

Auburn holds Backyard Campout



The City of Auburn is thrilled to join 24 communities across Maine in the first annual Maine Backyard Campout sponsored by the Maine Parks and Recreation Association on July 11. The month of July is National Parks and Recreation Month. What better way to celebrate “all things Maine” than a state-wide

backyard campout?

The mission of this event is to encourage families to get outdoors and enjoy a camping experience, right in their own backyard. “We want everyone to enjoy the outdoors while also maintaining social distancing guidelines,” said Recreation Director Sabrina Best. “This is a

fun way to enjoy quality family time, while being safe during these unprecedented times.”

Participants who register with Auburn Recreation are eligible for prizes and can get ideas for campfire activities, cooking, safety tips and creating a camping space right outside their back door. Camping equipment is not needed to participate. Neither is a back yard, for that matter! Recreation staff will help participants find ways to make the experience fun without spending money on equipment or a camping site!

Participants are encouraged to share photos on social media using the hashtag #MaineBackYardCampout.

Auburn residents who want to participate should connect with Auburn Recreation. Free campout activity kits are available to the first 20 families to register. Contact Darcey Gardiner at Auburn Recreation dgardiner@auburn-maine.gov or 333-6611 for details.

Separated by the pandemic part 5: Temporary relocation



Rachel Morin, a resident at Schooner Estates in Auburn, shows off some of the flowers she has grown while staying at her daughter's house in South Portland during the pandemic. (Photograph courtesy of Rachel Morin).

The following story is the fifth of several interviews being done by Nathan Tsukroff of PortraitEFX to capture the effects of this pandemic on the people of Maine.

Rachel Morin loves being a resident at Schooner Estates, a “Senior Living Community” in Auburn, Maine.

She loves visiting

with fellow residents, enjoys the activities and adult classes that are offered, and loves taking advantage of the trips offered by the facility. She thinks the meals at the facility are wonderful.

However, she is now a remote resident, staying temporarily at her daughter Elizabeth's house in South Portland,

so she can see her family on a regular basis. She spends time with her friends at the facility only over the telephone or through email.

With the need to keep residents safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, Schooner Estates had to limit family visits to scheduled appointments for “window interviews”. Residents were only able to share time with their families through a closed window, talking by telephone.

A writer for the Twin City Times, Morin is sharing her story from the other side of the reporter's desk. She has three adult children who have teenage and adult children of their own. Her sons live in Portland and West Bath. In the past, they could visit her at Schooner Estates on a whim and would visit throughout the week. With proper notice, they were even allowed to join her for meals in the facility's dining room.

That has all changed with the pandemic. Even

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and our gradual re-opening process, the Maine CDC has been monitoring epidemiological data, like case trends and hospitalization rates as well as health care readiness and capacity, to inform all of our decisions on lifting restrictions and stimulating our economy.

We look at these metrics every day. We look at them in their totality and we look at them in context, as opposed to looking at daily changes of one metric itself to inform our decisions.

Adjusted for population now, as of June 25, Maine now ranks 7th lowest in the nation in positive cases; we are 9th lowest in the nation in terms of deaths from COVID-19; we are 6th lowest in terms of patients that are ever-hospitalized out of the 36 states reporting; and 5th highest in the percentage of people who have recovered, out of the 42 states re-

porting.

In light of those data and those trends, we are moving ahead with Stage 3 of our Restarting Maine's Economy Plan. Starting July 1st, this coming week, spas and skin care establishments; outdoor amusement parks and water parks; indoor amusements, such as bowling alleys, arcades, movie theaters and performing arts venues may reopen if they wish, with health and safety protocols in place. The prohibition on gatherings of more than 50 people remains in place for all activities for public health reasons.

My Administration has also approved the first round of grants to municipalities under the Keep Maine Healthy Plan. Using federal Coronavirus Relief Funding from the CARES Act, these grants will help towns and cities implement their own COVID-19 prevention, education and protection plans to keep residents and staff and visitors healthy and safe.



Governor Janet Mills

For example, with this funding we'll reimburse some municipalities for the purchase of personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer; it will allow some towns to place signs on side-walks to encourage people to maintain six feet distance from each other; or we'll fund a local health officer in some towns to ensure that local businesses conform to public health best practices.

As the economy gradually restarts, and as the hospitality industry looks to hire people, I also want to remind folks too that people who are on unemployment can go back to work part time and take a part time job and not lose unemployment benefits in their entirety. And anyone who

is receiving at least \$1 in unemployment and you go back to work part time, you'll also keep the additional \$600 a week federal unemployment benefit through July 25th. Pretty good deal.

So these new grants to our towns and cities, along with the July 1st reopenings, are positive steps for Maine and for our economy, but boy Maine people and visitors and businesses have to keep remaining vigilant too.

The very high increase and in some instances record high increases in the number of COVID-19 cases in other states – that's a cautionary tale for Maine as we continue our re-opening and as we monitor the prevalence of the virus here, and work towards economic recovery.

Boy nothing would be more devastating to our economy than to see a significant surge in this virus, the virus that sickens and kills more people and jeopardizes our health care capacity.

It is possible, if not likely even, that the changes we are making will result in an uptick in cases so we will be keeping a close eye on all the epidemiological data as we have been doing from the very start.

We'll look at the data in our state, and the data in our neighboring states, and states like New York and Connecticut where many people come from to visit Maine in the summer.

And if a review of the data about Maine finds evidence of an increase in COVID-19 or a risk to the capacity of our health care system, we will have to move quickly to protect Maine people.

But the most effective way to make sure that we do not have to re-establish restrictions and we can keep our economy going is by taking care of ourselves and each other.

So, I ask you as your Governor— please – if you own or work at a public-facing business, please strictly adhere to all health and safety pro-

ocols. Don't let down your guard now. Protecting your customers and your staff protects your business as well.

I ask all Maine people, remember to wash your hands frequently, maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others no matter where you are, stay home when you can, especially if you are older or have an underlying health condition, and wear a face covering when you are out in public when it is hard to maintain six feet of distance between you and others. Please do that.

Studies now show that those face coverings really work.

If we protect ourselves and protect one another by taking these steps, we can continue to reopen our economy in a safe way, and we can limit the spread of this dangerous virus as we welcome the tourist season in Maine.

It is up to every one of us.

Nominations now accepted for 2020 Outdoor Lifetime



The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is now accepting nominations for

the 2020 Annual Lifetime Outdoor Achievement Award. This award, which is presented by

the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, honors individuals who are dedicated to the stewardship and wise use of our natural resources and who have been or are active in Maine's rich outdoor traditions.

To be eligible, nominees must have hunted, trapped, and fished in Maine for a combined total of 40 years. For See **Outdoor**, page 13

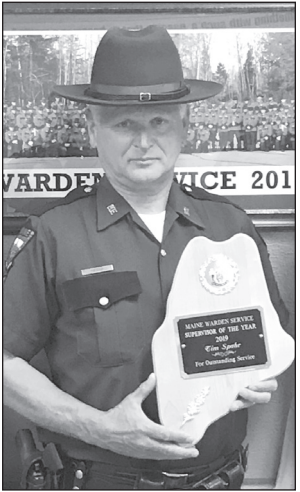
Game Wardens Lefebvre and Spahr honored



Game Warden Joey Lefebvre

Game Warden Joey Lefebvre, who patrols the Lincoln/Knox county area, and Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr, who oversees the York/Cumberland county area, were recognized yesterday as Game Warden of The Year and Game Warden Supervisor of The Year for 2019.

The awards were presented yesterday at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and they See **Wardens**, page 13



Game Warden Sargent Tim Spahr

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

What is on the July 14 election ballot?

Many voters are asking what is on the ballot for the July 14 state election. Many voters think that some candidates and questions are on the ballot that are not. Here is what is on the ballots for Lewiston voters:

- 1) City ballot for the annual adoption of the School Budget.
- 2) State Referendum ballot with two bond issue questions; one on the expansion of high-speed internet service around the state and another on funding transportation projects and upgrades to roads, bridges and more.
- 3) Ballots for the Democratic party nomination and the Republican party nomination for US Senate, Representative to Congress, State Senate, State Representative, County Registrar of Probate, and County Commissioner in certain districts.

All voters will receive a city school budget ballot and a state referendum ballot. Only voters enrolled in the Democratic party will receive that ballot and only voters enrolled in the Republican party will receive that ballot.

Voters have been asking about other items that are not on the ballots for July 14 such as presidential nominations and CMP. Maine already conducted the presidential primary election on March 3 so nominations for President are not on the July ballot. The citizen-initiated petition question to Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project (known as the “Central Maine Power expansion question”) is also not on the ballot

for July. Voters are also commenting that some current TV advertisements for candidates are confusing and are finding it difficult to know which candidate is running against another candidate for July. The July 14 election is the state primary election where members of political parties select their party’s nominee to run to represent them on the November ballot. Residents are encouraged to visit the City’s election website at www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections to view sample ballots to familiarize themselves with the candidates and questions prior to voting.

As always, voters are welcome to call the Lewiston City Clerk’s Office at 513-3421 with any questions they may have. Voters are encouraged to visit the city’s election website for additional information as well.

Meservier & Associates spreads kindness

Members of Meservier & Associates, one of Maine’s top real estate agencies, were looking to spread a little kindness on Wednesday by handing out flowers and sharing messages of positivity with strangers from the intersection of Main and Court Streets in front

of their temporary office at 79 Maine Street in Auburn. Those present included Sue Meservier, Owner; Nicole Elie, Office Manager and Tony Poulin, Operations Manager.

Sue Meservier, a real estate agent for over 30 years and owner of the

local and independent real estate company, said “What our communities need now, more than ever, is to come together. We understand the stress, fear, and anxiety felt by so many during these challenging times. Our agents have been feeling the same. We just wanted

to take a few minutes out of our day to show our love and appreciation to our neighbors and community members and hopefully bring some joy to someone’s day.”

Information about Meservier & Associates is available at www.meservier.com.

Job Corps enrollment open

Job Corps is currently enrolling youth 16-24 years old, who are interested in learning career training in areas such as Automotive, Welding, Healthcare, Electrical, Culinary Arts, among others, through free training. Virtual and online learning options available. Earn HSD/



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What's Going On

Big Brothers Big Sisters receives matching gift

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick has received a special \$25,000 matching gift from several generous donors that will allow all donations given from now until August 1 to have twice the impact. That means that \$25 becomes \$50, \$50 becomes \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200.

The agency is expecting a substantial loss of \$100,000 or 36% of their budget due to unforeseen Covid-19 forced changes in fundraising events. The postponement of "Bowl for Kids' Sake" that typically happens in April has been particularly disruptive.

Even in the best

of times, BBBS Littles are facing adversity at a higher rate than the average young person in America. "Littles" face much greater exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) than the general population. Now these ACEs are being compounded by social isolation and stress. Once this immediate crisis over, BBBS knows that children and families will continue to feel lasting, profound effects.

BBBS of Bath/Brunswick has taken immediate action to maintain and support the vital, life-changing mentorships they facilitate and professionally support in order to fight

social isolation of the young people and their families. Their program is an essential service they must continue to provide to youth through this pandemic, but they need investment in their mission and capacity to ensure the agency remains strong.

The agency is striving to raise \$50,000 by August 1, 2020 to offset losses and remain fiscally healthy through the pandemic and beyond.

Donations to BBBS by August 1, 2020, will be matched up to \$25,000.

To learn more visit www.bbbsbath-brunswick.org/big-futures-fund or call (207)729-7736.

Maine CDC distributes home testing kits

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) is distributing home testing kits on Saturday, June 27 as part of National HIV Testing Day, an annual occasion to encourage people to get an HIV test.

Maine CDC encourages individuals to get tested so they can know their status and understand the many HIV prevention and treatment options available. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S.

CDC), about one point one million people are living with HIV in the United States. Of those, about one in seven people don't know they are living with HIV.

Overall, more than one thousand six-hundred people in Maine are living with HIV, including twenty-nine who were diagnosed in 2019.

U.S. CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of thirteen and sixty-four get tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime as part of routine health care. People

who are considered high risk should be tested more often. Groups at higher risk for HIV include men who have sex with men, people who exchange sex for money, and people who inject drugs.

To support local agencies in continuing to provide HIV testing services during the COVID-19 pandemic, Maine CDC is distributing home HIV testing kits to partners across the state. Maine CDC has partnered with Building See **Testing**, page 12

MSAD 52 adult ed celebrates 2020 graduates

Cheers, horns and smiles greeted twenty-one graduates with a drive-in commencement graduation on Saturday June 13, 2020.

Director Razell Ward and the staff decided to do a drive-in commencement graduation, building on Leavitt Area High School's shared idea to hold commencement in a way that honored students during this time of social distancing. Ward stated, "Nothing could stop us from honoring our graduates, and it was worth every moment getting to see their faces again. It just proves that our students are unstoppable; rain, shine or even covid-19, they are unstoppable."

Larry Sirois, staff member, noted, "It was great to finally see the students and their families be able to celebrate in person during these unprecedented times. It will be a moment of historical value."

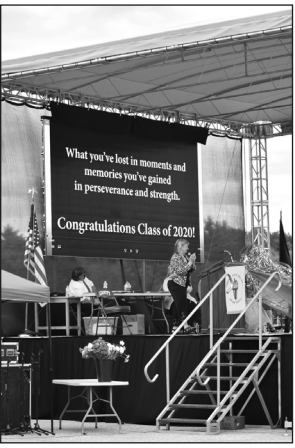
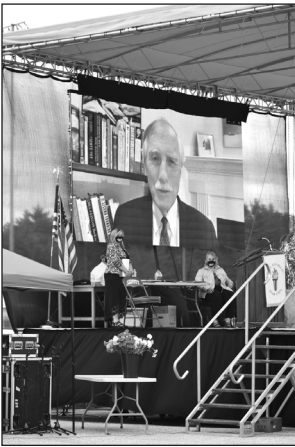
Ben Tucker, regional representative for US Senator Angus King, presented a digital commencement address from Senator King who spoke to the graduates recognizing that "This is a tough graduation because we have not been able to be together. A graduation that we will always remember. What you have done is a real expression of initiative and determination and [you] made a conscious decision to further your education and go on a new path of your life. At whatever age, you are all people that did the most important thing and decided to move forward."

Ward explained that this year's graduating class was also impacted by the tragedy of the recent loss of Julie Beaucage, a graduating member and friend to our 2020 class. "This has really been a tough year for us, with the loss of Julie so close to graduation, and we are very proud that our students and staff persevered during this extremely difficult time." Crystal Beaucage, Julie's twin sister, accepted Julie's diploma in her honor, and a moment of silence was observed.

The Central Maine Community Courage to Grow Award was presented to Morgan Webber. This award is the highest recognition bestowed upon an MSAD 52 Adult Education student, receiving a scholarship from CMCC for a free college course. HiSET honors were awarded to Brooklyn Hutchins for earning college ready scores on every exam.

Class speakers Colby Brooks spoke about rising to the challenges they have faced this year, and Chris Storer offered advice on being kind, humble and respectful, no matter what life throws at you. Storer also noted that this was the first time he had met his teachers in person, as he had completed his diploma studies completely online.

MSAD 52 Adult Education will begin their online summer session for virtual HiSET and credit recovery classes in July. Register today by calling 225-1010 for #YOURNEXTSTEP!



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DOE creating Maine learning platform

Created by Maine educators for Maine educators and students, The Department of Education (The Department) is proud to announce that the work of creating the Maine Learning Platform has begun. To provide anytime, anywhere learning options and resources for educators, students and their families, the Maine Department of Education, in collaboration with curriculum coordinators, Maine educational community organizations, museums, learning centers, and Maine educators, is creating a library of asynchronous learning modules that are aligned to Maine's Learning Results.

Developed by over four hundred Maine educators who have answered the call to create innovative lessons, these modules will be integrated to ensure that learning is synthesized across subject areas and are project-based to encourage learning that is active and engaging.

The Department is developing a custom web-based platform to house these modules. The platform will provide educators and families with a bank of resources, with which they can provide students

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Catholic schools to reopen for in-school learning

The Office of Maine Catholic Schools is pleased to announce that schools will be open for in-school learning for the 2020-21 school year. Barring unforeseen developments, classes will be held five days a week with a full day schedule. Both before and after care at the schools will also reopen.

"In conjunction with the Diocese of Portland, our administrative team has been and will continue planning for a safe and efficient opening in the fall for our schools," said Marianne Pelletier, superintendent of Maine Catholic Schools. "Following CDC guidelines for reopening schools, we are in the process of modifying our classrooms and facilities to successfully comply. Additional cleaning supplies have been ordered, and extra staff is being brought on to assist. We are confident that our schools' health protocols and processes will keep our school environments as healthy and as safe as possible for all members of our communities."

The schools overseen by the Office of Maine Catholic Schools are All Saints School (St. John Campus/St. Mary Campus) in Bangor, Holy Cross School in South Portland, St. Brigid School in Portland, Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn and Lewiston, St. James School in Biddeford, St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick, St. Michael School in Augusta, and St. Thomas School in Sanford. If you would like to enroll or learn more about Catholic schools in Maine, visit www.mainecatholicschools.com.

In March, Catholic schools, along with all public schools across Maine, closed their doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two days later, Catholic schools in Maine successfully opened their virtual doors, providing a high-quality, distance learning program for all of their students across the state, efforts that were lauded by both school families and the wider community.

"Our Catholic schools continued to nurture the souls of our students while providing a comprehensive academic plan, building on their tradition of excellence," said Pelletier. "The excellence was visible in both our attendance data and parent surveys. On average, 96% of our students participated daily in direct instruction offered virtually by their classroom teachers."

Administrators at the schools believe and recognize that learning and formation are at their best when occurring in a classroom, but in acknowledgement that some families might not be comfortable sending

their children to school during this academic year, Maine Catholic Schools is offering a solution.

"The Diocese of Portland is assisting each of our schools in developing a virtual, distance-learning option where interested families will still be able to receive instruction for children in core content areas while remaining connected to their local school community," said Pelletier.

Due to social distancing requirements that will be in place in classrooms, families are encouraged to enroll their student or students soon.

"We recognize that parents are the first teachers of their children, and we fully understand that they are making a cognizant choice to offer their child a Catholic education," said Pelletier. "Though there are many alternatives to Catholic education, there are no substitutes, and we thank everybody for their continued support and prayers."

What's Going On

In the Gallery: Elaine Hranich "Maine Moments"



Maine Moments/From cheery summer sunsets to misty fall days/Cold winter walks and warm spring sun rays/Moments captured on canvas, paper and wood/With hope that Maine will be much better understood.

Maine Moments is a collection of art works by local Bath artist Elaine Hranich who enjoys expression through visual interpretation.

The expectation is that her show will convey "how she feels to be here, healthy and safe, in this moment, living life, in the very beautiful State of Maine".

Thank You to the Honorable Elected State of Maine Officials who

continue to work endlessly keeping Maine's citizens safe and protected through this pandemic. Thank you to all the essential and frontline workers who ensure that all communities have what they need in this critical time and words cannot express the community's deepest level of gratitude for the Maine Health Care Workers.

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Let's Go! program at Healthy Androscoggin

Alongside doctors, nurses, and other essential personnel, school nutrition professionals have emerged as local heroes during the COVID-19 crisis. Day after day, they arrive in parking lots, shuttered schools, and makeshift distribution centers, to serve healthy food to thousands of students and families.

In Androscoggin County, many nutrition programs have creatively adapted to the crisis. Some districts are distributing meals along bus routes typically used for picking and dropping off

students. Other districts have surveyed students, allowing them to provide feedback on what they would most like prepared for upcoming meals. Many nutrition programs have been supported by ed techs and bus drivers who have taken on new roles during this time.

Ellen Dore, the Food Service Director for RSU 16 (Mechanic Falls, Minot, and Poland), highlighted the hard work being done by many school districts: "RSU 16 prepares between 1100-1200 meals a day. My staff and the

transportation department have really been the force behind the success of this program. We ended school on a Friday and came to work on the next Monday, figured out a whole new way to operate and started it up on Tuesday. I think that sums up most of the districts in the State of Maine. We're not just the cafeteria crew, we're School Lunch Heroes!!"

Mary Moran Let's Go! Coordinator at Healthy Androscoggin says, "As a local Coordinator for Let's Go!, an

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Humane Society announces summer raffle winners

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society announces the winners of their Annual Summer Raffle. With over \$13,300 in tickets sales the winners were: Irene Marshall of Monmouth, winning \$500 cash; Donna Cote of Mechanic Falls, winning \$300 cash; Suzanne Calnan of Lewiston, winning \$200 cash and Mona Guertin of Sabattus, winning \$100 cash. All proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the Humane Society.

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The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society provides a safe haven for over 3,500 sick, homeless, and abused animals in the greater Androscoggin area per year. The primary support for the shelter comes from fundraising events and donations of concerned citizens.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. If you are interested

in learning more about volunteering at the Shelter or adopting an animal call 783-2311 or visit the website at www.Saving-PetsInMaine.org. You can also join them on www.facebook.com/GAHumane.

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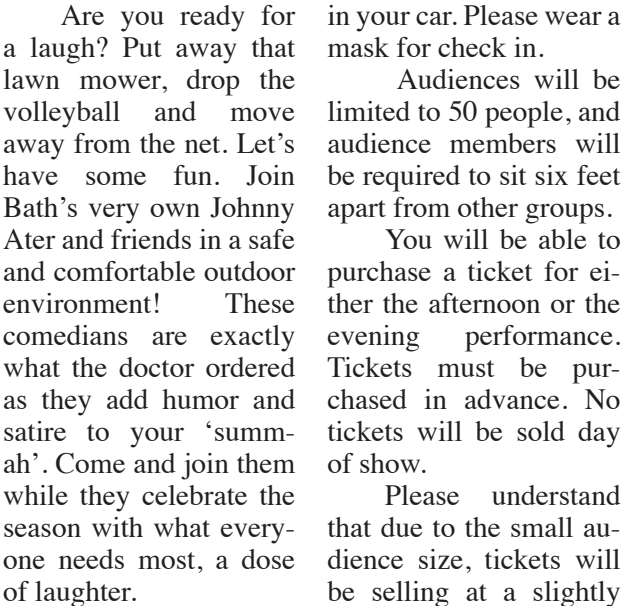
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Please understand that due to the small audience size, tickets will be selling at a slightly higher price than they normally would. Coming to these shows is one of the best ways you can support your region's talented performers and the Chocolate Church Arts Center.

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The CCAC community is very excited about this series. Right now, this is the best possible way for them to continue their mission of presenting unforgettable live entertainment, while making sure that everyone involved remains safe and healthy. Please reach out for information at chocolatechurch.com or (207) 442-8455 with any questions. The Chocolate Church Arts Center looks forward to seeing you for a CCAC ROCS show soon!

Fifteen artists will display works in a variety of media at a variety of exterior locations on Maine Street including in front of Senter Place near the Tontine Mall, next to Little Dog Coffee Shop, and in front of Hatch on Maine. Some of the downtown stores will extend business hours to

The Schedule, Listings, and Map can be found in The Cryer newspaper each month.

The 2020 Event sponsors include the Presenting Sponsor, The Tontine; July Sponsor, Senter Place; August Sponsor, Bill Moore/The Lincoln Block; and the Media Sponsor, The Cryer.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension offers new webinars in its “Preserving the Harvest” series, with quick-pack cucumber pickles from 2 through 2:45 p.m. on July 7. Other topics for July include fer-

Registration is required. A \$5 donation per session is optional. Register on the program webpage to attend the

live session or get the link to the webinar recording. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Kate McCarty at (207)781-6099 or at kate.mccarty@maine.edu.

City of Lewiston Fireworks Informational

To report a fireworks use violation, please call (207) 784-6421, Option #1 for Lewiston.

With the July 4th holiday fast approaching, the City of Lewiston is reminding residents about its fireworks ordinance.

Details are below & here is a direct link to the information.
<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/fireworksinfo>

The City of Lewiston has a fireworks ordinance that restricts the use of consumer fireworks to **THREE DATES** and also to **WITHIN A SPECIFIC DISCHARGE ZONE.**

Listed below are the dates and times fireworks are allowed to be used. In addition, please note that **ZONE 1** of the City's Firearms Discharge Map is where fireworks can be discharged within the City of Lewiston.

DISCHARGE MAP
<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/fireworksdischargezone>

Consumer Fireworks May be Utilized in Lewiston On These Dates:

- July 4th between 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- December 31st between 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. the following day
- January 1st from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
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The sale of fireworks in Lewiston is prohibited.

Auburn names new assistant City manager

The City of Auburn is delighted to announce that Brian M. Wood, currently of Washington, DC, has been appointed as the city’s new Assistant City Manager.

Wood, whose appointment was confirmed by the Auburn City Council at a meeting held on June 22, replaced Phil Crowell, who will become City Manager upon Peter Crichton’s retirement on June 30, “I am really looking forward to working with Brian,” said Crowell. “His skills, enthusiasm and experience will be a great complement to our leadership team. He brings so much to the table, from his experience with workforce development, to program implementation and management, to his deep commitment to community engagement. He is a wonderful fit for this community, and I am excited for what lies ahead.”

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Wood has more than 10 years of well-rounded experience in municipal and local government. He earned a degree in Political Sci-



Brian M. Wood

ence and Sociology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Wood brings vast and valuable professional experience to his new position. During his early career, he worked with community-based non-profits before embarking on the path of local government. Woods

has served as Community Relations Liaison in the Executive Office of the Mayor of Washington, DC, as well as the Office of the City Administrator, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, and most recently, as Senior Operations Manager in the Office of the City Administrator.

Fontaine Family team honors top real estate producers

Fontaine Family – The Real Estate Leader held their Annual Awards Banquet at The Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth on March 5 to honor Top Award winners for 2019 Production.

Fontaine Family – The Real Estate Leader is a highly skilled real estate team of licensed professionals dedicated to focusing on the client. Their mission is to make a positive impact in the lives of those they serve and the community they love by achieving an extraordinary client experience and achieving the best possible outcome for each client.

The following Top Producing agents were honored: Clayton Larochelle received Top Sales Leader Award with 76 Closed Units, Peak Performers included Bill Bergeron with 61 Closed Units, Doreen Jackson with 36 Closed Units, Maria Morrisette with 35 Closed Units, Teri Campbell with 33 Closed Units, and Pat Long-Cressey with 30 Closed Units. The following agents received Outstanding Achiever Award: Kelly Webb with 34 Closed Units and Charmaine Raby with 18 Closed Units. Top Producer Award was given to Cindy Morin with 22 Closed Units, Chad Doucette with 22 Closed



Units, Kathy Lee Cook with 21 Closed Units, Megan Fortin with 16 Closed Units, Paul Rondeau with 16 Closed Units, Gail LaPrino with 13 Closed Units, and Barbara McGuire with 13 Closed Units. Million Dollar Producer Awards recipients included Alle Gildart and Tim Cyr. Paul Rondeau and Chad Doucette also were honored with the Rookie of the Year award.

The following agents also received Anniversary Milestone Awards for their time and dedication with Fontaine Family Team: Clayton Larochelle 20 years, Pat Long-Cressey 10 years, Cindy Morin 8 years, Diane Brule 6 years. Ryan Gould, Kathy Lee Cook, Kelly Webb, Maria Morrisette, Barbara McGuire, Megan Fortin and Charmaine Raby all received 5 year milestone awards.

Fontaine Family Team was awarded 2019 Maine Family Owned Business of the Year,

voted Best Real Estate Company in both Greater Portland and Lewiston/Auburn Areas, ranked as America’s Top 1000 Real Estate Professional Teams for closed units by Real Trends and published in the Wall Street Journal in the Top 250 Real Estate Professionals ranking in the top ½ of 1% of Realtors outperforming 99.9% of the nation’s Realtors.

Fontaine Family Team helped 602 families buy and sell their properties in 2019 and serves 8 counties in Maine – Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Oxford, Kennebec, Lincoln, and Franklin – from two locations, 336 Center Street in Auburn and 432 US Route One in Scarborough. Whenever the next chapter of your story may be, Fontaine Family Team wants to be your guide to help you move forward. Visit www.BrendaFontaine.com or call (207) 784-3800 or (207) 289-3830.

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YMCA promotes two staff amid pandemic reopening

Christopher Shea and Nicole Oberlander each have over two-decades of service at the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston (the Y). As the Y prepares to fully reopen, Shea and Oberlander’s knowledge and experience will be called upon to lead the Y’s “new and better normal.”

Christopher Shea has been named Executive Director of Youth Development. This new position will provide oversight of the Y’s programming for children and youth between the ages of 5 through 20, to include youth sports, summer day camp, before and after school, vacation weeks, special family events, and continued build-out of the Y’s Outdoor Learning and Education Center.

“Chris has served in virtually every position at the Y during his tenure,” said Steve Wallace, YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston’s Chief Executive Officer. “His promotion to Executive Director is well deserved, and I look forward to working with him in his new role as we



Nicole Oberlander and Christopher Shea

re-vision and expand the impact of our youth development mission in the greater Androscoggin County.”

Nicole Oberlander has been named Association Director for Health, Fitness, and Wellness programming. In this role, she will oversee the Y’s fitness centers at 62 Turner Street and 12 High Street, as well as indoor and outdoor group exercise planning, personal and small group training, and veterans

and corporate wellness programs.

Wallace states, “Nicole has over 20 years of experience in leading health, wellness, and fitness programming. She is passionate about helping people of all abilities achieve their best selves. Her combination of hands-on technical experience and advance wellness certifications make her the ideal person to lead our Health, Wellness, and Fitness team.”

Local adult achieves high school diploma completely online

Christopher Storer took this unprecedented time to take his next step toward receiving his high school diploma at the age of 31 and completed completely online.

Online was the only way Storer could complete his high school diploma studies as he works a full-time job which includes extensive traveling. He chose MSAD 52 as, he states “the program was available online and could be completed at my own speed while having a busy work schedule.” Storer met with his teachers online in the evenings and sometimes even weekends as his motivation was to finish this year.

Storer’s formal education was interrupted years ago due to issues going on in his life at that time. However, over the years Storer never stopped learning; he has earned his PSS certificate, CRMA, ServeSafe certification, his state Tank Smart Operators license, and his CDL license, but couldn’t find the time to complete his



diploma.

The online option at MSAD 52 Adult Education was the ideal program for him to realize his goal. Additionally, Storer explained, “I realized that I really wanted to prove people wrong in my life that said I would never be able to achieve my goals of receiving my diploma. I want to prove to the person who told me I would never amount to anything, that I am capable and good enough.”

His teacher Fatma Saad states “Chris has overcome many obstacles to get to where he is today. His resiliency and ability to stay positive in spite of past hardships is inspiring.” Ms. Saad and Storer have worked

closely for the past few months on assuring he meets all the credit requirements and he is set to graduate this June.

Storer’s motivation comes in part as he is applying to enter a training program to realize his next dream of becoming a franchise owner, and this training which requires a high school diploma.

MSAD 52 Adult & Community Education offers a variety of courses from basic reading to college preparation, high school diploma and HiSET preparation and testing. They will be open this summer offering online courses that will fit your busy schedule. For more information, call 225-1010.

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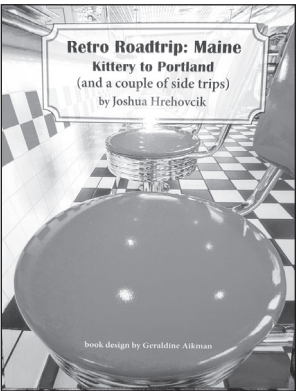
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Retro Roadtrip: Maine, Kittery to Portland



Cover of Josh Hrehovcik's photo book *Retro Roadtrip: Maine Kittery to Portland (and a couple of side trips)* featuring 134 pages of full color photos of well-known and out of the way Southern Maine locations.

Josh Hrehovcik is pleased to announce the publication of his new photo book *Retro Roadtrip: Maine, Kittery to Portland (and a couple of side trips)*. The one hundred thirty-four page, eight and a half by eleven-inch, full color book of original views of Southern Maine locations includes humorous and imaginative comments about each photo by Hrehovcik. Kennebunk resident Hrehovcik traveled throughout York and Cumberland Counties to capture images of out-of-the-way locations as

well as popular sites with a refreshing and often an amusing point of view. Hrehovcik said, "Years ago we got a Polaroid Instant Camera, and in the package came a booklet with tips on taking pictures. It described where to position yourself, picking a subject, composition, perspective and other visual pointers. For some reason I recall that booklet and it helped me create photos I've had fun taking." The *Retro Roadtrip* book came as a result of a collaboration with graphic artist and book designer Geraldine Aikman, also of Kennebunk. Aikman said, "I was immediately drawn to Josh's collection of images, which he adds to daily on Instagram. I knew they'd make a great book. His photos feature many southern Maine locales you may recognize, and some you won't, all from his unique perspective accompanied by his keen observations." The book is available on Amazon and select bookstores and retail locations. It is priced at is \$24.95. Individual prints are also available on Hrehovcik's web-

site. www.retroroadtrip-per.com.

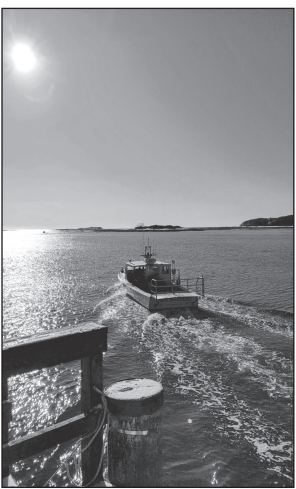
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Five seagulls balanced on the fence at Wells Beach not intimidated by Josh Hrehovcik with his camera.



U.S. Customs House located on Fore Street, Portland. Constructed to replace the Exchange Building following the July 4, 1866 Portland fire that destroyed 1800 buildings.



Lobster boat heading out of Cape Porpoise to pull traps on a cold December morning.

Food preservation updates

Recent U.S. Department of Agriculture research has shown that white-fleshed peaches and nectarines are lower in acid than traditional yellow-fleshed varieties. This means white-fleshed varieties are considered a low-acid food for canning purposes, and freezing is the only recommended method of preserving. [nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_02/peach_sliced.html]

USDA and University of Maine Cooperative Extension say canning recipes using peaches are only safe when using the yellow-fleshed variety. USDA research also found that elderberries (*Sambucus* spp.) and their juice are low in acid and cannot be safely used in USDA or UMaine Extension-recommended recipes that have been tested with other berries naturally high in acid, such as blueberries or blackberries. [nrcb1.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4859753]

Extension educator Kathy Savoie cautions that up-to-date infor-

mation about canning methods and canning equipment is essential to ensure safe home food preservation. More information is available on the Extension food preservation website or by calling (207) 581-3188 or (800) 287-0274 (in Maine).

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, the 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 the state of Maine 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 4H.

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 public 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 from more than 70 countries. See *Food*, page 12

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Pandemic

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at her daughter’s house, Morin only visits with family outside, wearing a mask and staying at least six feet away.

For her birthday and for Mother’s Day, “My daughter has a large deck in her back yard, with all the flower gardens around. I’m up on the deck, with a mask. My children are out in the garden area, in chairs, with masks, and we talk back and forth, so they can see me in the flesh,” she said. “We have all our family meetings there! And that’s why they said, ‘Mom, this is where you should be,’” during the pandemic.

Morin said her decision to step aside from Schooner Estates was merely for family. “I’m happy there, and I was reluctant to leave Schooner.” There have not been any issues with Covid-19 at the facility, but “because my adult children wanted to see me more frequently, they’re now able to see me maybe once a week” she said. They always visit outside in the back yard, “so it works out pretty good, considering everything!”

Morin is careful to keep to herself during the week. While she and her daughter don’t wear masks indoors, she gets outside as much as possible. “I’m not out, going here, going there. She and I walk the neighborhood, socially distancing, wearing masks.”

When they go shopping at the grocery store, Morin stays in the car while her daughter puts on a mask and goes inside.

Although she misses Schooner Estates, she and her daughter are working in the garden, planting both flowers and vegetables. “We’re busy enough with the gardens, let me tell you that!” They also have their walks in the neighborhood and enjoy the local walking paths and trails that are maintained by the town.

They do plenty of reading and Morin helps her daughter with hand-sewing projects. “We’re certainly keeping busy. And I maintain contact with my friends by email.”

Morin continues to take classes at the Senior College at USM Lewiston-Auburn, although those classes are now via Zoom. The college campus has been closed during the pandemic.

Schooner Estates is part of a collaboration with the Lewiston and Auburn public libraries, the college and had traditionally welcomed classes in-person for Schooner residents and other senior students. She recently took a course on the Civil War with Charlie Plummer, as well as a class in online banking, and a writing class.

The State of Maine recently loosened some restrictions to allow in-person (but socially distanced) visits outside at the Schooner Estates facility. Morin, however, said that she had not yet heard from Schooner Estates and will make a decision on returning when she learns more

about allowed visits by her family.

“I do miss my home at Schooner” she said, emphasizing there’s “nothing wrong with being here. It’s wonderful with my daughter here. It’s wonderful with my extended family here, and also my grandchildren. We’re not hugging and touching, but at least we can see each other!”

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

Absentee ballot drop box now accepting ballots

Due to the high demand of voters wanting to return their absentee ballots by hand and the limitation on the number of customers in the City Hall due to social distancing, the City has established an Absentee Ballot Drop Box in the Park St lobby of City Hall. Thanks to a change in state law last fall, voters can now return their ballots in a sealed return envelope and deposit them into the box. The metal drop box is always locked and monitored by the building door at-



Box in lobby

See Ballot, page 13

Stop Open Borders: Say No to Poverty, Crime, & Tyranny Wed, Jul 29, 2020? (check website on Jul 5th) 6:00 p.m. Refreshments ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m. Main Program

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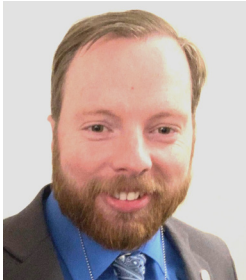


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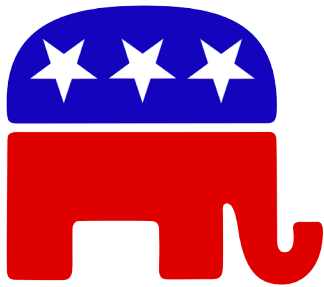


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Testing

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Healthy Online Communities (BHOC) to provide the free in-home HIV tests to eligible community members through its TakeMeHome project. The goal is to test and reach the 30 percent of all men who have sex with men who haven't been tested in the past year through promotion on dating and social networking apps. Maine plans to expand the eligible population after the pilot has completed.

Additionally, Maine CDC funds sites across Maine to provide free HIV testing for higher risk individuals. Local agencies are available to provide HIV education, access to HIV testing for those in need, and referrals to STD testing and other health services.

"The only way to know if you have HIV is to get tested. Knowing your HIV status gives you powerful information to keep you and others healthy," said Maine CDC Director Nirav D. Shah. "Maine CDC has partnered with local agencies to provide people throughout Maine with innovative HIV

testing options that can be done safely, often at home."

There is currently one FDA-approved home HIV test, Ora-Quick. It is available to those who are seventeen years of age and older and provides results within twenty minutes. These tests can be bought at your local store or pharmacy and online. Contact your local clinic to see if you qualify for a reduced cost or free test kit.

There have been many scientific advances that reduce the transmission of HIV for those who know their status. For those who test negative, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is an FDA-approved medication that when taken daily reduces someone's risk of acquiring HIV by sexual contact by about ninety-nine percent. It also reduces the risk of getting HIV by at least seventy-four percent among persons who inject drugs. For those who test positive, early initiation of HIV treatment has enabled individuals to live long and healthy lives. People living with HIV who take their HIV medications consistently and correctly each day

can have an undetectable HIV viral load and achieve what is called "viral suppression." Research studies have proven that it is highly unlikely for virally suppressed individuals to sexually transmit HIV.

Visit gettested.cdc.gov to find a testing location near you. Many testing sites remain open and available at this time.

Maine CDC's HIV prevention program provides funding for under and uninsured individuals at the following locations: Frannie Peabody Center: (207) 774-6877, Maine Family Planning: (207) 922-322, Portland Public Health, India Street Health Center: (207) 874-8446

In addition to the sites listed above, these agencies are among the Maine groups supporting National HIV Testing Day: Health Equity Alliance: (207) 990-3626, Maine Access Points: (207) 370-9445, Wabanaki Health and Wellness: (207) 631-1536.

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robust learning opportunities. These modules

could be utilized for enhancing lessons, remediation, enrichment, credit recovery, or for use during remote learning - whenever a student cannot access classroom instruction.

Each module will be designed around the essential question, "How do I Interact with and Impact My World?" The format will organize modules by grade level in grades pre-k through fifth, and by grade span for grades sixth through eighth and ninth through twelfth.

The essential elements of each of the modules include: A project-based format; Best practices in asynchronous lesson design; Embedded formative assessments and opportunities for students to check for understanding; Standards in two or more content areas, three preferred; Opportunities to demonstrate growth in one or more of the Guiding Principles; Content that is inclusive of the experiences and multi-cultural backgrounds of students; Considerations in accommodations for special education and English Learners; and Embedded elements of social/emotional/behavioral learning and trauma-informed practices.

During the first planning meeting that was held on June 15, 2020 the elements, format, and timeline were reviewed with the dynamic group of teachers, and the brainstorming and collaboration began for creating modules for a quarter of a school year.

The platform will be launched at the beginning of September, and feedback on the modules will inform the continued development process throughout the 2020-2021 school year. The Department is excited by the professional collaboration and creativity that the platform will ignite with Maine educators, and by the development of organic, Maine-based learning resources and opportunities.

Food

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Wednesday, July 8
Basilica summer

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

concert series, 12:15 p.m., The Vaillancourt Family. For more information about the summer concert series, call (207) 777-1200.

Friday, July 10
“BRUNSWICK”, encompasses an ArtWalk with music, dance, and theater performances in downtown Brunswick, from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information on this season’s second Friday Brunswick or to sign up as a business sponsor or venue of the second Friday Brunswick, please visit the BDA website (brunswickdowntown.org) or email <mailto:admin@brunswickdowntown.org>, or call 729-4439.

Saturday, July 11
Maine Backyard

Campout. Auburn residents who want to participate should connect with Auburn Recreation. Free campout activity kits are available to the first 20 families to register. Contact Darcey Gardiner at Auburn Recreation dgardiner@auburnmaine.gov or 333-6611 for details.

Johnny Ater & Friends summer concert at the Chocolate Church Arts Center 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. Free parking available. For more information visit chocolatechurch.com or call (207) 442-8455.

Tuesday, July 14
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Wednesday, July 15
Basilica summer concert series, 12:15 p.m., Danielle Faucher. For more information about the summer concert series, call (207) 777-1200.

Tuesday, July 21
Summer concert with World Famous Grassholes at 6 p.m. at Robie Softball Field (28 Ball Park Road, Gorham, between the high school and Gorham Municipal Center). Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy the show! Parking available in Gorham High School or Gorham Municipal Parking lot.

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Wednesday, August 5
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concert series, 12:15 p.m., Randall Mullin. For more information about the summer concert series, call (207) 777-1200.

Wednesday, August 12
Basilica summer concert series, 12:15 p.m., Mark Thallander. For more information about the summer concert series, call (207) 777-1200.

Outdoor

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example, to meet that requirement an individual may have fished for 20 years, trapped for 10 years and hunted for 10 years or could have fished for 30 years and hunted for 10 years. Ideal candidates would also be active in mentoring, teaching, or instructing outdoor activities.

Last year’s award winners, Charlie Mann from Winthrop, Maine and George Smith from Mount Vernon, Maine were recognized by Commissioner Judy Camuso at the annual Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine annual banquet.

Nominations should include the nominees name, address, phone number, photograph and a few paragraphs about the individual, their experience in the Maine outdoors, and an explanation of why they are a deserving candidate. Please keep in mind that those at the department do not know these candidates so it is important that you tell them about the nominee with a few paragraphs. The nominators contact information should also be included.

Nominations, which are due by 5:00p.m. on August 7, 2020 can be sent by email to Emily MacCabe at Emily.MacCabe@maine.gov or by mail to 284 State St, SHS 41, Augusta, Maine 04333. Nomination forms can be downloaded at mefishwildlife.com.

The recipient(s) of this 6th annual Lifetime Outdoor Achievement Award will be selected by a committee of individuals from the Department and will be recognized at an event in the fall.

Wardens

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recognize game wardens for outstanding achievement over the past year. Below are excerpts from the nomination forms for both Spahr and Lefebvre.

The 2019 Maine Game Warden Supervisor of the Year:

Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr (Kennebunk)

The Outstanding Supervisor Award is presented annually to the supervisory officer who has demonstrated superior knowledge and leadership in conservation law enforcement supervision and by doing so has gained the respect of administrators, supervisors, fellow officers, other Department employees, other agencies and the public regarding expertise and performance in the field of supervision.

Game Warden Sergeant Tim Spahr was recently honored at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by his peers for Maine Game Warden Supervisor of the Year. Spahr started his career in the Maine Warden Service as a deputy warden in the Rangeley area in 1996. After a year as a deputy warden, he was hired as a full-time district warden and attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Advanced Warden Academy in 1997. Sgt. Spahr was promoted to investigator in 2006 and then Sergeant in 2008.

His section, located at the southernmost point in Maine, handled three thousand and one hundred incidents in 2019. This was the state’s second largest workload in during that year. Sergeant Spahr has managed fifteen game wardens and several deputy game wardens since becoming sergeant. As sergeant, Tim has worked with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists and the Maine Audubon biologists and has led the very successful law enforcement component of the piping plover recovery program.

Sgt. Spahr has received several commendations from agencies such as the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Portland Police, South Portland Police, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the York County Emergency Management for criminal apprehension and search and rescue efforts. Sgt. Spahr has demonstrated the benefits of serving his community as a member of the Kennebunk Land Trust Board of Trustees and an adjunct instructor at the University of New England. Sgt. Spahr has also set an example in the importance of education and earned a master’s degree from Harvard University.

2019 Maine Game Warden of the Year:

Game Warden Joey Lefebvre (Damariscotta)

The Game Warden of the Year Award shall be presented to any member of Warden Service who, consistently in the past has conducted themselves in such a manner as to display an exceptional expertise in the areas of conservation law enforcement, management, community and public relations and all aspects of a game warden’s duties and during the past year has performed in a manner that reflects continued performance in this manner.

Game Warden Joey Lefebvre was recently honored by his peers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro for the 2019 Maine Game Warden of the Year. After a short time working in a remote portion of northwestern Maine beginning in 1995, Game Warden Joey Lefebvre transferred to the coast where he has been the district game warden in the Damariscotta region since then. It is here that Warden Lefebvre continued his relentless pursuit of intentional fish and game violators in the mid-coast region. Warden Lefebvre never

leaves stones unturned while investigating fish and game violations or incidents.

Warden Lefebvre excels at investigating illegal deer hunting investigations to include those who exceed the bag limit, hunt in closed season and those who continue to hunt while under revocation. Because of his unique skill set, Warden Lefebvre has been able to uncover some of the most high-profile fish and game violations that have occurred in the state of Maine throughout his career. Warden Lefebvre has been an instrumental part of training and mentoring many of the new game wardens. In Warden Lefebvre’s career, he has mentored several deputy game wardens, was cadre for the 96th Municipal-County Basic Police School at the MCJA and was cadre for the Advanced Warden School.

Warden Lefebvre’s job and life experience, dedication, knowledge, and most importantly his positive attitude is invaluable to a new game warden starting out in their chosen profession. He has had a direct impact on the future of Maine Warden Service. Warden Lefebvre’s exemplary service and work performance have been well documented throughout his career. He has received several letters of recognition from both the public as well as the Maine Warden

Service and does an excellent job collaborating with other law enforcement agencies, utilizing his strong skill set to bring positive resolution to many issues.

Because of his knowledge of his patrol area and the districts that surround it, Warden Lefebvre is called to numerous search and rescue incidents every year in his area and has been able to bring many people home to their loved ones over the years. Warden Lefebvre balances an extremely busy professional and personal life and sets a good example for other wardens that are in similar positions with their personal and professional lives. Game Warden Joey Lefebvre retains his oath that he took as a newly hired game warden and continues to go to work every day to make a difference in the outdoor community in which he lives and works.

Ballot

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tendants. The box is accessible in the lobby Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. through 4p.m. The returned ballots in the box will be removed several times a day. Voters do not have to add postage to their envelopes if they are hand delivering them to City Hall. Voters with questions are welcome to call the City Clerk’s Office at 513-3124.

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Healthy

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obesity prevention initiative of MaineHealth implemented in partnership with Healthy Androscoggin, school nutrition professionals’ unwavering dedication to nourishing kids is no surprise to me. Across Maine, they are always working tirelessly to prepare meals that are healthy, balanced, and appealing to students. The majority of cafeterias who partner with us offer easy-to-eat sliced fruits and a variety of vegetables, an effort to encourage students to choose healthy options. Throughout the typical school year, many regularly source local produce for school meals, supporting Maine farmers. The Department of Education runs several programs, including Farm and Sea to School, Local Foods to Local Schools, and Maine Harvest Lunch Week, dedicated to making innovative use of local, seasonal produce. These creative programs help contribute to nutritious school meals while engaging students in fun, healthy food-related activities and sup-

porting local produce.” With the economic impact of COVID-19, many families need access to these healthy meals now more than ever. School nutrition programs across the state are going the extra mile to support kids and families through this time. For more information on where to find your local school meals, please go to the Maine Department of Education website at <https://www.maine.gov/doe/meals> or contact your local school department. Free and reduced-price meals are available based on income, and families are encouraged to apply. This keeps kids nourished with healthy meals while providing important funding to support the school meal program. To apply, contact your local school department.

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Dale F. Doughty Lewiston’s new deputy city administrator



Dale F. Doughty

Exciting transitions are happening in the City of Lewiston! Maine native Dale F. Doughty, who has served as Lewiston’s Public Works Director since December 27, 2018, has been selected as Lewiston’s new Deputy City Administrator (photo attached). He will replace Deputy Denis D’Auteuil who will assume the role of City Administrator on July 1st. D’Auteuil replaces retiring City Administrator Edward A. Barrett who has served in that capacity since 2010. Doughty will commence his new role effective July 1st.

Doughty came to the City of Lewiston in 2018 after twenty-two years with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), serving his last eight years there as Director of Maintenance and Operations. In that position he was responsible for a budget of over \$170 million and 1,250 employees. He also served MDOT as manager of its eastern region and with assignments in the De-

partment’s Planning and Program Development Division.

During his time at Lewiston Public Works, he has been responsible for the maintenance and operations of all city infrastructure and city-owned utilities, to include the following divisions: Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Utilities; Highways and Open Spaces; Electrical Infrastructure; Municipal Garage; Municipal Buildings; Solid Waste Operations; and Recreation for a total staff of 108. He has also provided oversight of the Capital Improvements Program.

D’Auteuil noted, “I am really looking forward to Dale joining the City Administration team in his new role. His experience, energy, and strong commitment to Lewiston will be an excellent addition to our team. I am confident that Dale will make an immediate positive impact on

day one as Lewiston’s new Deputy City Administrator.”

Reacting to his selection, Doughty responded, “It has been an honor to have served this proud city in my capacity as Public Works Director. I see this city on the cusp of great things in the near future. I am very excited to join the administrative team to do my part.”

Doughty’s professional experience includes the fields of environmental science, engineering, planning, and maintenance and operations. He has also worked in both public and private sectors, building relationships with peers, community leaders, regulators, and members of the public. He has a B.A. degree in geology and chemistry from the University of Maine at Farmington and also did additional graduate work in geology at West Virginia University. In addition, he is a Maine Certified Geologist. Doughty is married and has two adult children.



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