting and study rooms for this same period.

The LA CASH Coalition, which utilizes the Armory, is closed for at least the next two weeks.

**City Business:** If you need to do City of Lewiston business, services will still be offered at City Hall, but, when possible, we urge doing City-related business at a distance (six ways provided below):

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[www.lewistonmaine.gov/directory.aspx](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/directory.aspx); telephone: (207-513-3000); Web-Based Online Services: Front of Web Site at [www.lewistonmaine.gov](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov); Drop-Box on Park Street Side of City Hall; FAX Machine: (207-784-2959).

The City has cancelled all non-essential travel by City employees, again for the next thirty (30) days.

City Administration and staff are participating in weekly statewide online briefings with the Maine CDC. Mayor Mark Cayer, Council President Michel Lajoie, and Fire Chief Brian Stockdale are meeting weekly with local hospital and health care leaders. City staff are also regularly convening to address concerns.

City/School administration will brief the City Council/School Committee on updates/actions at the beginning of each meeting for the foreseeable future. Meetings are recorded and shown live. Municipal updates will be posted on our web site, [www.lewistonmaine.gov](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov), the “Official City of Lewiston, Maine” Facebook page, Lewiston’s Twitter account, @LewistonMeGov, and through press releases to our local media.

The best safety practice that you can undertake is “social distancing”—avoiding close contact with others and not attending events, activities, or meetings—unless deemed necessary.

Regular handwashing, using sanitizers, and cleaning surfaces are important steps.

The School Department currently plans to keep the schools open but will be cancelling any activities that would attract more than 250

people. This is also in a constant state of re-evaluation.

Please stay home if you are sick. Coronavirus symptoms are fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and sometimes a sore throat. Please contact your primary health doctor if you have a health concern.

According to Mayor Cayer, “As a community, we must do all that we can to contain and mitigate the spread of this virus throughout the community. The City is and will remain in close contact with State and Federal officials and local health care organizations to ensure that we respond appropriately and effectively to this public health challenge. As we did during the ice storm of 1998, let’s commit to checking on those we know who are seniors, or who have health challenges to make sure they are okay and have access to life’s essentials. Also, please remember, be kind and support one another in these trying times.”

For Information About the Coronavirus, Please go online to Maine CDC Health Alerts Network at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/newhan.shtml>, Central Maine Medical Center at <https://www.cmhc.org/about-us/cmhc-alerts> or St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center at <https://www.stmarysmaine.com/patient-and-visitor-information/coronavirus> or call 211.

# Auburn Storywalk celebrates women’s history month

The City of Auburn is pleased to announce the Riverwalk Storywalk for March 2020: “A Celebration of National Women’s History Month.” Each display along Auburn’s beautiful Riverwalk highlight achievements made by women alongside local Auburn photographic journalist Norma Warden’s selections depicting female culture.

If you have an idea for a future Storywalk theme for 2020 or would like to have your work showcased in the displays during L/A Arts “Last Friday Art Walk” between May and September, please contact Auburn Recreation Director Sabrina Best at [sbest@auburnmaine.gov](mailto:sbest@auburnmaine.gov) or 333-6611.

In October of 2019, the City of Auburn, in collaboration with LA Arts, announced the comple-



tion of the delightful new “Storywalk” project along Auburn’s beautiful Riverwalk. The project includes eight durable display cases, which can be found between Festival Plaza and Bonney Park. They showcase different “art and cul-

ture” pieces each month. Residents and visitors of all ages are encouraged to take a monthly stroll along the Riverwalk to enjoy the displays which are changed monthly by the Auburn Recreation Department.

# Scholarships available for students pursuing business degrees

Applications are currently being accepted for the Maine Community Foundation’s Patriot Education Scholarship Fund.

This renewable scholarship supports graduates of a Maine high school who are enrolled part time (minimum of nine credit hours) or full time in pursuit of a business degree and who will be entering their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year at a Maine college or univer-

sity. Preference is given to applicants who have a demonstrated interest in personal and commercial insurance professions.

The deadline is June 1, 2020. To apply online, go to [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

The Maine Community Foundation has worked with donors and educators since 1983 to provide Maine students access to educational opportunities. The community foundation manages more than 600 scholar-

ship funds.

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

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# What's Going On

## Maine securities administrator reminds investors to stay calm

Maine Securities Administrator Judith Shaw today is reminding investors in Maine to beware of con artists seeking to capitalize on fear and uncertainty in light of the ongoing developments related to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and its impact on financial markets.

“We know con artists are opportunistic and use current events to cloak their schemes with an air of immediacy and legitimacy. Never make an investment decision without understanding what you are investing in, who you are doing business with, where your money is going, how it will be used, and how you can get it back,” said Administrator Shaw. “Always ask if the salesperson and the security are licensed and regis-

tered with the Maine Office of Securities.”

Administrator Shaw also urged investors to use caution when making investment decisions during this time of market volatility. “It is easy to get caught up in the panic that accompanies a market downturn,” Shaw said, “but it is important to remember to make decisions that are based on reason, not emotions.”

According to Shaw, “we know that markets go up and markets go down. Reacting impulsively to market changes can cause more harm than good to your financial outlook.” She encouraged investors, instead, to have a conversation with their financial professional to revisit their financial goals and investment horizon, and to strategize on ways to minimize the

impact of market fluctuations.

Administrator Shaw urged anyone who has questions about investing to contact the Maine Office of Securities. Information about advisers, salespersons and investing is available at [www.investors.maine.gov](http://www.investors.maine.gov), by calling 1-877-624-8551 or writing to the Maine Office of Securities, 121 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0121.

Send all items for Names & Faces to the editor. Deadline is Friday by 5 pm.

## UMaine Extension releases recommendations for farmers during COVID-19 outbreak

University of Maine Cooperative Extension has released recommendations for farmers in response to the current COVID-19 outbreak. Anne Lichtenwalner, UMaine Extension veterinarian, associate professor, and director of the Extension Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, authored the guide.

“While there’s no evidence that the novel coronavirus causing COVID-19 is affecting livestock, or any species besides humans, it’s important to take common sense precautions that help guard against introducing or spreading diseases on the farm,” says Lichtenwalner. Practices including good nutrition, proper ventilation and hygiene, and adhering to standard biosecurity guidelines—keeping visitors, wildlife and new livestock out of direct contact with farm animals—are always appropriate.

Recommendations are available on the Extension Diagnostic and

Research Laboratory website. For more information contact (207) 581-3874, [extension.diagnosticslab@maine.edu](mailto:extension.diagnosticslab@maine.edu).

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine’s land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine’s flagship pub-

lic university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master’s, doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

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## 4 Coronavirus Money Tips from WalletHub Experts

Ask Your Bank for Help

“Many banks and credit unions have stated they are willing to offer assistance to people who face temporary financial hardship due to the coronavirus,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “These might include measures like being able to skip a payment, having temporarily lower rates, getting fees waived or having a credit line increase. If you find yourself struggling financially, call customer service to make your case. Make sure to clearly and politely articulate the reasons for your hardship.”

Focus on Maximizing Savings

“Most people’s jobs aren’t immune to the coronavirus. So, it’s a good idea to set aside as much money as you can from each paycheck in case coronavirus impacts your ability to work or causes you to have additional medical expenses,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “Even beyond the current situa-

tion, it’s always good to have an emergency fund. Avoid panicking about stocks, too, and just remember that it’s only a matter of time until the virus runs its course.”

Take Advantage of Travel Insurance but Know the Limits

“If your travel provider cancels a trip because of the coronavirus, a ‘trip cancellation or interruption’ policy might help you get your money back,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “Some credit cards offer this benefit for free, though issuers have been cutting back in recent years. Keep in mind that if you cancel your own trip out of fear of the virus, your insurance policy probably won’t cover you unless you have coverage for canceling ‘for any reason’ or doctor’s orders to quarantine yourself.”

Use Credit Cards, Not Cash

“Though there’s not much evidence to show that touching cash spreads coronavirus, it’s

theoretically possible, and the Federal Reserve has been quarantining bank notes from Asia. China also burned some of its currency that had been circulated through the Wuhan area,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “Using a credit card’s contactless capability may help give consumers more peace of mind. Plus, credit cards can be used for online purchases, allowing consumers to avoid shopping at crowded stores. In addition, consumers that decide to stock up on essential items and spend more than usual in the coming months can recoup some of that expense, and get some extra time to pay, by using a rewards credit card.”

Please let me know if you would like to schedule an in-person, phone or Skype interview with Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst, within the coming days.

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## Unanimous committee approval for Patients First health care

The Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee has approved all four bills included in Legislative Democrats' Patients First health care package as of last Thursday. The Patients First package is a suite of health care reform bills – sponsored by Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, Speaker Sara Gideon, D-Freeport, and Sen. Ned Claxton, D-Auburn – that advocates for Maine health consumers, protects against abusive and surprise billing practices, and increases access to and limits the cost of insulin.

“When Mainers are saying that the worst part of illness or disease is having to deal with a complicated health care system, we know that we’ve got a problem. For too many Mainers the cost of care, insurance company bureaucracy and surprise fees stand in the way of their health and well-being,” said President Jackson. “Our Patients First health care package came from listening to Mainers from all across the state, who shared their stories and demanded change. Yesterday’s committee vote was a good first step, but we must keep up the momentum and get these bills across the finish line. Mainers are counting on us.”

An amended version of President Jackson’s bill – LD 2110, “An Act to Lower Health Care Costs” – creates a non-partisan Office of Affordable Health Care to take control of growing costs in a complicated health care system. The office will examine Maine’s health care system and

make critical recommendations to the Legislature on an annual basis. This office will also look at cost-related trends, quality trends, health care spending, consumer experience and satisfaction.

Nine other states, including Massachusetts and Vermont, have similar health care commissions that have delivered significant savings. In Massachusetts, the Health Policy Commission saved patients and businesses \$7.2 billion. In Vermont, the Green Mountain Care Board saved rural hospitals \$7.3 million.

“When I heard about people rationing their insulin or delaying filling their prescriptions, I knew we needed to take immediate action to lower the cost of this life-saving medication. Putting together our Patients First health care package was about fixing some of the most common and troublesome health care problems facing Mainers today,” said Speaker Gideon. “In the absence of continued inaction on the federal level, whether it is on addressing the cost of prescription drugs or outrageous surprise bills, we are addressing and fixing our broken health care system in every way we can here in Maine. I’m proud of the support we received in committee today and we’re going to keep up the momentum.”

Two bills in the Patients First health care package are from Speaker Gideon. The first bill would cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$35 for a 30-day supply for patients in the individual and small group markets, and allows

pharmacies to provide patients insulin based on an old prescription in emergencies – this is also known as “Kevin’s Law.” If passed, the bill would take effect for plans issued or renewed beginning January 1, 2021. The second bill protects patients from high-cost bills from out-of-network providers when they never had an opportunity to choose a cheaper option. A recent study shows that one in five inpatient emergency department cases may lead to surprise bills.

The final bill from Sen. Claxton – LD 2111, “An Act to Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care”, protects patients from abusive billing practices and unnecessary patient fees. It requires providers to alert patients when they’ve been referred out-of-network, gives Medicare patients more information about the potential cost of care, and protects patients from unnecessary, unexplained bills when they make appointments with new doctors or move between doctors. Almost 70 percent of Americans are worried about unexpected medical bills.

“I believe patients deserve basic protections from abusive billing practices. My bill is about putting patients first; making sure they are treated fairly and can make informed health care decisions,” said Sen. Claxton. “I’m grateful to the committee for their thoughtful work on this bill and look forward to it becoming law.”

All four bills will now go before the full Legislature for additional votes.

## What’s Going On

### An update from Sen. Libby

Dear friend,  
Like you, much of my time and attention has been focused on news surrounding the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. I’ve been hearing from a lot of people in our community that they’re worried – and I don’t blame you. It’s a lot to take in.

I want to give you an update on what resources are available to you if you have questions or concerns, and what we’re doing in Augusta to help keep you and your family safe and healthy. My colleagues and I in the Legislature are working closely with the Governor’s office and state agencies to monitor the situation and make sure Maine is prepared to handle this pandemic and treat patients. At this time, there are two presumptive-positive cases of coronavirus in Maine.

To help protect yourself and your neighbors, keep washing your hands thoroughly – for at least 20 seconds. If you can’t wash with soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. If you have to cough and/or sneeze, do so into your elbow or a tissue or handkerchief, not your hands. Stay home if you’re sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Governor Mills has also issued recommendations discouraging large, indoor gatherings, such as concerts, of more than 250 people for the next 30 days. None of this means

you should be scared to go grocery shopping or run other errands—but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as they say.

If you think you might have the coronavirus, don’t just go to the doctor’s office or ER—call first. This may go against what your first instinct might be but, calling ahead of time will help staff and providers prepare to receive and treat you, in case you are infected. Symptoms include fever and respiratory illness, such as coughing and shortness of breath. When you talk to your health care provider, mention any recent travel or contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Your health care provider will work with Maine CDC to coordinate testing.

Last week, Governor Mills declared an insurance emergency for the state of Maine. This will ensure your insurance will cover screening and testing for COVID-19 with no deductible, no copayment or cost-sharing of any kind. Cost should not deter people from seeking testing and treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services is also issuing emergency rules to ensure MaineCare provides comprehensive coverage for lab testing and medical treatment. You can watch video of the Governor’s address by clicking here.

Here in the State

House, Senate President Troy Jackson and House Speaker Sara Gideon announced that all public events in the Hall of Flags, as well as tours will be canceled. Also, the upstairs viewing galleries for the Senate and House chambers will be closed for the time being. Our priority in Augusta is to protect the safety and well-being of the public and state workers, while still ensuring an open, transparent government. We’re all working closely with the Maine CDC to ensure we meet those goals, and we’re regularly reassessing our options as we get more information.

If you have questions, you can visit the Maine CDC or U.S. CDC websites. There, you can sign up for email updates. Maine CDC also has teamed up with 211 to offer a new way to get answers and information about COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. This service is available by dialing 211 (or 1-866-811-5695), texting your ZIP code to 898-211, or emailing [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org). There’s a lot of anxiety and misinformation going around – make sure you’re getting your information from a reliable source.

This is a trying time, and a situation that is new to many of us. But I want you to know, without any doubt, that the people you’ve tasked with leading the state are pulling together to keep you, your family

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Maine Event Comedy presents Jay Hunter



Jay Hunter

Maine Event Comedy presents Detroit's Jay Hunter at Craft Brew Underground, Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Makenzi Berg, Dennis Price, and Joanna Rapoza.

Hunter joined the Navy to see the world. After returning to civilian life, he began sharing his unique perspective throughout the midwest.

He was part of the inaugural Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest last year and is a member of NewsFlash Writers Table of Grand Rapids, MI. He's on a mission to out funny the whole wide world, one Garth Brooks joke at a time.

Charismatic, honest, and silly, Berg performs and produces shows throughout New York and New England.

She's performed at Buffalo's Helium Comedy Club, the Hartford Funny Bone, and Roar Comedy Club at the MGM in Springfield, MA.

Price is an actor, performer, improviser, teacher, and director. He studied and performed improvisation with the renowned Second City in Chicago. He's the founder of Capital City Improv and teaches theatre at Winthrop High School.

Hailing from Hartford CT, Rapoza started doing stand-up in 2011 at Caroline's On Broadway and other top NYC comedy clubs. She continues to perform in and produce showcases at venues in New York and New England.

The show is for ages 21-and-older; admission is pay-what-you-can. Craft Brew Underground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn. It was recently voted the No. 1 Craft Beer Bar in Maine for the second consecutive year by CraftBeer.com. CBU offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine.

For more information, call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

## An important update from The Public Theatre

Dear Friend of The Public Theatre,

We are deeply committed to the work that we do and the audiences we serve. The growing concern with regard to the global outbreak of COVID-19 has been cause for great alarm and in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our artists, audiences and staff we have made the difficult decision to cancel all performances of I and You.

If you have already purchased tickets to I and You, we will be contact-

ing you directly in the coming days with specific information regarding your purchase. You are welcome to exchange your ticket(s) for a future performance at The Public Theatre, donate the cost of your ticket(s) to help support our artists and team during this difficult time, or receive a refund for your purchase.

Our administrative staff will be available to support any questions or concerns that you may have. Please email us at [atinfo@thepublictheatre.org](mailto:atinfo@thepublictheatre.org) and we will get back

to you as soon as possible.

We thank you all for your continued support during these trying times. As a non-profit organization we exist solely because of the love and enthusiasm of our community. We thank you all very much for your continued support as we work swiftly during this ever-evolving situation.

Please take care of yourselves and of others.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Schario  
and the Staff of The Public Theatre.

## Franco Center cancellations and postponements

At the Gendron Franco Center, the safety of their patrons is always of primary concern. The Center will continue to follow the guidelines from state and local health officials to help ensure the safety of patrons and staff. Given this consideration, The Gendron Franco Center administration and staff have made a decision to postpone the following events: the Josee Vachon Concert scheduled for March 18 is re-scheduled

to June 10; the 4th Annual Comedy Invitational scheduled for March 20 is re-scheduled to June 19; Skosh: Celebration of the Music of Prince scheduled for April 18 is re-scheduled to June 20; and the Medieval Feast scheduled for March 27/28 re-scheduled to July 24/25. Cancellations include La Rencontre, March 19; Scottish Fiddle Orchestra April 1; La Rencontre, April 9; the Piano Concert with David Fung, April 17,

and the Adult Prom April 11. We ask that people not to visit in person at this time regarding tickets, but to contact us by phone (207-689-2000) or email [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org) with any questions or concerns.

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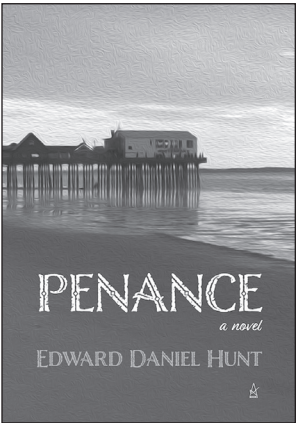
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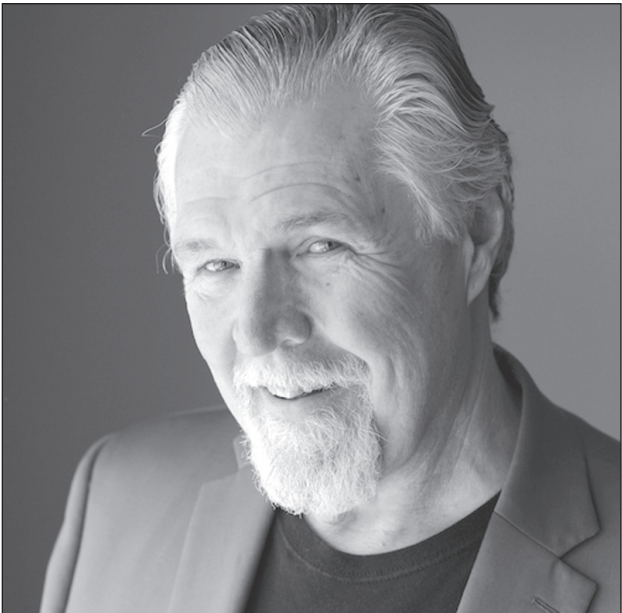
Representative Mason announces  
projects in MDOT Work Plan



Old Orchard Beach-based author Edward Daniel Hunt has released his debut novel *Penance*, published by Adelaide Books.

*Penance* revolves around the race to find Lori Doyle. Ten years ago, at age sixteen, Lori witnessed a killing by her then-boyfriend that went unsolved. Today, she has established a new life in Maine for herself and her daughter under an alias. She has just met someone and is beginning to believe that she might have a chance for a better life. Unbeknownst to her, all that is about to change. Some will seek her out to do her harm, and some to do her good.

*Penance* includes several concurrent love stories, multiple homicides, dysfunctional



family relationships, and a bit of mystery or at least confusion. The story moves back and forth from Boston's underside and Maine's coast. If you can believe that one last homicide can make for a happy ending, this is your book!

Book launch on Thursday, March 26, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Brunswick, on the beach in Old Orchard Beach. All are welcome! Live music, light refreshments and a cash bar.

Edward Daniel Hunt's short stories have appeared in the *Scarlett Leaf Review*, *Down in the Dirt Magazine* and *Adelaide Literary Magazine*.

"Hit Men Have Feelings Too" was named a finalist in *Adelaide Magazine's* 2018 Literary Award Contest for Best Short Story. His short story "Pieces of the Puzzle" was named a finalist in *Adelaide's* 2019 contest. Hunt owns the Shaw House, an assisted living facility in Biddford, Maine, and lives in Old Orchard Beach within walking distance of the ocean.

For information on scheduling an interview with Mr. Hunt, to request a review copy, or any other questions, please contact: [director@mainewriters.org](mailto:director@mainewriters.org), or call 207-228-8264.

State Representative Richard Mason (R-Lisbon) is pleased to announce that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Work Plan for Calendar Years 2020, 2021 and 2022 is available. The estimated value of work in the plan totals more than \$2.59 billion and encompasses 2,051 projects across the state.

The three-year MDOT Work Plan for Legislative District 56 includes four projects in the Town of Lisbon. They involve Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement work (Frazier Bridge) on Route 125, and Ultra-thin Wearing Course on 12.5 miles of Route 196. The total for all four projects is \$10.6 million.

"The MDOT Work Plan projects will benefit our area and communi-



ties throughout Maine," said Rep. Mason. "I am pleased to see several MDOT projects scheduled for our area, because our roads really need attention. Projects will make our roads safer and benefit our local econo-

my." The full work plan, searchable by municipality, is available at the Maine Department of Transportation's website: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/projects/work-plan/search/>.

### MaineCF Start Up/Scale Up grant program seeks applications

The Maine Community Foundation's new Start Up/Scale Up Grant Program seeks applications from Maine nonprofit organizations that help new ventures start and grow through collaborative workspaces and incubator and accelerator programs.

Grants will be awarded to organizations and projects that meet the criteria and that have the greatest potential to support innovation and entrepreneurship in Maine. Priority will be given to projects or organizations that: Actively engage entrepreneurs through programs, networking, problem-solving with peers and others, and providing access to resources; Support entrepreneurs and businesses in rural communities and in areas with limited access to resources (e.g., high-speed internet, collaborative workspace, a nearby university or college); Serve entrepreneurs and businesses

founded and/or led by women and people of color; Include partnerships and collaborations with other organizations, individuals, businesses, or institutions.

"The community foundation is committed to Maine entrepreneurs and innovators, and this new fund is one way we can support the networks that help foster innovation," said Steve Rowe, MaineCF president and CEO.

Deadline for applications is April 1, 2020. Guidelines and application can be found at [www.maine.cf.org](http://www.maine.cf.org). Maximum grants of \$25,000 will cover program expenses and capital investment in equipment, technology and buildings. Questions about the grant program should be directed to Senior Program Officer Maggie Drummond-Bahl at [mbahl@mainecf.org](mailto:mbahl@mainecf.org) or (207) 412-0839.

Headquartered in

Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.maine.cf.org](http://www.maine.cf.org).

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# Classes

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your return call or you may email the Senior College at laseniorcollege@gmail.com More information is available on the Senior College website usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege.



Bill Hiss Class: A Geezer in Vietnam: Joanne Sabourin, Donna Hurd, Eloise O'Neill, Bill Hiss, Instructor; and Penny Jessop. (Cynthia Peters Photo)



Carol Hanscombe Class: Who in the World Came Up with these Things? Nancy Duplisea, Dick Duplisea, Bernadette Boisvert and Carol Hanscombe, Instructor. (Judy Hierstein Photo)



Roger Guay Class: A Good Man with a Dog: Joline Froton, Bob Volock, Roger Guay, Instructor; and Paul Boucher. (Joanne Sabourin Photo)



Alan Elze Class: Trans-continental Railroad: 150 years Dan Miville, Tookie Clifford, Edith Jordan, Diane Clay, Paul Robinson and Instructor Alan Elze, wearing his railroad hat! (Rachel Morin Photo)



Favorite Games Session: Lisa Caron, Judy Hierstein, Polly Robinson, Pat McGillivray and Alan Elze at back table. (Cynthia Peters Photo)



Paul Drowns Stone Soup Class at St. Mary's Nutrition Center: Monika Babbitt and Adrianne Tucker. (Judy Hierstein Photo)



Charles Plummer Class: Virtue and its role in the Founding of the United States. Seated: Don Robitaille, Joanne Giard, Lou Giard, Kevin Regan; Back, Bob Bryant, Martha Bryant, Dr. Charles Plummer, Instructor; Mike Brakey, Cindy Brakey. (Rachel Morin Photo)



Bonnie Washuk Class: Behind the Reporter's Notebook Instructor Bonnie Washuk at podium. (Judy Hierstein Photo)



Lynn Poor Class: Reflexology: Valerie St. Clair, Lynn Poor, Instructor; and Peggy Volock. (Judy Hierstein Photo)



Joel Packer and Diane Clay Class: Israel Today: Arthur Wing, Bertha Bodenheimer, Diane Clay and Joel Packer, Instructors; Helene Perry and Estelle Rubinstein. (Rachel Morin Photo)



Steve Piker Class: Religion: What Is It? Steve Piker, Instructor, standing; Front, Bob Volock, Peggy Volock, Don Miville; Back, Ann Gosselin, Mike Brakey and Steve Verrill. (Judy Hierstein Photo)

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# Chewonki Welcomes Eastern Calligraphy Artist



Chewonki was recently fortunate to welcome renowned artist and calligrapher Kichung Lee Lizée to their campus in Wiscasset for a special set of classes introducing Eastern Calligraphy techniques.

Lizée, a resident of nearby Bath, has been an artist and teacher since the mid-1960's with an impressive national and international following.

"Eastern calligraphy, I learned, is a living and breathing spirit, rather than the dead and rigid tradition of thousands of years," says Lizée in her artist statement. "It is uniquely a form that conveys the pulsation of life energy. Through it, one can experience all aspects of the living spectrum. Eastern cal-

ligraphic form reveals the kind of life the artist has led, as well as foreshadowing the person one will become. It is the art form that manifests the self as a way of life or philosophy of life. It is a powerful art form that operates through direct intuition."

Students from Maine Coast Semester and Chewonki Elementary and Middle School were instructed in the method of carefully grinding calligraphy ink from hardened blocks of carbon in low slate bowls. The slow meditative process of ink-grinding is itself an important part of focusing the artist's thoughts.

Lizée commented that she sometimes grinds her ink for over

an hour to prepare for a special project.

With ink prepared, students then practiced copying a variety of characters, following different styles including "formal," "informal," and "cursive" variations of the same character.

"The brushes and rice papers are unforgiving, challenging me to flow with the creative impulse and thereby convey the immediacy, spontaneity and close proximity of an intimate connection with nature," says Lizée.

Lizée's instruction and encouragement were a wonderful addition to the art classes led by Sue West and Coryash Stone, Chewonki's two art teachers, and we are grateful to have spent an afternoon learning about this fascinating art form.

Chewonki is a school, camp and environmental education organization based in Wiscasset, Maine, that inspires transformative growth, teaches appreciation and stewardship of the natural world, and challenges people to build thriving, sustainable communities

throughout their lives. Chewonki began in 1915 as a camp for boys but has grown to comprise the boys camp; adventures for girls; semester school for outstanding high-school juniors; traveling natural history programs that our teachers take to libraries, schools, and other community venues; an outdoor classroom for visiting school groups; and wilderness trips for teens, adults, and families. Through its educational initiatives, Chewonki demonstrates and teaches the importance of living sustainably.



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Guest column:

# Northeast vacation rental and professionals

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The 5th Annual Northeast Vacation Rental Professionals Conference takes place Monday, April 6 in Freeport, Maine.

Anyone involved in vacation rentals or short-term rentals in Maine or New England should plan to attend the 5th Annual NEVRP Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, Maine. You do not need to be a member of NEVRP to attend this educational conference featuring some of the industry's biggest and brightest talents. "We are really looking forward to bringing this caliber of knowledge and industry experience to Maine through new software, products, speakers, and networking" said Paige Teel, President of the Northeast Vacation Rental Professionals.

This year, the full day of activities includes keynote speaker Amy

Hinote, who is the founder and editor of VRM Intel Magazine; she has her finger on the pulse of the Vacation Rental industry nationally and worldwide. She will discuss the industry's past, present and future and how it relates to Maine and the surrounding states. Durk Johnson, Executive Director of the Vacation Rental Housekeeping Professionals, will be giving an overview of key challenges facing vacation rental housekeeping and solutions for retention and best practices. He is planning to offer two more days of Housekeeping Training following the daylong conference on April. Justin Ford is a National Vacation Rental Safety Expert with Breezeway and will address the most common safety issues for homeowners and property managers along with a solution that has been adopted by many homeowners, agencies, and towns. Our lobbyist,

Deb Hart, will also deliver the latest legislature news statewide and in local municipalities plus what our organization has helped create and prevent to protect our industry and more!

Sponsors of the event include Breezeway, Point Central, Safely, Generali, Ruebarue, LiveRez, TRACK, and more to be announced.

Pre-registration is required (on a first come basis) which includes lunch and snacks for the full day of activities. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and closing comments at 4 p.m. Registration is \$65 per person. You can register online at [www.nevrp.com](http://www.nevrp.com) or by calling 207-737-9052. Special room rate available at the Hilton Garden Inn for Sunday night, April 5, 2020.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Miller  
Vice President  
Northeast Vacation Rental Professionals

## CMH

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an integrated healthcare delivery system serving 400,000 people living in central, western, and mid-coast Maine. CMH's hospital facilities include Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Bridgton Hospital, and Rumford Hospital. CMH also supports Central Maine Medical Group, a primary and specialty care practice organization. Other system ser-

vices include the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute, a regional trauma program, LifeFlight of Maine's southern Maine base, the Central Maine Cancer Center, and other high quality clinical services.

Central Maine Medical Center located in Lewiston, is a Level II Trauma Center serving Androscoggin County and the surrounding region. CMMC's "Centers of Excellence" include

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# Margaret Chase Smith essay contest

The Margaret Chase Smith Library is pleased to announce the topic of its 24th annual essay contest. As the Pine Tree State commemorates the past during its bicentennial year of 2020, we invite Maine high school seniors to look to the future and share with us ideas of how they would propose to make the state "the way life should be" for young people so that more of them will choose to live in a place with one of the oldest populations

in the nation.

Entries are due by April 1, 2020 and decisions will be announced by May 4. Prizes are \$1000 for first place, \$500 for second place, \$250 for third place, and five \$50 honorable mention prizes. For more information, visit the Library's website at <http://www.mcslibrary.org/awards/> or contact John Taylor at 474-7133.

Located in Skowhegan, Maine, the Li-

brary is owned by the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation and operated under its auspices by the University of Maine. The Margaret Chase Smith Library is an archive, museum, educational facility, and public policy center devoted to preserving the legacy of Margaret Chase Smith, promoting research into American political history, advancing the ideals of public service, and exploring issues of civic engagement.



## Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest



*"For it is youth that gives the stimulus, the fire, and the ambition that animates progress."*

— Senator Margaret Chase Smith  
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Portland, Maine  
March 30, 1950



As the Pine Tree State celebrates its bicentennial in 2020, there will be much celebration of the past. For the 24th annual Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest, we invite high school seniors to look to the future and share with us ideas of how they would propose to make Maine "the way life should be" for young people so that more of them will choose to live in a state with one of the oldest populations in the nation.

The rules of the contest are minimal. It is open to **Maine high school seniors**. Essays must be typed and double-spaced. Electronic submissions are accepted. Contestants should provide complete contact information in order to receive notification of final results. For publication purposes, essays should be no longer than 2000 words. As always, quality of evidence, argumentation, and writing is more important than quantity of pages. The best essays support personal opinions with historical context and cited facts.

The Library will award **\$1000** for first place, **\$500** for second place, **\$250** for third place, and five **\$50** honorable mention prizes. Essays are due by **April 1, 2020**. Prizes will be announced by May 4th.

To submit entries or for more information, please contact:

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# What's Going On

## USDA approves waiver from Maine DOE

The Maine Department of Education's Child Nutrition Team today received approval for a waiver from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services. The waiver will allow schools the ability to provide meals offsite to students, if the school or community currently has, or qualifies for, a USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Department of Education applied for the waiver as they continue to assist Maine schools in the proactive planning for a disruption to schools in the face of the concerns of COVID-19.

"Our schools are often a critical partner of Maine families to ensure that our children receive nutritious and consistent meals" said Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin. "I am grateful for the advocacy of Child Nutrition Team and for the response from USDA, allowing our schools to continue with this important work, regardless of any interruption that

may occur due to school closings."

The following information was included in the USDA's notification approving the waiver:

These USDA supported meals are available at no cost to low-income children, and under the waiver granted today are not required to be served in a group setting (called congregate feeding), to ensure kids receive nutritious meals in the event schools are temporarily closed. Approved meal sponsors can then allow meals to be taken away from the site and consumed elsewhere, thereby allowing for social distancing.

In summary, the statewide waiver is to the National School Lunch Act congregate feeding requirement, it is effective immediately, and will continue through June 30, 2020 or upon expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

Through the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, Maine

schools and communities provide children with access to nutritious meals and snacks at approved off-site locations when school is not in session, typically during the summer months. The waiver will extend those services to allow schools to make food available so that children can eat provided meals at home, increasing social distancing and improving general prevention strategies.

The waiver will provide schools with further flexibility in continuity of educational services to students, in the event they need to close their facilities or opt for remote school days.

Following approval of the waiver, the Maine DOE is working on further guidance to schools and will make that information available as soon as possible.

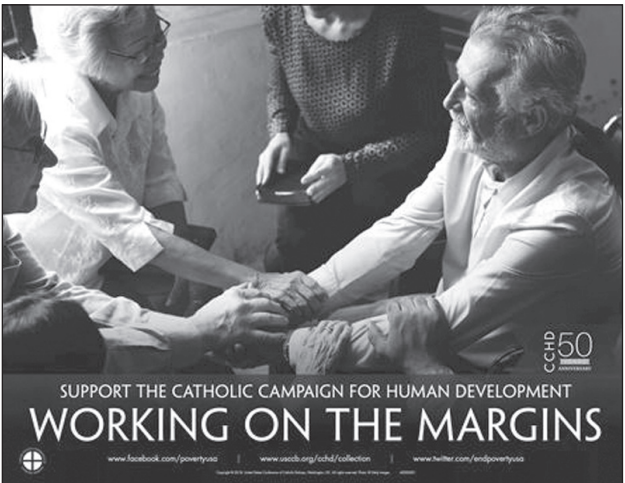
Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

## Four Maine Parishes receive over \$15,000

Parishes in Bangor, Lewiston, Jay, and Saco have received Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) grants aimed at helping people in need make sustainable changes in their lives.

The program is supported each year through a collection taken up in parishes across the country. In the Diocese of Portland, the program is administered by Catholic Charities Maine's Parish Social Ministry, which provides leadership, guidance, Catholic social teaching education, and training to empower parishioners to compassionately serve people of all faiths living in their communities. This year's recipients are:

Good Shepherd Parish, Saco received \$4,652.32. The grant will be used for the Esther Residence, a transitional program for women who are leaving incarceration and/or treatment programs. The home is operated by the Good Shepherd Sisters with a goal of enabling the women to transition to independent living with employment so they can reunite with their children. The funds will assist women in the



residence with security deposits and clothes for job interviews and employment.

Prince of Peace Parish, Lewiston received \$4,000. The grant will be used to create a part-time position entitled "Parish Community Outreach Worker." The individual will engage new immigrants in parish life and better connect them with resources in the community.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Bangor received \$3,600. The grant will be used to start an Aging Ministry in the parish to serve all seniors living in greater Bangor who require assistance to remain in their homes and be active in their communities. The funding will be used to conduct a

needs assessment, develop a resource directory, and to recruit and train volunteers.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Jay received \$3,000. The grant will be used for the St. Rose of Lima Parish Social Ministry Community Center which offers direct assistance but also facilitates ongoing relationships with clients to give them skills and connections that will enable them to provide better for themselves and their families. The funds will help pay for materials, repairs, and improvements for the center which is housed in the three-story former parish school. The center will offer a thrift store, bread guild, cooking classes, and other programs.

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## Thursday, March 19

Teachers as Practitioners: Auburn’s K-12 Art Teachers opening reception for exhibit at LA Arts, 221 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Exhibitions and artist receptions are free, and the community is invited to attend.

## Friday, March 20

Maine Event Comedy presents Jay Hunter at Craft Brew Underground, 34 Court Street, Auburn at 8 p.m. The show is for ages 21-and-older; admission is pay-what-you-can. For more information, call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

## Saturday, March 21

7th Annual Fairy Godmother Gown Give-away at the Foss Mansion located at 19 Elm Street, Auburn, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to donate your extra gowns call 795-6134.

Family resource fair at the St. John’s Community Center, located on 43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about the fair, call All Saints Parish at (207) 725-2624.

Merrymeeting Arts Center Adult Spelling Bee at 6:30 p.m. Registration is \$50 for one person or team of four. To register, please email merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com and provide your team name and contact info or register online at Eventbrite.com.

## Sunday March 22

7th Annual Fairy Godmother Gown Give-away at the Foss Mansion located at 19 Elm Street, Auburn, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to donate your extra gowns call 795-6134.

## Thursday, March 26

Book signing for Old Orchard Beach-based author Edward Daniel Hunt debut novel Penance at the Brunswick, on the beach in Old Orchard Beach from 6 to 9 p.m. All are welcome! Live music, light refreshments and a cash bar.

Auburn Public Library Life Skills Series: The Job Interview in the

Library’s Conference Room (ground floor) from 3 to 4 p.m. For more details on other teen programs, continue to check the Auburn Public Library calendar at [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org), call the APL at 333-6640 (ext. 4), or email the Teen Librarian at [dwallace@auburn-publiclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburn-publiclibrary.org).

## Saturday, March 28

Bean Supper Auburn United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue, at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, children, age 6 to 12, are \$4, and there is no charge for children under 5. For additional information, please call the church office at 207-782-3972.

## Thursday, April 9

Turner Adult Ed offering resume and interviewing worship from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact Chris Morin to sign up at [christina.m.morin@maine.edu](mailto:christina.m.morin@maine.edu) or (207) 753-6531.

# Cancellation and postponements

Public Church supper at First Congregation Church on March 28 is cancelled.

Central Maine Medical Center is not allowing visitors, including to the WHA gift shop and gallery, until further notice.

2020 Maine Pottery Tour postponed until June.

Maine’s Bicentennial handbell ringing concert currently cancelled.

Lewiston legislators’ March public office hours cancelled.

Portland Jewish Museum has cancelled all events for the rest of March. Patron’s who bought tickets already will be notified via Brown Paper Tickets’s audience outreach tools.

Maine Music Society and Bates College present Beethoven’s 9th Symphony Ode to Joy has been cancelled.

Lewiston Public Library book sale on April

4 is cancelled.

Special Olympics Maine is postponed, new date TBD.

2020 Maine Jewish Film Festival is postponed, new date TBD.

French Sing Along at USM on March 20 has been cancelled.

Sixth Street Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn has cancelled services through the end of March. At the end of March we will reassess the Coronavirus situation. The bean supper scheduled for March 28 has also been cancelled.

Please email any event cancellations to the Editor.

## Libby

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# Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day cancelled

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is one not to be taken lightly, especially where the older population is at risk. Please put the word out to anyone you may have invited.

and parents, small business owners and labor advocates. We are fortunate to have a broad range of experience and perspective to make sure you get the best repre-

sentation possible. I promise to keep you updated as new information comes to us, and to get answers to your questions as quickly as I can.

# Word Search

We just picked up our tomato seeds the other day to start seedlings. There are so many to choose from!

## Tomato Varieties

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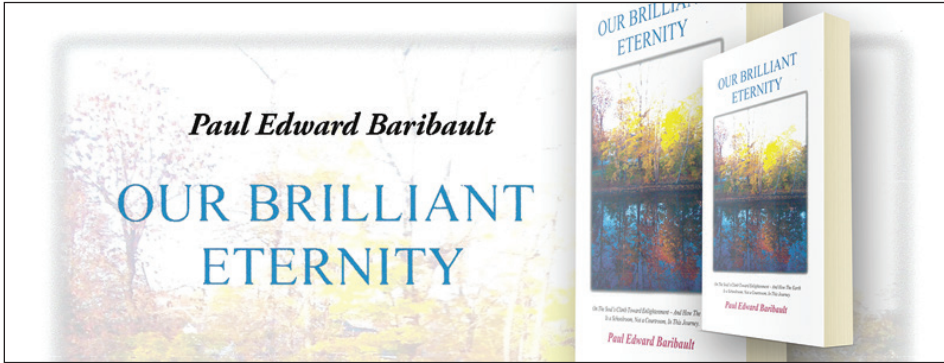
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# Lewiston author publishes first nonfiction book



Lewiston playwright and children’s book author Paul Baribault had his newest book, *Our Brilliant Eternity*, published on Amazon. It is his first work of non-fiction and joins four of his children’s books already available in that website’s Books section.

At its center, ‘*Our Brilliant Eternity*’ is about, as stated on the book’s cover, “... the soul’s climb toward Enlightenment, and how the Earth is a schoolroom, not a courtroom, in our journey.” It is sometimes humorous, quietly assertive, occasionally challenging.

It joins other inspired books by recent Christian writers and clergy currently riding the surge of reform, that gives this traditional faith a more tender and appealing image—affirming that a place in Heaven is, in the end, every soul’s destiny, though the calendar for that arrival may differ for everyone.

The author hopes this promise of our soul’s beautiful journey will engage every reader, and help eliminate afterlife fears, because the book represents his lifelong search for the truth about who we are and, in the most inclusive sense for every Faith, what our common destiny is.

To learn more about this unique book, people are encouraged to visit its website at [www.ourbrillianteternity.com](http://www.ourbrillianteternity.com). On that site also is a Share page where visitors are encouraged to post some of their own spiritual experiences, such as visitation dreams that lifted seasons of grief over a deceased family member or friend; believed encounters with angelic beings; and NDEs as they are known, Near Death Experiences, that they or someone they know have had.

‘Gloria in Excelsis Deo’ are the concluding words to this inclusive and embrace work, as evidenced in its Appendix of God-given sonnets.

Welcome to ‘*Our Brilliant Eternity*’, a book about our soul’s climb toward Enlightenment, and how the Earth in this journey is a schoolroom, not a courtroom—to which we often return, as we grow in stature and spiritual understanding together.

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# Teachers as Practitioners: Auburn’s K-12 Art Teachers

LA Arts presents *Teachers as Practitioners: Auburn’s K-12 Art Teachers*, an exhibition of artworks in a variety of media, from painting and sculpture to illustration and ceramics by the art teachers in the Auburn schools. Teachers as Practitioners will be on view at the LA Arts Gallery from March 19 through May 2. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. The LA Arts Gallery is located at 221 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Gallery hours are 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Exhibitions and artist receptions are free, and the community is invited to attend.

Artists included in the exhibition are Elizabeth Ellis, Grades 7 through 8, AMS, Felting; Lynda Leonas, Grades K through 6, Alabaster / Sculpture; Karen Ogg, Grades 9 through 12, Franklin Alternative School; Matthew Peinado, Grades 9 through 12, ELHS, Painting/Airbrush; Shawn Rice, Grades 9 through 12, ELHS, Sculpture, Illustration; Terri Wentzel, Grades 9 through 12, ELHS, Ceramics.

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