



Jennifer Brickett, Director of Planning for the Maine Department of Transportation, speaks to members of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce at Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport last week. Brickett talked about the improved flow of traffic in Maine in recent weeks, and how the MDOT is dealing with loss of income during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chamber members sat in or beside their cars on the tarmac of the airport to remain socially-distanced during Brickett's talk. (Tsukroff photo)

# Maine traffic rebounds faster than expected

By Nathan Tsukroff

AUBURN - With Maine COVID-19 pandemic restrictions easing, traffic volume statewide has "rebounded quicker than we actually expected," according to Jennifer Brickett, Director of the Bureau of Planning for the Maine Department of Transportation.

In March, when the first stay-at-home orders were issued by the state, traffic volume dropped to about the half the level from last year, Brickett said. Inbound traffic at airports fell to just a quarter of the numbers from 2019.

Last week, traffic volume statewide was only down 9.5% from the same

week last year, "So this indicates a slow return to normal highway travel," Brickett said. Airport traffic has been slower to recover, remaining down by about 65% from 2019 levels.

"We're seeing other challenges," with passenger train travel and other public transportation down by about 80%, she said.

Brickett spoke last week to members of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting, which took place in one of the hangars at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport. Chamber members stayed at or near their cars on the tarmac in front of the hangar, or attended

virtually over the internet.

The Maine Department of Transportation manages a multi-modal system of transportation, including roads, bridges, airports, water ports, freight rail, and public transportation, along with walking and cycling. The Bureau of Planning works on planning for systems that connect people to their destinations and moves freight throughout Maine, around the country, "and really, around the world," Brickett said.

Speaking on a theme of "Making it to Market", Brickett said that "at the Bureau, we understand that a well-functioning transportation system is really

critical to economic development and quality of life." In order to plan for this system, the Bureau of Planning focusses on relationships with companies throughout Maine to determine their needs and plan for economic development opportunities that will help develop critical infrastructure for the state.

The Maine DOT is "really operating under

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## "This is ME Counting on You"

Public awareness campaign promotes pandemic safety

From Maine State C of C

AUBURN - Last week, "This is ME Counting on You" floor stickers and other resources were placed on local public buses and vans, as well as buses and vans that connect with Brunswick, Bethel, Carrabassett Valley, Farmington, Oxford County and more.

Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) and citylink/Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee joined the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce at the Downtown Auburn Transportation Center on Thursday as part of the "This is ME Counting on You" public awareness campaign.

Initiated by the Maine State Chamber in May, the campaign encourages Mainers and visitors to do their part to stop the spread or a resurgence of COVID-19.

Representatives at the event, including Lewiston and Auburn city officials, discussed increased public

transportation safety measures and the importance of following recommended health and safety guidelines, such as wearing a mask and practicing social distancing, on public transit. Altogether, these protocols will help prevent COVID-19 from spreading or resurging, keeping Mainers healthy and ensuring Maine's economy continues to recover.

"We are pleased to be here with Western Maine Transportation Services and citylink to help spread the word that they, like other businesses and organizations across Maine, take very seriously their role in keeping their patrons, employees, and communities safe, now more than ever," said Dana Connors, president and CEO of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. "We hope 'This is ME Counting on You' helps remind their riders that every individual has an important role to play in defeating COVID-19 and preventing a resurgence. We are counting on each other to be safe and responsible."

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Senator Collins Visits Pemberton's in Gray



Sam Mangino, president and a managing partner at Pemberton's Gourmet Foods in Gray, talks with U.S. Senator Susan Collins during her visit to the facility last week. (Photo courtesy of Senator Collins)

### From Senator Susan Collins

GRAY — U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited Pemberton's Gourmet Foods last week to tour the facility and meet with employees and leadership, including President and Managing Partner, Chef Sam Mangino.

Pemberton's received a forgivable loan through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

"For nearly two decades, Pemberton's Gourmet Foods in Gray has been committed to producing quality foods and working with local, small businesses in the industry," Senator Collins said. "Maine's food and beverage manufacturing companies like Pemberton's have seen significant growth over the past several years, creating jobs and supporting local economies. I am delighted that the Paycheck Protection Program that I co-authored helped keep this small business strong and its workers employed during the pandemic."

"It was Senator Susan Collins who supported small Maine businesses like Pemberton's Gourmet Foods when she co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program. Our small manufacturing company of 12 people received the PPP funds right

away assuring our employees that their jobs would be saved," said Sam Mangino, president and a managing partner of Pemberton's Gourmet Foods.

Senator Collins co-authored an addition to the PPP on July 27 to extend help to small employers to stay afloat and continue to pay their workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since its launch in early April, more than 28,000 Maine small businesses and self-employed individuals have received nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, helping to support more than 250,000 jobs throughout the state.

Pemberton's is a MOFGA-certified organic company that has benefited from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Organic Cost Share Program, which provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the National Organic Program. The Farm Service Agency's recent change to the program would cause Maine's organic producers to lose access to more than \$122,000 in cost



Chuck Allen of Gray, a cashier at Gray Shop 'N' Save, talks with U.S. Senator Susan Collins as she visited stores in Gray following her visit to Pemberton's Gourmet Foods in Gray last week. (Tsukroff photo)

share funds in 2020 alone. Senator Collins has urged USDA to quickly reverse these recent changes to the OCCSP.

Pemberton's Gourmet Foods is a specialty food maker that has been a family-owned business since it was founded in 2002. They pro-

duce their signature sauces, jams, jellies and other original creations at their 10,000 square foot facility in Gray. Pemberton's also offers small batch co-packing services to food makers and start-ups with original recipes who want to bring their fine foods to market quickly.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

New baseball and softball facility for Auburn

Guest Column

Embrace this season and stay healthy



Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball President Travis Bashaw, Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque, Auburn Planning and Permit director Eric Cousens, Auburn Sports & Recreation Director Marc Gosselin and Members of ASBS Board of Directors. (Photo courtesy of ASBS)

From ASBS

AUBURN – Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball (ASBS) has begun development on a new facility located on the corner of Hotel & Stevens Mills Roads in Auburn.

The organization plans to make this the exclusive home for all ASBS games, events & activities. The complex will be composed of four fields to support youth development of both baseball and softball. The complex will also house a multi-purpose turf surface.

The current facility, located down the road, will continue to operate during development of the new complex.

ASBS is pleased to be working with the City of Auburn & the Maine National Guard to help facilitate the project and assist in the transition.

ASBS President Tra-

vis Bashaw said, “This represents a unique opportunity our league could not pass up. The timing and collaboration with our community partners demonstrates the spirit of community growth to support youth programs and economic development. This is an important step that will allow us to continue to serve our families, our city and our league.”

ASBS plans to continue to work with its sponsor base, local businesses, individuals, and community partners to help make this project a reality.

“This is a terrific moment for the City of Auburn,” said Marc Gosselin, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Sport Tourism for Auburn. “It demonstrates the cohesiveness of our community by bringing together three entities (the city of Auburn, ASBS, and

the Maine Army National Guard) to expand our sport and recreation infrastructure. We couldn’t be more pleased to play a role in building a community of sport and recreation”.

Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball is a non-profit youth sports organization. Nationally, the league is chartered with Cal Ripken Baseball, affording the ability to expand ASBS scope to local, state, and national level play. This partnership has allowed ASBS to expand our reach, serve more children and continue to foster development at all ages and ability levels, Bashaw said.

ASBS currently supports roughly 500 boys & girls ranging in age from 4-16 years. With nearly 50 teams in our 2019 season, they were able to maximize playing time and development for each child and each team.

ASBS supports its own regular season, in house playoffs for several leagues and participation in Regional and State All Star Tournaments.

For more information please contact ASBS at [info@auburnsuburban.com](mailto:info@auburnsuburban.com).

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



Sen. Nate Libby (D-Androscoggin), Maine District 21, the City of Lewiston. (Photo courtesy of Nate Libby)

By Senator Nate Libby

Dear Friend,

I hope you and your family are hanging in there. It’s been a long year, and I know the times we’re facing are weighing on us all.

I’ve said before, it can be easy to focus on the things we can’t do right now, but there’s still so much we can do. Taking a moment for ourselves, to appreciate what we still have, can help us refocus and keep going. As the colder months arrive, it’s

a great idea to think ahead about how you’ll embrace this season and stay healthy!

This will be my last email update until after the election on November 3 to avoid any appearance that state resources may be used for campaign activities. However, I’ll still be responding to questions via email, posting updates on social media and working to resolve issues for constituents. Please don’t hesitate to reach out at [nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov) or 207-287-1515.

ACA ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOV. 1

Making sure Maine families can afford to go to the doctor when they are sick, purchase their prescription medication or call an ambulance in an emergency is important during ordinary times. Amid a public health crisis, access to affordable health insurance is essential. Next month, marks the beginning of open enrollment, or the period where Mainers can purchase insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace established under the Affordable Care Act. The website may be found at: <http://bitly.ws/a5yB>. The good news is you may qualify for discounts in health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs.

Open enrollment begins November 1 and ends December 15. If you need help navigating the options and determining which health coverage option makes the most sense for you and your family, I encourage you to call Maine Consumers for Affordable Health Care’s Consumer Assistance Hotline at 1-800-965-7476. You can also check out their website and helpful resources at <http://bitly.ws/a5yE>.

CAHC is holding a webinar ahead of open en-

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

## Return to Malaga

By Ron Chase

In the summer of 1912, the impoverished residents of Malaga Island were forcibly removed from their homes by the State of Maine. Lacking alternative living arrangements, their relocation was haphazard. Some found acceptable accommodations, others moved their tiny homes onto rafts, a few wandered, and a handful were deemed mentally unfit and placed in the Maine School for Feeble Minded.

A mixed race community, their odyssey began about a half century earlier when Henry and Fatima Darling Griffin are believed to have moved there. In the ensuing years, the fishing community located on the rugged 41 acre island situated at the mouth of New Meadows River in Casco Bay grew to about fifty. Racial issues and extreme poverty undoubtedly contributed to their problems, but they had an underlying legal dilemma. The island was owned by Eli Perry; technically they were squatters without title to the

land. For reasons that are unclear and in dispute, the state purchased the island and evicted the unfortunate inhabitants.

No, I wasn't around in the early 20th Century. I first learned about the disturbing history of Malaga from a Portland Sunday Telegram news article about thirty years ago. Curiosity motivated me to visit the island by kayak on several occasions beginning a few years later. My early explorations were largely unsatisfactory. While lobster traps were found stored on a shell beach on the northern end, the island was predominantly overgrown with a dense spruce forest and no conclusive signs of earlier habitation were identified.

Acquisition of the property by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in 2001 has led to dramatic changes. A trail system has been established, the sites of former homes identified, and a kiosk provides information about the history of the people who lived there.

Recently, I scheduled a Penobscot Paddle and

Chowder Society (PPCS) sea kayak and hiking trip to Malaga. The adventure was jocularly referred to as a surf and turf. Within hours, three enthusiastic members volunteered to join me on the expedition. Not only do Chowderheads love all things outdoors, they're also avid history buffs.

After considering several launching alternatives, I chose a boat landing at Bethel Point located at the end of a narrow peninsula a little west of Cundy's Harbor to begin the excursion. My reasoning was selfish. I'd never paddled to Malaga from that location. An advantage of being a PPCS Trip Coordinator, you get to decide the whys and wherefores of the outing.

Partly sunny skies and light winds were forecast when four of us met at picturesque Bethel Point on a late summer day. Space is limited and a local business charges a small fee to park on their property. The narrow boat ramp faces substantial Yarmouth Island located a short distance south.



A kayaker paddles along rugged ledges on the southern end of Malaga Island. (Ron Chase photo)

Cruising southerly through Ridley Cove in solo kayaks, seas were calm progressing towards West Cundy Point. Ominously, a fog bank could be observed approaching from the southeast. By the time the point was negotiated, the murky haze had engulfed us. Our next objective, nearby East Cundy Point, was barely visible.

I quickly took a bearing for the narrow channel between East Cundy Point and Rogue Island. Traversing the attenuated waterway, fog thickened entering outer New Meadows River. Our next objective, Bear Island was undetectable. My marine chart indicated the same course should bring us to the southern end of Bear Island. A twenty-five minute passage east in a whiteout delivered us on

target.

Nearby Malaga parallels Bear Island on the east and a short paddle north brought us to the shell beach where a sign evidenced arrival at our destination. After changing footwear for the hike, several minutes were taken familiarizing ourselves with island history at the informative kiosk. A well-defined trail on rugged terrain meanders circuitously around the perimeter of the island passing salt marshes and a tiny pond. A spur path on the southern terminus led to a scenic ledge overlook that was our choice for a lunch spot. Returning north and completing the loop, numbered posts marked the sites of homes demolished a century ago.

Sanguine expectations that the fog would lift

for our return were denied. Navigating across outer New Meadows River by compass was again necessary. This time we missed the mark passing just south of Rogue Island. Entering Ridley Cove, the fog finally dissipated providing clear views for the remainder of our voyage.

While a visit to Malaga is a somber one, when departing I invariably feel a sense of affinity for the destitute folks that once lived there.

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Kayakers hike the trail around Malaga Island. (Ron Chase photo)



Kayakers enjoy lunch on a ledge overlook at the southern end of Malaga Island. (Ron Chase photo)

## CMCC Passport Office Reopens

### From CMCC

The U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) is now open by appointment only. All passport applicants must schedule an appointment online at [calendly.com/cmcc-passport-services](http://calendly.com/cmcc-passport-services). To speed up processing, citizens should also complete their application in advance at <http://bitly.ws/9WGH>. Since the Passport

Acceptance Facility at CMCC has gone cashless, all facility fees must be paid by check, money order, or credit/debit card. Department of State fees must be paid by check or money order (credit cards are not accepted for State Department fees). Due to COVID-19, all visitors to the campus must stop briefly at the safety checkpoint upon entering the campus. The Passport Acceptance Facility is located in the CMCC Central Services Office, Room J115,

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## Lewiston HS Begins Expansion

From Lewiston Public Schools

LEWISTON - The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Lewiston High School wing took place the morning of Sept. 30.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the \$13.4 million addition last fall. The project is based on the honing of needs by the Lewiston Public Schools' Building Expansion and Improvement Committee.

Ledgewood Construction of South Portland,

with extensive experience in school construction, is the general contractor on the project, which was designed by Lavalley/Brensinger Architects of Portland, Boston, MA, and Manchester, NH.

Expected to be ready for the 2021-2022 school year, the renovation and extension will feature a more secure main entrance to LHS. There will also be an expanded office suite, to more adequately meet student needs; a second elevator, for quicker first-responder access to various

sections of the school; and inclusive special education classrooms in the main-stream.

Other features will include the performing and visual arts programming moving from basement storage areas to state of the art studios. There will be more community and adult education space, and additional classrooms will be added so teachers will no longer need to change venues between classes, making themselves more accessible to students throughout the school day.

## Tree Planting in Lewiston at Franklin Pasture Park

From TD Bank

LEWISTON - Fifty trees will be planted in Franklin Pasture Park in Lewiston over the next two weeks under a grant from TD Bank.

The grant was awarded to ReTreeUS through TD Tree Days, a community-based program created in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, which expands urban forests and green spaces in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

The grant provides funding for ReTreeUS staff and volunteers, including students and teachers from Lewiston High School, Next STEP High and staff and Food Corps members from St. Mary's Nutrition Center, to plant trees at the park on Oct. 8 and 16, steps from Lewiston High School, Next STEP High

School, and Connors Elementary School.

"We're honored to support ReTreeUS during TD Tree Days to expand the tree canopy and help provide a healthier environment, which is critically important this year as more people recognize the wellness benefits of spending time outdoors during the pandemic," said Shelley Sylva, TD Bank's Head of Social Impact.

"TD Tree Days is part of the TD Ready Commitment which supports initiatives to help ensure a sustainable and inclusive future for all. TD Tree Days is one of many programs that promote a vibrant planet by providing green spaces where they are most needed. Trees do much more than beautify our communities - they produce oxygen; improve air quality and slow cli-

mate change by reducing carbon emissions, airborne pollutants and smog; provide cooling shade to reduce energy costs; and enhance quality of life," she said.

Now in its ninth year, the TD Tree Days program typically brings together community members and TD employees at planting events in communities from Maine to Florida. In 2009 Re-TreeUS became a nonprofit project in 2009. In 2012 the program established its first educational orchards in schools and with partner nonprofits. Since then, the organization has planted over 50 school and community orchards throughout the state of Maine as well as developing and delivering educational programming, signage and workshops. Learn more at [retreeus.org](http://retreeus.org).

## Auburn's Sand Buckets for Seniors

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - Winter months in Maine can be challenging, to say the least. For the seventh year in a row, Auburn Public Works is proud to offer their *Sand Buckets for Seniors* program.

Through this very successful campaign, APW employees provide (and deliver) a free bucket full of sand for senior citizens living here in Auburn. Recipients use this sand on their walkways, steps, and

driveways to make them safer during the snowy/icy winter months. More than 250 Auburn residents are already enrolled in the program.

"This program is a way for the City to show

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Out and About

# Midcoast string quartet at Schooner Estates

**By Rachel Morin**

On a cool gray, overcast October day when a few tentative tiny rain drops were felt, the residents at Schooner Estates Retirement Living Community looked at each other and held their breath, hoping it would pass.



It wasn't long before the remaining chairs were filled. Residents always appreciate the musical events coming to Schooner Estates. (Rachel Morin photo)

They were gathering at The Center Courtyard in anticipation to hear The Midcoast Symphony String Quartet present an afternoon concert.

The musicians were already arriving and had begun setting up their music stands, so that was a good sign. Ray Libby, MSO Manager, was helping with preparations and checking the overhead awning to ward off any droplets of rain. All looked good.

The residents began filling the chairs, placed at the pandemic socially distant spaces, and soon they were settled and waiting for the music to begin. The rain held off and the musical performance went on as planned. The music was lovely and the audience applauded happily after each selection.

A breeze came through the area ruffling the music sheets on the music stands and a few went flying. An audience member, Romeo Labbe, quickly retrieved the music sheets and returned them to the musicians. Ray Libby and the musicians had clothespins at the ready and quickly secured the sheets.

Midway through the concert, raindrops were felt. The audience remained seated, but it soon became clear that the rain would soon follow. At this point, Libby returned to the stage to address the audience. He reported that the musicians, under the dryness of the canopy, would play the remainder of the program.

Libby thanked everyone for their patronage and encouraged the entire audience "to leave when the rain started and not to feel embarrassed." And added "A return day would be better."

And so, we look forward to that day as we had enjoyed their performance and their valiant effort to entertain us.



The Midcoast Symphony String Quartet performs at The Center Courtyard at Schooner Retirement Living Community in Auburn. Musicians are left to right, Mary Hunter, violin; Emily Reese, violin; Karen Jung, viola; and Rebecca Dreyer, cello. (Rachel Morin photo)

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**Ordering:** You can have a ballot mailed to your home or you or a member of your immediate family can pick one up at City Hall, second floor, City Clerk’s Office. To have one mailed to you, please call the City Clerk’s Office or order online. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Statewide deadline to request an absentee ballot is 4pm, Thursday, Oct. 29. However, to allow enough time to receive and return the ballot by mail, please order by Oct. 19.

**Returning:** To return your absentee ballot, you can mail to City Hall, deposit in the outside secure ballot drop box, or hand deliver to the City Clerk’s Office. If mailing your ballot, please mail by Oct. 26 to ensure enough delivery time.

## Absentee Voting in Person

A polling place with voting booths is set up in the City Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall. Please use the Park St. entrance. The handicapped accessible entrance with ramp and elevator is available at the Pine St. entrance.

COVID-19 safety precautions are in place – election workers are wearing masks and working behind plexiglass screens, voters receive their own pen and glue stick, booths are spaced 6 ft apart and disinfected regularly, social distancing tape marks are on the floor, hand sanitizer stands are available at the entrance and exit and voters are requested to wear a mask.

Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4pm until Oct. 30. Evening hours until 7pm on Oct. 14, 22 and 27 and until 5pm on Oct. 30. Saturday hours on Oct. 24, 9am – 12noon.

## At the Polls on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3

All city polling places will be open 7:00am – 8:00pm:

- **Ward 1:** Lewiston Armory gym, 65 Central Avenue
- **Ward 2:** Montello Elementary School gym, 407 East Avenue
- **Ward 3:** Lewiston Armory gym, 65 Central Avenue
- **Ward 4:** Longley School cafeteria, 145 Birch Street
- **Ward 5:** Longley School gym, 145 Birch Street
- **Ward 6:** The Green Ladle, Lewiston High School campus, 156 East Avenue
- **Ward 7:** Longley School gym, 145 Birch Street

Please be familiar with the polling place for your ward. Voters must vote at the polling place for their residence address. To search your polling location, visit the election website and type in your street address or call the City Clerk’s Office.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to state health and safety requirements, there is a limit of only 35 voters at a time allowed in each polling place. Other voters will wait outside in line and be allowed into the building as others leave. Voters are encouraged to be prepared to wait outside if necessary.

All CDC safety precautions will be in place as listed above and voters are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

Voters are also encouraged to study the sample ballot on the election website in advance of election day to be familiar with the ranked choice voting process.

*The City is working hard to keep our election workers, voters and community safe and healthy  
this election and we appreciate the support of the voters to help make this happen.*

**Questions – Lewiston City Clerk’s Office    513-3124**  
**[www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections)**



# Traffic

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what we're calling Business Unusual," with most of the office workers working from home. "In general, our whole system has been impacted by COVID-19," she said.

"On a positive note, as the result of slower traffic and more competitive contractor pricing, we were actually able to add some projects this year," Brickett said. "And we continue to deliver all of our planned work . . . which has really been a bright spot in this time, environment, and economy."

However, with the lower number of vehicles on the roads, highway funding "has taken a hit" with revenues down about \$40 million for the current fiscal year that runs through June 2021, Brickett said. Revenue for the following fiscal year is expected to be down by about \$30 million, making this "the most sudden drop in highway funds revenue in memory."

Aviation revenue is also expected to be down significantly with the loss of passenger traffic and aviation fuel taxes, she said.

The Maine DOT is working on a plan to address the funding shortfall and "was fortunate to get the July bond, which helps compensate for some our



Jennifer Brickett, Director of the Maine DOT Bureau of Planning, speaks to members of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce from a hangar at Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport during a monthly meeting of the chamber last week. Chamber members sat in or near their cars on the tarmac in front of the hangar, or watched virtually over the internet. (Tsukroff photo)

income loss," Brickett said. The department will need additional funding, and the most likely options right now are federal funding and bonds.

The department is looking at ways to save money, perhaps by cutting back on planned work on less-traveled roadways, she said. "At the same time, we need to invest in areas that are redeveloping and where people are moving."

Surrounding the airport are a number of trucking companies and railroad facilities. These businesses "are the backbone to our state's economy. They enable the movement of millions of tons of freight every year, traveling by road, over railroad tracks

and by airports," Brickett said. While airport passenger travel is reduced, the airports themselves are critical for the transport of freight and perishable goods, such as seafood.

"This region is really a great example of a multi-model system that moves and transports goods, and supports the economy, both regionally, throughout the state, and the international markets," she said.

The Lewiston-Auburn area is close to interstate 95, which provides quick access to the Walmart distribution center, she said. The good highway system makes the area a "gateway to western Maine."

The department also



Jennifer Brickett, Director of Planning for the Maine Department of Transportation, speaks from an open hangar at the Auburn-Municipal airport, telling members of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce that traffic in Maine has rebounded faster than expected under the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The airport hosted the monthly meeting of the Chamber, with members participating from in or near their cars, or virtually over the internet. (Tsukroff photo)

has an Industrial Rail Access Program that is focused on economic development and rail opportunities, and has worked with several businesses in the area over the years.

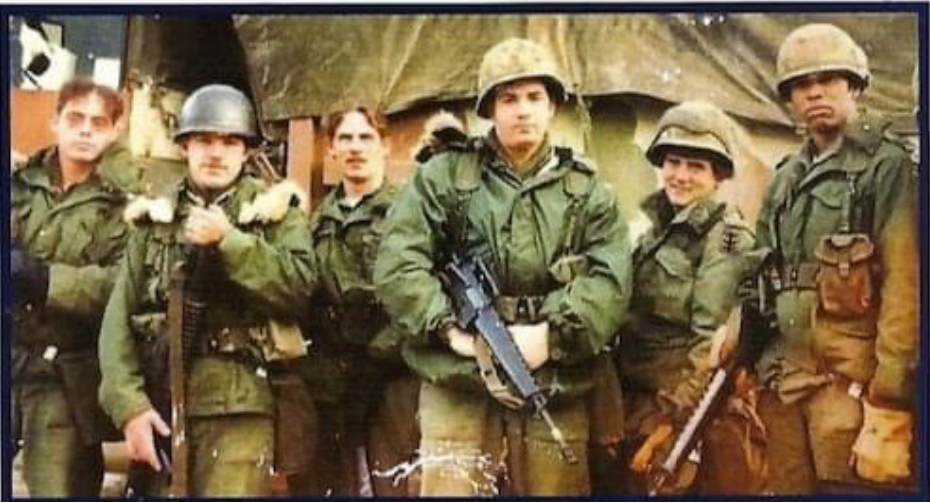
The Maine DOT recently started development

of a three-year workplan for projects across the state.

Brickett oversees statewide planning for freight and passenger services, including aviation and transportation system analysis. She previously worked as the Maine

DOT planner for southern Maine, and before that was with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in Washington, DC, where she worked on national transportation policy issues.

## Morrison will donate his salary to local charities picked by his constituents if elected.



- Army veteran
- Resident of L-A area for over 25 years
- Former Rotary Member
- Former Lewiston-Auburn Chamber of Commerce Member
- Auburn Recreational Department Youth Basketball Coach
- Father of four children and five grandchildren
- Avid hunter, fisherman, snowmobiler, boater and drag racer
- Committed to helping the homeless and at risk teenagers
- Supports training of at risk youth to enter the job market
- Committed to fight the opioid crisis

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### RESTORE OUR ECONOMY

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### INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

For far to long, healthcare and prescription drug costs have continued to increase with no checks or balances. We must promote a free-market healthcare system that drives down those costs and incentivize providers who provide access to rural parts of Maine.

### PROTECT OUR SENIORS & LESS FORTUNATE

Our community is best when it comes together to support the elderly and less fortunate. We must ensure that those of need receive the resources required.

### CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR KIDS

Our children are our future. We must prepare them for the world they face by providing each child the opportunity and resources necessary to reach their full potential as they emerge into the workforce.



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# Chamber advocates for access to COVID-19 testing

**From LAMCC**

LEWISTON - More than 60 businesses have signed the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's position statement of Access to Testing and Timely Results, joining the Chamber's over 700 members and the full Lewiston Auburn Legislative Delegation.

The Chamber is advocating for access to COVID-19 testing and timely results. Requests from area businesses came for the Chamber to take a formal position; and were reviewed by their Business Advocacy Committee and board. This position statement addresses an issue key to the area's workforce and economy- when employees are isolated while waiting for test results for upwards of 8 days, it limits business operations and holds back the economy.

"Our members put the safety of their staff and customers first, and recognize the significant steps the State of Maine has taken to ensure the public health response keeps people safe. The leadership of Maine CDC, Maine DECD, and Maine DHHS, along with the sacrifice of business owners and Maine residents have kept our positive case counts low, our test positivity rate low, and our people safe", says Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the Chamber. "Businesses are greatly concerned with access to testing and timely results as they prepare for the cold and flu season."

With cold and flu symptoms overlapping with Covid-19 symptoms, symptomatic employees must remain home. Timely negative test results can help employees return to work sooner, and keep operations running smoothly. The LA Metro Chamber identifies three actions the State must continue to prioritize to ensure employers can manage their workforce for safety and keep their doors open, which are vital to the LA region, state economy, and quality of life.

"Our employees and business have been severely impacted by COVID-19 and inconsistencies with testing. Throughout this pandemic, we have had 3 of our 32 employees test positive for COVID-19, which resulted in 21 employees being quarantined so far. By diligently following the

CDC guidelines our employee wellness screening has resulted in the Credit Union encouraging employees with symptoms to stay home and seek testing. Some employees get their results back in less than 24 hours while others wait for 7 days, even when they go to the same testing site," said Community Credit Union President and CEO Jen Hogan.

"This is very stressful for the employee affected as well as for our entire team. Delays in test results have caused our staff to feel overwhelmed with worry, anticipating their results and how they may have potentially exposed their families, friends, coworkers and anyone they may have interacted with," Hogan said. "All of these challenges have resulted in several short-term staffing shortages leading to the temporary closure of locations or limiting of services to our members. This has been really hard for our organization and my heart goes out to all of my employees and other businesses that are doing their best to safely navigate this pandemic."

Cox said the Chamber and businesses ask that the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, with Governor Mills' Administration, continues to expand access to free testing by increasing the reimbursement rate for administration of Swab and Send sites, allowing for expanded hours and locations for test sites that administer free tests and utilize the State lab for processing.

The Chamber also wants the state to improve the consistency and shorten the length of time for accurate results by continuing to expand capacity at State laboratories, investing in proven and emerging testing methods and supplies that provide results in 48 hours or less.

And the Chamber asks that the state continues to prioritize the testing access and timely results for employers and their workforce by seeking innovative solutions with Maine manufacturers, biotech companies, healthcare systems, and employers.

"The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and our members appreciate the efforts to date, and stand ready as partners to seek workable solutions that ensure employers can balance safety with financial sustainability," Cox said.

# DeBlois Electric Announces 100% Employee Ownership

**From DeBlois Electric**

LEWISTON - DeBlois Electric, Inc., a leader for over 50 years in electrical construction, is proud to report that it has become 100% employee owned through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). This announcement signals the beginning of their new ownership structure that will continue to operate with the same vision and leadership previously established.

Primarily a retirement benefit for the company's merit-shop employees, the ESOP will supplement 401(k) plans and health benefits, plus issue ownership shares to all participating employees at no cost. To further benefit the newly formed stakeholders, the plan aims to create financial stability while rewarding productivity and efficiency, in turn positively impacting the work environment. The program is also designed to retain talented staff and attract qualified candidates to this growing company.

"We are thrilled to bring in a new generation of ownership to DeBlois Electric through our Employee Stock Ownership Plan. This represents our long-standing commitment to the future and success of the company," says Ray DeBlois, Chief Financial Officer of DeBlois Electric. The privately held company was started by Willie and Gaetane DeBlois in 1967, and under the management of their sons, Ray and Mitch, has grown to be one of Maine's leading electrical contractors.

"We have always had a family and field-first culture, so empowering our employees with an ownership stake makes sense for us," says Mitch DeBlois, President of DeBlois Electric. "We remain dedicated to developing a high-involvement culture that works as a team toward continuous company growth and provides our clients the highest level of service, quality and craftsmanship."

Andy Bosse, Vice President of Construction, who has worked at DeBlois Electric for over 30 years, said, "I am honored to be part of a company that works toward the betterment of its employees and believe this is a great opportunity for skillful individuals that want to join our team and grow with us." Vice President of Operations Steve Morin adds, "DeBlois Electric has always valued its employee and treated us as family. Becoming an ESOP is the best next step to solidify our culture." Bosse and Morin will join the DeBlois on the board of directors of the new company structure.

DeBlois Electric is a pro-active, solutions-oriented electrical contractor that prides itself on building lasting relationships. Since 1967, DeBlois Electric has been committed to its employees, the community, and the construction industry as a whole. DeBlois Electric continues to provide service to residential and small commercial customers, in addition to holding a portfolio of many notable large construction projects in the state of Maine. The company currently employs 70 team members, working from their headquarters in Lewiston, Maine. For more information, visit [debloiselectric.com](http://debloiselectric.com).

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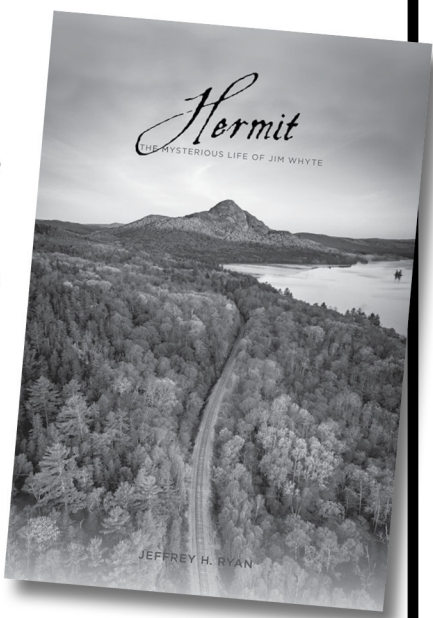
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— Bill Bushnell, Bushnell on Books

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— George Smith, Bangor Daily News

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Sandy Buchanan of Western Maine Transportation Services places a “This is ME Counting on You” floor sticker on a passenger van at last week’s event. (Photo courtesy of Maine State Chamber)

**Safety**  
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Together, we can make sure Maine people and our communities stay safe and healthy, so Maine can get back to business and our economy can continue on a path toward a strong recovery.”

Sandy Buchanan, General Manager and Director of Operations for WMTS said, “WMTS public transit connects

riders from Sugarloaf and Sunday River to Brunswick and many points in between. Our riders rely on us to safely get to work, school, and fulfill many of their essential needs. We are extra committed to keeping our passengers protected from COVID-19, and to protecting our front-line staff so they can be there for you. Please help by doing your part in the ‘This is ME Counting on You’ campaign. Mask up,

social distance and limit interactions with the driver and other passengers, so we can continue to provide you the transportation you depend on and keep all of the communities we serve safe and healthy.”

Denis D’Auteuil, Lewiston’s City Administrator, welcomed the collaborative approach, saying, “This has been a tough time in communities nationwide, and, locally, we embrace the ‘This is ME Counting On You’ campaign. We want public transit users to be safe as they conduct their daily activities, and if we can count on each other to practice public transportation safety measures, we are all going to benefit. Masking up, social distancing, and following safety guidelines make sense for our transit users and for the community as a whole.”

Phil Crowell, Auburn City Manager, added, “The ‘This is ME Counting on You’ campaign is what the people of Auburn have been doing for over 150 years - counting on one another. It makes us stronger, safer, more united. The City of Auburn is proud to do our part to help support local businesses as well as residents and visitors. We need you to do your part. We’re counting on you.”

LA Metro Chamber of Commerce President

and CEO Shanna Cox said, “One of the chief concerns among businesses in our region is their workforce - finding and retaining employees while keeping them healthy so operations can continue uninterrupted. The resources of this campaign - and the message - throughout our public transportation system highlights the direct and important link between healthy transportation options and a healthy workforce. All are required for healthy economy.”

Businesses and organizations across Maine are using free “This ME Counting on You” resources in their workplaces as reminders to practice social distancing, wear masks, and more. Resources available on the initiative’s website at: [www.mecountingonyou.org](http://www.mecountingonyou.org) include printable posters, along with multiple versions of a “Thank You” card for businesses to give to customers and visitors thanking them for being safe and responsible. Floor stickers are available upon request. The campaign’s public service announcement is airing on Maine Public and cable television stations across Maine. The initiative is also on Facebook with the hashtag #MECountingOnYou.

The Maine State Chamber is working with its members, local and re-

gional chambers of commerce including the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and organizations throughout Maine to spread the “This is ME Counting on You” message and share the initiative’s resources.

For more information

about “This ME Counting on You” visit [www.MeCountingOnYou.org](http://www.MeCountingOnYou.org). For more information about WMTS, visit [www.wmtsbus.org](http://www.wmtsbus.org). For more information about citylink/Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee, visit [www.avcog.org/877/citylink](http://www.avcog.org/877/citylink).



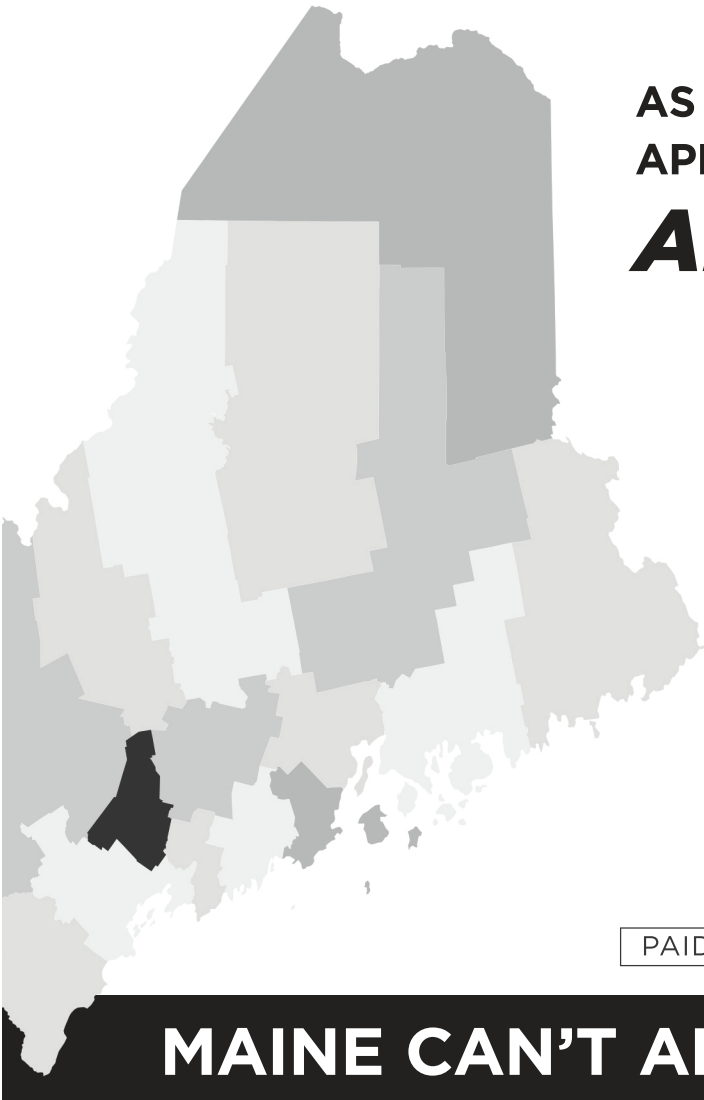
Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce at last week’s “This is ME Counting on You” event in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Maine State Chamber)



Representatives from the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the LA Metro Chamber at the “This is ME Counting on You” event last week. (Photo courtesy of Maine State Chamber)

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# Paintings and photographs displayed at CMMC

**From WHA**

LEWISTON - The Woman’s Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying the watercolor paintings of Angelia Murray and the photographs of Beth Francis.

Murray is known for her whimsical watercolor landscapes. Her move from New York City to Lisbon, Maine, has allowed for an immersive experience in nature informing her newer watercolor paintings. A dreamscape is created through the symbolic use of animals, insects and floral elements presenting a personal story.

She has participated in an artist residency at St. Mary’s College of Maryland and Vermont Studio Center as well as studied technical proficiencies through classes at the Maine Media Workshops. She has shown paintings at the Samuel Dorsky Museum, New York State Museum and galleries in NYC, Maryland, Brooklyn and Maine.

Photographer, Beth Francis has been a resident of Maine most of her life. She grew up in Mechanic Falls, attended ELHS, worked in Lewiston for 20 years at a print shop, and has owned and operated a convenience store in Hebron for 23 years. She currently lives in Norway.

Describing herself as a ‘photohobbyist’ she said “Maine brings me many moments to enjoy and appreciate nature. I have an affection for waterways, bright blue skies, grey skies and especially clouds. They, of course, can be seen from most anywhere but they make interesting back drops for the Western Maine scenery I so dearly love. I have dabbled in various art forms from pottery to stain glass but taking raw snap shots of my surrounding is my most favorite form of art as I capture a moment in time that is relaxing and peaceful or just plain fascinating to me,”

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, which has now re-opened and is located next to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.



‘Cherry Blossom Garden’ painting by Angelia Murray. (Photo courtesy of WHA)



A photograph by Beth Francis. (Photo courtesy of WHA)

# Trinity Jubilee Center receives \$2,000 grant



Staff from the Trinity Jubilee Center, a community center in Downtown Lewiston, recently received a \$2,000 grant International Paper’s Auburn Container facility and the International Paper Foundation to support the Center’s Feeding L-A Project. (Photo courtesy of Trinity Jubilee Center)

**From Trinity Jubilee Center**

LEWISTON - Trinity Jubilee Center, a community center in downtown Lewiston has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from International Paper’s Auburn Container facility and the International Paper Foundation.

Funds will support the Center’s Feeding L-A Project, including the soup kitchen and food pantry.

The Center’s Soup Kitchen is currently serving over 4,000 lunches each month to the hungry and

homeless. The Food Pantry distributes groceries and diapers weekly to nearly 150 families. The Center is seeing record-high attendance during the Covid-19 pandemic and support from International Paper will help these programs continue feeding hungry Mainers.

“Every day people line up to ask for food for themselves, their children, their elderly neighbors,” said Erin Reed, Executive Director of the Trinity Jubilee Center. “We are thankful we’re able to help. For some people this will be the only meal they eat today.”

The International Paper Foundation, started in 1952, is one of the ways International Paper strives to reach its vision to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world.

The Trinity Jubilee Center provides guests with hot meals, warm shelter, basic necessities like toiletries, diapers, and winter gear, help with resume-writing and job applications, and more assistance as they work to survive today and get back on their feet.

# Maine Public on-air hosts retire

**From Maine Public**

LEWISTON – Maine Public recently announced the retirements of Sara Willis, host of Maine Public’s In Tune series, and Robin Rilette, host of Morning Classical and Maine Public’s Director of Music and Creative Performance.

Several internal staff also took the opportunity to transition to retirement as part of a recent voluntary retirement program initiated by Maine Public.

Willis is the long-time host and producer of In Tune, Maine Public Radio’s music program featuring contemporary singer-songwriters, folk, blues, acoustic rock, jazz,

alt country, and world music. In 2018, Maine Public launched the In Tunewith Sara Willis audio stream allowing fans of the show 24/7 access to music curated by the host. In Tune programs will continue to be aired on the weekends and over the In Tune stream.

Rilette joined Maine Public from Northwest Public Radio in Washington State. As Maine Public’s Music Director, Rilette was instrumental in helping Maine Public build out its classical radio service and entertained Maine for over 6 years as the host of Morning Classical.

“All our staff who are retiring have made widespread contributions to the organization for many years and will be greatly missed,” stated Mark Vogelzang, Maine Public’s President and CEO. “Sara and Robin are dedicated to public radio and their impact on Maine Public cannot be quantified in any way. Our listeners have grown accustomed to their voices and the content that they curated and created. While we are sad to see them leave, we are excited to see what their next adventures will be!”

Much of this programming will continue uninterrupted, and any new programs or schedule changes will be rolled out this Fall and communicated on Maine Public Radio, Maine Public Classical and online at mainepublic.org.

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**Don’t miss our weekly giveaways!**

**Thursday, Oct. 15**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, via Zoom.

**Monday, Oct. 19**  
**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – GoCAM Presents “Meet the Candidates” – State Senate District 30 Candidates – on Spectrum Channel 3, the Gorham town website, and Facebook LIVE.

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**  
**8 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting, via Zoom

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**  
**9:30-10 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library  
Virtual Preschool Discovery Time - Join Ms. Heidi on Facebook as she uses stories, music, and movement to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. (3-5 years)

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**  
**8 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Gorham Economic Development Corporation meeting, via Zoom.

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**  
**10 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library.  
Playing with Shadows - Join Ms. Deb on Facebook for a virtual STEAM activity. Activities are geared toward K-5 learners and require minimal supplies that you'll likely have right on-hand at home. In this lesson you will use driveway chalk and your shadow to track the sun in your yard. We'll be thinking of questions ahead of time, coming up with some reasonable hypotheses, and then testing these out over the course of several intervals. There will be opportunities to extend with higher level

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

thinking and/or drawing/photographing our results. (Partner Activity)

**Thursday, Oct. 22**  
**9:30-9:50 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library  
Virtual Toddler Discovery Time - Sing along with Ms. Dani on Facebook as she uses songs, rhymes, and books to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Each week will feature a new book but use the same songs and fingerplays so the kiddos will be able to learn the words and actions to each month's song choices. (ages 18-36 months)

**Thursday, Oct. 22**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Town Council workshop: Agriculture Events item. Value per Acre presentation and general town updates. Via Zoom.

**Friday, Oct. 23**  
**3-4 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library.  
Zoom Pet Costume Contest - Show off your costumed critter in this interactive Zoom program. We want to see your funny, scary, or adorably dressed pets! Ribbons will be mailed to all participating pets. Fill out the google form on [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org) under the “Youth” heading to enter. We look forward to seeing your wonderful furry family members.

**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
**8 a.m.-noon**  
GORHAM - All Gorham Residents are

welcome to drop off brush/yard trimmings at the Gorham Public Works garage located at 80 Huston Road.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**  
**9:30-10 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library.  
Virtual Preschool Discovery Time - Join Ms. Heidi on Facebook as she uses stories, music, and movement to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. (3-5 years)

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**  
**9:30-10 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library  
Babies en Plein Air - Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. To ensure the comfort and safety of all participants, we ask that caregivers wear masks and leave older siblings at home or with a friend during this community baby program. Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. (birth-18 months)

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**  
**10 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library  
Guess the Level: How Water & Gravity Work Together  
Join Ms. Deb on Facebook for a virtual STEAM activity. Activities are geared toward K-5 learners and require minimal supplies that you'll likely have right on-hand at home. How does gravity affect how water rests? We'll make predictions and then combine some art with science to find out just how accurate we are.

Saving a few recycled bottles of various shapes and sizes ahead of time will be helpful. (Indiv. or Partner Activity)

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**  
**7-8:30 p.m.**  
The PLAY Club reading of Cybourn Park. Email [info@thepublictheatre.org](mailto:info@thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200 today to reserve your spot in the Zoom session with PLAY CLUB!

**Thursday, Oct. 29**  
**9:30-9:50 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library  
Virtual Toddler Discovery Time - Sing along with Ms. Dani on Facebook as she uses songs, rhymes, and books to enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Each week will feature a new book but use the same songs and fingerplays so the kiddos will be able to learn the words and actions to each month's song choices. (ages 18-36 months)

**Thursday, Oct. 29**  
Restorative practices certificate program offered by UMaine Hutchinson Center and Restorative Justice Center. Six-session course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten, [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](mailto:um.fhc.pd@maine.edu); (207) 338-8002.

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Restorative practices certificate program offered by UMaine Hutchinson Center and Restorative Justice Center. Six-session course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten, [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](mailto:um.fhc.pd@maine.edu); (207) 338-8002.

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**Saturday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 1**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library.  
Harry Potter Horcrux Hunt – Attention Harry Potter Fans! The librarians of Baxter Memorial Library are hiding Horcruxes around the Gorham Village. Read the clues on our website to guess each Horcrux and the location where we have stashed it. Go to that location (anytime from 5 p.m. Oct. 30 through 5 p.m. Nov 1) and find the Horcrux painted on a small flag to confirm your guess. Fill out the Google Form on our website [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org) after you find as many as you can. Winners will be chosen from entries that found all 7 Horcruxes. Good luck witches and wizards!!

**Monday, Nov. 2**  
**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Planning Board meeting, via Zoom.

**Tuesday, Nov 3.**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
GORHAM – polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 19**  
Restorative practices certificate program offered by UMaine Hutchinson Center and Restorative Justice Center. Six-session course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten, [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](mailto:um.fhc.pd@maine.edu); (207) 338-8002.

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## Libby

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### SUPPORTING MAINE FARMERS AND GROWERS

Maine’s farmers and growers are a vital heritage industry, and they need our support now more than ever. Thankfully, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue has announced up to \$14 billion in added funding for agricultural producers facing disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, CFAP 2, began on September 21 and runs through Friday, December 11. Step-by-step application instructions are available in the CFAP 2 Application Portal User Guide at: <http://bitly.ws/a5yU>. You can also find more information about what resources are available to farmers and growers during the COVID-19 pandemic at: <http://bitly.ws/a5yY>.

### CAST YOUR BALLOT!

As I’ve said previously, there are several ways to safely cast your ballot for this election and make your voice heard. You can request an absentee ballot online, or by calling the Lewiston City Clerk. You can then mail it back, or

drop it off in person or in a ballot drop box. You can also vote early in person at City Hall. And, of course, you can vote in person on Election Day. On Thursday, Secretary of State Matt Dunlap urged Mainers to return their absentee ballots as early as possible to help clerks process ballots efficiently.

As a reminder, in Maine, you can register to vote up to and on Election Day, right at your polling place. Our democracy is strongest when we have the input of as many voters as possible. Make your voice heard!

### HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Monday was Maine’s second Indigenous Peoples Day. In 2019, the legislature passed a law to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day. The change added our state to a growing list of those doing away with Columbus Day and adding a holiday to recognize Native Americans — this land’s original people. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich history, traditions, culture and contributions of the Penobscot, Mic Mac, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy tribes and their ancestors.

Sen. Nate Libby (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 21, which comprises the City of Lewiston.

## Sand Buckets

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our appreciation and respect for the seniors in our community, and to help keep them safe,” said Public Works Director Dan Goyette. “Our employees really enjoy connecting with residents in this way.”

City Manager Phil Crowell applauds the community outreach by staff. “I am so proud of the team at Public Works for reaching out to our local seniors in this way,” said Crowell. “Showing our residents how much we care about their safety speaks volumes about our dedicated staff.”

This special program is made possible through the generous support of Home Depot and Lowe’s of Auburn, who proudly partner with Auburn Public Works each year, providing buckets for the program.

Auburn homeowners who are 65 and older and wish to receive a free bucket of sand to use on their steps and walkways should contact Auburn Public Works by October 23 to enroll 207-333-6670. Buckets will be delivered beginning in early November.

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# Autumn Night In

Online Auction to Support Hospice Care in Our Community

Auction Kickoff Event - October 23 • 6:00PM • Facebook  
Auction - October 23, 6:15PM through October 31, 8:00PM

Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is celebrating seventeen years of Autumn Night Out in 2020. Our organization’s largest fundraising event has grown since its creation and has successfully raised nearly a half of million dollars in support for hospice care thanks to the generosity of our community.

While we will not be able to gather in person as we have in years past, we will be holding an online auction to raise funds for hospice care in our community.

Please join us for a special Autumn Night “In” kickoff event streaming on our Facebook page at 6pm on October 23rd. We will have a special paddle raise to benefit the new Hospice House Kitchen!

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