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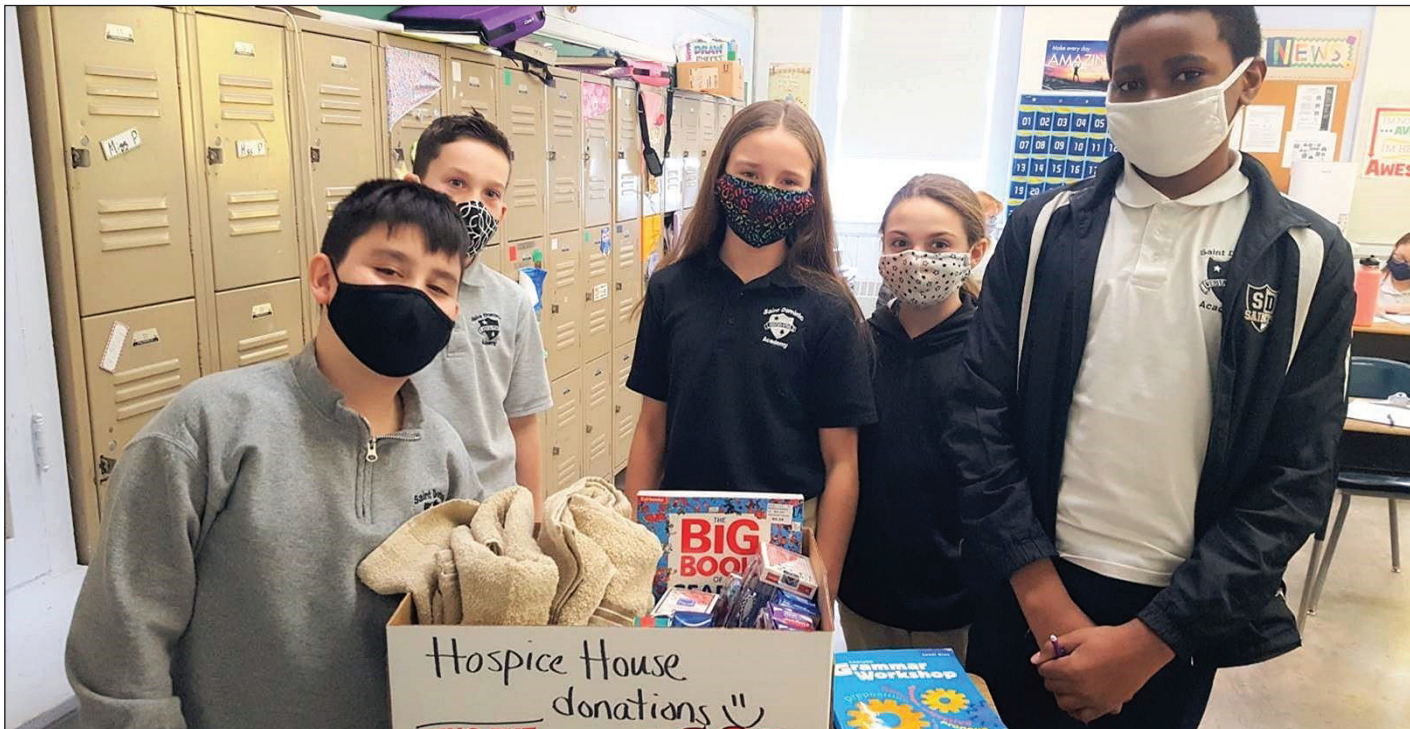
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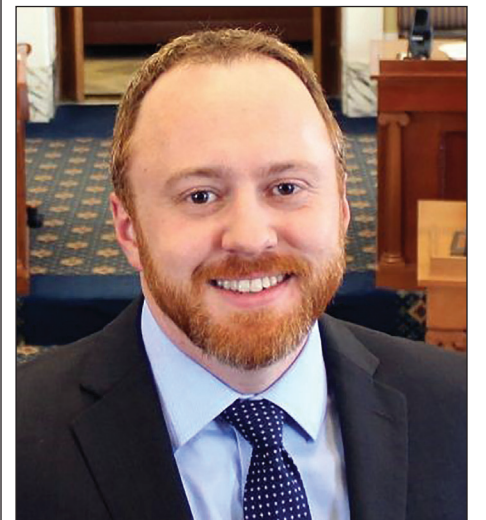
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Fifth grade students from Saint Dominic Academy with items they collected to donate to hospice patients and patients' families at the Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Portland Diocese)

## Libby steps back from Senate leadership



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

From Maine Legislature

AUGUSTA – Senate Majority Leader Nate Libby (D-Lewiston) stepped down from his Senate Democratic Leadership position for the 130th Maine Legislature on Monday.

Sen. Libby will continue to serve the people of Lewiston in the Maine Senate, and hold government programs accountable as Senate Chair of the Government Oversight Committee.

The news comes after Sen. Libby was hired in December to serve as President of Community Concepts Finance Corporation, where he will run the non-profit's business and residential lending, homebuyer education and financial counseling programs, and economic development programs.

In response to the announcement, Sen. Libby said, "Serving in legislative leadership has been the greatest honor of my professional life. The people who make up the Senate Democratic Caucus, both lawmakers and staff, are extraordinary. Each person brings different experiences and perspectives to the table, and our state is better for it. The decision to step

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## St. Dom's students extend mercy to hospice patients in Lewiston

From Portland Diocese

LEWISTON - After learning about hospice care from Dr. Shauna McElrath, a specialist in palliative care for Central Maine Healthcare, fifth graders at Saint Dominic Academy lent a helping hand to the mission of caring for people experiencing advanced, life-limiting illnesses.

"Last year, we were able to have Dr. McElrath come in and speak to the students about what she does as a hospice doctor and exactly what hospice does for its patients," said Theresa Dufour, a fifth-grade teacher at St. Dom's.

It was a message that sank in and inspired the students to take up a collection for the Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice, also in Lewiston.

"We have been collecting for hospice during Catholic Schools Week," said Jen Poliquin, another fifth-grade teacher. "We collect items such as lotion, toothpaste, shaving cream, puzzles, games, and other

items."

Discover Catholic Schools week take place in November, while Celebrate Catholic Schools Week took place from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6.

The large collection of items won't just offer comfort to patients. "We also collect items for the family members of the patients that may be staying with their loved ones during their final days," said Dufour.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice is non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life by providing innovative and compassionate medical care. Founded in 1966, it has grown into Maine's largest independent healthcare organization providing health, hospice, and care management services. Nobody is turned away due to an inability to pay. To learn about ways that you can join the fifth graders in supporting the organization, visit <http://bitly.ws/bCnK>

During the pandemic and despite the challenges of adjusting to modified in-per-

son instruction and distance learning, the number of inspiring service projects at St. Dom's and all Maine Catholic Schools has only grown.

"Saint Dominic Academy is more than just a school. It is a community and a family rooted in strong traditions like service to those in need around us," said Alanna Stevenson, principal of the Lewiston campus. "I am blown away by the ever-present support offered by our faculty, staff, school families, and students. We continue to find strength in the Lord and in one another."

Discover Catholic Schools Week will take place next school year on Nov. 14-Nov. 30, followed by Celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2022.

Saint Dominic Academy is a Catholic, co-educational college preparatory day school under the patronage of the Diocese of Portland for students in grades Pre-K through 12. The Academy has campuses in Lewiston and Auburn.



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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## ‘Teddy Roosevelt, Millie, and the Elegant Ride’



Phil Morse is the project manager for the restoration of the Narcissus electric trolley on which a young farm girl from Gray met Teddy Roosevelt. (Photo courtesy of USM LA Senior College)



Jean Flahive will talk about a young farm girl from Gray who meets Teddy Roosevelt on the Narcissus trolley, at a Food for Thought Zoom session on Feb. 17. (Photo courtesy of USM LA Senior College)

### From USM LA Senior College

LEWISTON - The USM LA Senior College at 51 Westminster St. Lewiston, will host its next Food For Thought on Zoom at 4 p.m. on Feb. 17.

Jean Flahive and Phil Morse will discuss “Teddy Roosevelt, Millie, and the Elegant Ride”.

Based on a true encounter, author Jean Flahive tells of a young farm girl from Gray who meets Teddy Roosevelt, a passenger on the Narcissus, an electric trolley that once ran between Lewiston and Portland.

Today, the Narcissus is being restored at the

Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. Phil Morse is the project manager of this restoration. Jean and Phil will tell us all the history including the Lewiston connections.

To attend, email laseniorcollege@gmail.com by noon on February 16. Attendees will receive an email with the Zoom link on the morning of the event.

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

## Checks and balances on emergency authority

### From Maine Policy Inst.

PORTLAND, Maine – Maine Policy Institute recently released a new policy brief, “Scoring Emergency Executive Power in all 50 States”, which studies the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches in relation to emergency declarations.

The analysis determines the extent of legislative oversight and the powers delegated to the chief executive, as well as the

process for initiating and terminating an emergency declaration in all 50 states.

Maine received a score of 51 out of 100 points, landing in the middle of the pack in a tie for 22nd overall. This is because the governor has the sole power to initiate an emergency, while the legislature may only terminate it with a majority vote. This is not the worst policy arrangement, but under single-party rule, little incentive exists for legislators to hold the governor

accountable.

“Due to the truly unprecedented exercise of emergency authority in response to COVID-19 over the last year, Americans across the nation have witnessed firsthand the broad police powers entrusted to their governors,” said Nick Murray, policy analyst and author of the report. “This scorecard does not evaluate each individual governor, but rather the statutory checks on the chief executive’s power. Even during emergencies, sound, constitutional government requires balance between the

co-equal branches.”

Kansas and South Carolina outperform the rest of the country because, in both states, the governor must earn legislative approval for an emergency declaration to continue beyond the first 15 days. Kansas scores 1st overall because the legislature may only approve one 30-day extension after the initial 15 days, and requires a unanimous vote of the State Finance Council for successive extensions.

Among the worst-ranking states are Vermont, Arizona, Ohio

and Hawaii because they grant their governors the sole authority to determine when and where an emergency exists, and when it ceases to exist. Vermont ranks last among all 50 states because it also allows certain emergency executive orders to remain in effect up to 180 days after the emergency has been terminated.

Every state received a numerical score between 1 and 20 across five categories for a total of 100 points. The five categories examined in each jurisdiction are: 1) the process for

initiating an emergency declaration; 2) the process for terminating an emergency declaration; 3) time limits on emergency declarations; 4) whether a governor’s powers persist after official termination; and 5) the ability of the governor to alter statute or regulations during the emergency.

High scores denote the most stringent executive powers that allow for the greatest accountability from the legislative branch. Low scores denote the weakest checks on emergency authority.

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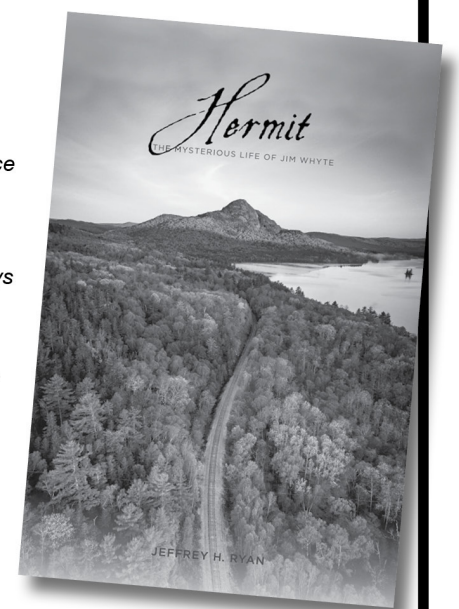
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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## LHS graduate releases children's book

### 'If I Can't Eat Flies, What Am I?' is about food allergies

From Alicia Pfaff

PALMERTON, PA - Millions of kids will soon have a fun way to feel a "tad bit" better about their food allergies.

Alicia J. Pfaff, who grew up in Maine and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1990, is now a holistic health coach in Palmerton, PA, and has written a children's picture book that exposes the iden-

tity and belongingness issues kids often experience when diagnosed with food allergies.

The story is highlighted with whimsical illustrations painted by Paula M. Zelenka.

"In some ways, the timing of this release helps. With the pandemic, most are experiencing firsthand what it feels like to be unsure of whether they should interact or share food with

another person," Pfaff said. "Everyone is working through the grief of missing important celebrations with their loved ones and friends—of feeling isolated. That will make it easier for people to relate to kids with food allergies and their parents. They feel that way often, and with no end in sight."

Pfaff said she knows the heartbreak and anxiousness that goes along

with being a food allergy parent. The book is based on her son's experiences growing up with multiple allergies to common foods such as dairy, soy, and egg. She hopes this story will provide food allergy kids a character to which they can feel connected and learn from.

Equally as important to her is the desire to raise awareness and compassion in those who interact with

these kids and their families.

"If I Can't Eat Flies, What Am I?" follows Tad the frog, who is allergic to flies. He is convinced he cannot be a frog anymore, so he goes on a journey to discover what else he might be. His adventure doesn't go as planned, but he learns some important safety and life lessons. In the end, he realizes that he is not alone, and that he

is not defined by what he does or does not eat.

"Alicia has done an amazing job here; I just love the story! The writing is wonderful, and so is the art," said Jennifer Rees, a premier children's book editor at Reedsy, who has worked on award-winning and bestselling books, such as The Hunger Games and War Horse. "[Alicia] tackles such a great and

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## Marine Corps League monthly meeting Feb. 25

From Detachment 810

LEWISTON - Marine Corps League Central Maine Detachment 810 will host its monthly meeting on Feb. 25 at

the Lewiston Armory at 65 Central Ave. in Lewiston.

All Marines, FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains are invited to the meeting, which starts at 6

p.m.

Anyone interested in Marines Helping Veterans is also invited to attend.

Charlie Paul, Commandant of the detach-

ment, said the group is in need of members, marines as well as associate members. He invites community members to be part of an outstanding service organization.

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Out and About

# Ann Anderson and her knitting project

By Rachel Morin

I met Ann Anderson a couple of months ago at her apartment at Schooner Estates Retirement Community in Auburn.

I had heard about the mammoth knitting project she works on every year. Ann usually completes 150 pairs of slippers by December, or in a “good year”, she completes 250 pairs! She sounded like an interesting woman to meet.

We arranged a time and Ann welcomed me into her apartment to show me the hand knit “pichous”, the French-Canadian word for slippers. They were in all sizes, colors and patterns, neatly arranged in boxes so heavy, we couldn’t lift them.

Ann is knitting for families, from little toddlers to preschoolers and kindergarteners, from grade schoolers through high schoolers, for both girls and boys, as well as their parents. She thinks of all of them as her people as she knits away most afternoons or whenever she finds an hour or two to keep her hands busy.

Ann and I spent a pleasant afternoon reviewing her memories of knitting and other childhood memories in Lexington, Massachusetts. She was an active child, not one to sit idle, always wanting to help. Her grandmother took this opportunity to teach her to knit. Ann was a quick learner and never



Ann Anderson poses with her adult size and medium size hand knit slippers she has knit for families at the Jubilee Center at the Trinity Church on Bates St. in Lewiston. Slippers of all sizes and colors for all ages, infants to grandparents were delivered to families who benefitted from it the most during the Christmas Holidays. Ann has created these for the past several years, numbering 150 pairs to 250 pairs in a “good year.” (Rachel Morin Photo)

stopped knitting! She did make time for volunteering as a Girl Scout and also at the Red Cross Blood Mobile, which kept her busy.

She remembers a time years ago, talking with an Iceman who was delivering ice blocks. As he looked at her, he said, “I remember you. You sang to us Veterans when we were patients at a Framingham hospital.” Ann then

recalled she was in a girls trio and they sang at hospitals. She was surprised that he remembered her.

Ann is happiest when she is sitting in her easy chair with a pair of knitting needles in her hands with yarn working its way into a colorful pair of “pichous” as she listens to her favorite music. And sometimes she thinks of who this pair will go to? A little girl or per-

haps a tired mother eager to slip them on at the end of a hard day’s work on her  
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Some of the “Pichous” (slippers) boxed for delivery to the Jubilee Center at Trinity Church, Bates St. in Lewiston for delivery to families in the Lewiston-Auburn area for the Christmas Holidays who would benefit the most for the gifts. (Rachel Morin Photo)



Now the hard work begins! Ann will create tags for each knitted pair of slippers, giving the sizes for toddlers, boy or girl, and up the scale from preschool, grade school, junior high, and high school, to parents and grandparents. An identifying tag on every pair for easy distribution. Perhaps this is the hardest and more time consuming task than the knitting. (Rachel Morin Photo)

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**Knitting**

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feet all day. Maybe a father not used to the luxury of a hand knit soft covering for his calloused feet, used to rough work. And the cushiony feel on his feet as he pads around the house.

Ann reminisces how she used to knit for her family growing up and then branching out after marrying, to her own children and then to extended family members. It fills her with good feelings and satisfaction to hear everyone is pleased with her knitted gifts.

Ann says she has a good life and a caring and attentive family. Her children call her every evening to check in on her and talk about her day. She tells me that she has a summer home on Hogan Pond in Oxford and how her growing-up family enjoyed their summers there. And still

do, to this day.

When boxing the handknit French “pichous” for transportation in mid-December, Ann identifies each pair of slippers with a tag noting toddler, child, boy or girl, small, medium, large, extra-large size, and same for adult sizes. The completed project is transported to Trinity Jubilee Center on Bates St. in Lewiston. They were delivered to families who would most benefit from these gifts during the Christmas Holidays.

Ann reflects on her life at Schooner. She is pleased and happy with everyone she has met. She says “We are all so fortunate and we should always keep in mind how truly fortunate we are.” Ann, herself, is gracious, kind, hospitable and has a welcoming smile for everyone. She is happy because she “has work to do.”

# Maine continues Guard support

**From ME National Guard**

AUGUSTA - Approximately 75 Maine National Guardsmen will provide support to the District of Columbia National Guard and federal agencies for the next several weeks.

The majority of these soldiers were not part of the original 200 that supported

the inauguration, but travelled to Washington at the end of January as the original group transited back to Maine. Approximately a dozen soldiers from the original group volunteered to remain on duty in the nation’s capital.

“The request came in from the National Guard Bureau and we wanted to continue to support while

also taking our members personal and professional lives into account,” said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine’s adjutant general. “The first group was informed their orders would end near the end of the month, so we put together another group of volunteers for this extended mission. Strong employer support is so critical to

what we do, so we did everything we could to honor our original commitment to that first wave’s employers and families.”

Approximately 7,000 total National Guardsmen were on duty in Washington supporting federal agencies through the end of January, with that number coming down to around 5,000 that may remain into March.

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All 150 pairs of slippers were loaded into the Schooner vehicle by Nancy Greenleaf, Schooner Transportation, and Molly Elliot, Resident Services Associate, for delivery to the Jubilee Center at the church on Bates St. in Lewiston. They were delivered during the Christmas Holidays to the families who would benefit from them the most. (Mark Prevost Photo)

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Auburn's monthly Storywalk: Winterfest



One of the Storywalk display cases found between Festival Plaza and Bonney Park in Auburn. Displays are changed monthly by the Auburn Recreation Department. (Photo courtesy of Auburn Rec)

From Auburn Rec Dept

AUBURN – The City of Auburn has partnered with the Auburn Public Library for a special “Winterfest” theme for this month’s Storywalk.

Each of the 8 displays showcases winter-themed books and will appeal to viewers (and readers) of all ages, from children to adults.

To share an idea for a future Storywalk, please reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburnmaine.gov or 333-6611.

In October of 2019, the City of Auburn, in collaboration with LA Arts, announced the completion of the delightful new “Storywalk” project along

Auburn’s beautiful Riverwalk. The project includes eight durable display cases, which can be found between Festival Plaza and Bonney Park. They showcase different “art and culture” pieces each month.

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

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

## Essay contest scholarship

From L-A Optimist Club

AUBURN - The Lewiston-Auburn Optimist Club is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic, “Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism”.

The local club winner will advance to the district contest. A \$2,500 college scholarship prize will be awarded to the district winner.

This contest is intended to young people the opportunity to develop their writing skills and ex-

press their personal opinions about the world they live in.

Applicants have been under the age of 19 as of Oct 1, 2020 and attending school in the United States.

Contest rules and regulations are available on line at www.optimist.org, or by contacting the Optimist Club. Contest essays are due to the L-A Optimist Club by Feb. 12, 2021.

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# The Power of an Alter Ego

## Food For Thought program

### From USM Sr. College

LEWISTON - The USM LAC Senior College, 51 Westminster St. Lewiston, ME, Food For Thought program, will present the award winning writer and performer Susan Poulin, on Zoom, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Best known as her alter-ego, Ida, Poulin is often called the funniest woman in Maine. In this humorous

and engaging talk, Poulin will reveal the inspiration for Ida, and what has kept their relationship fresh after 25 years, six plays, two books, and twelve years of weekly blogs.

She will also examine the lessons she's learned from Ida, and what having an alter-ego has taught her about writing, life, and the healing power of laughter.

Poulin was selected by Portland Magazine as

one of the "Ten Most Intriguing People in Maine"!

In May 2019, during a joint session of the Maine State Legislature, she was inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame honoring her body of work and promotion of Franco-American cultural identity.

She continues to be a leader in bringing a female voice to New England sto-

rytelling and humor, and sharing the healing power of laughter with audiences statewide and beyond.

To attend this session, email laseniorcollege@gmail.com by noon on Feb. 27. Please include your name and the name of the presentation in which you would like to participate. The morning of the event, participants will receive a Zoom link via email.



Best known as her alter-ego, Ida, Sarah Poulin will be featured on a virtual Food For Thought program sponsored by the LAC Senior College on Feb. 28. (Photo by Kevin Bennett)

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### Guest Column

# Resources to get through winter

By Sen. Ned Claxton

Although we're well into the month of February and many of us are dreaming of warmer days, I know that we still have a couple months of cold weather ahead of us.

That's why I wanted to make sure folks are aware of some of the resources that are available in the community. This year, with the isolation many are facing, combined with the pandemic's devastating economic impacts, it's especially important that everyone can access help if they need it. Thankfully for us, there are some great organizations here in Maine that are ready to assist.

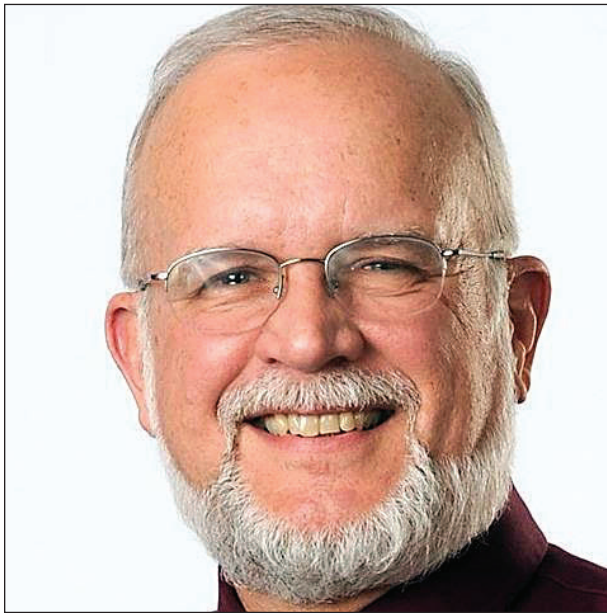
The most important part to making sure folks are safe during the winter is that they can heat their home. Because of the pandemic, a lot of people are being forced to stretch every dollar even further than usual. No matter what your situation is, if you need help paying to heat your home, please do not wait to ask for assistance. There is a program specifically designed for this purpose. It's called the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and it is federally funded but run through local agencies right here in Maine. Our local agency in Androscog-

gin County is Community Concepts, and they can be reached at 1-800-866-5588. In addition to the HEAP program, Community Concepts also offers the Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP), which can provide grants to clean, repair or replace central heating systems for qualifying households.

If you have been trying to get service from a fuel provider but haven't received a response, you can call the consumer mediation line in the Maine Attorney General's office. This free helpline helps Mainers to settle disputes between consumers and businesses. You can reach them by phone at 626-8849 or send them an email at [consumer.mediation@maine.gov](mailto:consumer.mediation@maine.gov).

Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) also offers useful tips on staying prepared for winter weather and being conscious of potential hazards at home. Topics include generator use, alternative heating sources and carbon monoxide safety. You can read their tips at [www.maine.gov/mema/maine-prepares/home-preparedness](http://www.maine.gov/mema/maine-prepares/home-preparedness) or call them at 800-452-8735.

For any other resource you might want to learn about, you can always reach out to 211 Maine. This is a



Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin), Maine District 20, Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland (Photo courtesy of Sen. Claxton)

service run by the United Way in partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. It connects folks who have questions with the answers they need. No matter what issue or question you might have, 211 can direct you to the proper resource or give you answers right on the spot. You can visit their website at [211maine.org](http://211maine.org), call them by dialing 2-1-1, or send them an email at [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org).

This is not an all-inclusive list of the resources available to us, but I hope you have found it helpful as we work our way through

the rest of the winter. In the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can help you or your family. You can send me an email at [Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov) or call my office at 287-1515. Please be well and stay safe.

Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland.

## Local students on Deans' lists

Several local students received Dean's List honors at colleges across the US for the Fall 2020 semester.

### Fairfield University Dean's List

FAIRFIELD, CT - Eisa Lee of Lewiston was named to the Dean's List at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT, for the Fall 2020 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List at Fairfield U, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

### Whitman College academic distinction

WALLA WALLA, WA - Lewiston native Nasser Guelleh, a graduate of Lewiston High School, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College in Washington state.

This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed

all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

Situated within the rich and complex landscape and history of the Walla Walla Valley, Whitman College provides a rigorous liberal arts education of the highest quality to passionate and engaged students from diverse backgrounds. Whitman students develop their intellectual and creative capacities in a supportive scholarly community that prioritizes student learning within and beyond our classrooms. Student are helped in translating their deep local, regional, and global experiences into ethical and meaningful lives of purpose.

### Endicott College Dean's List

BEVERLY, MA - Zachary Gagne of Auburn, majoring in International Studies, and Shannon O'Malley of Lewiston, majoring in Exercise Science, were named to the Dean's List at Endicott

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# CCU helps residents with emergency funds



Kayleigh Ogden, Asset Quality Specialist with Community Credit Union, thanks Jim Grimmel of Grimmel's Auto Service on Lisbon Street in Lewiston for providing repair services to automobile owners who received emergency fund grants from the credit union under the national Community Development Financial Institution program. (Photo courtesy of CCU)

### From CCU

LEWISTON - Community Credit Union became a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in 2020 and was also approved for its first Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the City of Lewiston.

Nearly \$15,000 was allocated to the credit union for the emergency fund program.

The credit union worked with its existing membership, as well as through referrals from community partners, to provide support during emergencies. The program provided a one-time

emergency fund grant, matched with a voluntary credit builder/savings loan to assist these individuals with preparing for the next emergency that might arise in their lives.

Every individual who received an emergency fund grant through this program was provided the opportunity to have the credit builder/savings loan if they chose.

Kayleigh Ogden, Asset Quality Specialist, primarily worked with the members in approving and disbursing emergency funds in this program. "I was very lucky to have been able to work so closely with our community on granting them aide to help them with emergency costs," she said. "We were able to help 29 families heat their homes, restore electricity, and repair their vehicles. This help made such a difference and seeing the worry leave their face upon receiving the grant money is one of the most rewarding experiences that I am thankful to have been a part of."

Small business has been impacted greatly in this pandemic. A result of this CDBG program with the City of Lewiston was the strengthening of relationships with local businesses, such as Grimmel's Auto Service on Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Many grant recipients needed the funds to repair their auto so they could maintain reliable transportation, and having a local partner to

provide quality work was key.

The credit union intends to apply for additional CDBG opportunities in the future to continue supporting community members who are navigating difficult financial times.

While the national CDFI Fund does not make loans directly to individuals - nor does it directly finance specific projects - the CDFI Fund provides financing to CDFIs throughout the country that, in turn, provide financing to individuals.

Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full service financial institution that has been serving its members and all of Androscoggin County for 75 years. The credit union has a low-income designation from the National Credit Union Association, and is certified as a Community Development Financial Institution.

Community Credit Union has branches at 144 Pine Street, Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street, Auburn and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner serving approximately 10,000 members.

For more information, log onto [www.communitycreditunion.com](http://www.communitycreditunion.com).

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

# Nursing Endowment Scholarship created

### From Androscoggin

LEWISTON - Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice (Androscoggin) recently announced the creation of the Julie Shackley Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Nursing Education, for Androscoggin employees who wish to pursue or advance their professional education in nursing.

Two applicants will be awarded each year. Scholarship amounts will be \$2,000 each, distributed \$1,000 per semester.

The nursing scholarship is named in memory of Julie Shackley, RN, MSN, who served as the President and CEO at Androscoggin from 2005 to 2016. She died last year after a long illness.

A clinician at heart, Shackley spent many years caring for patients, practicing primarily in home health care and hospice, and was a catalyst for the first Hospice House in Maine. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1980, and earned a Master's of Science in Nursing in 1997,



An educational scholarship for Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice employees was recently created in memory of former Androscoggin President and CEO Julie Shackley, seen here in a photograph from several years ago, who died last year after a long illness. (Photo courtesy of Androscoggin)

both at the University of Southern Maine.

She was an advocate for quality and professional development and worked for several years at Androscoggin as the supervisor of Staff Development before ascending to executive leadership.

Current Androscoggin President and CEO, Kenneth Albert, RN, Esq. said, "The endowment scholarship honors Julie Shackley's commitment to

the nursing profession. It further honors the education and skill necessary to provide high quality health care at home."

Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice is the largest, non-profit independent home health and hospice organization in the state. It has been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine since 2006. To learn more about Androscoggin, visit [www.androscoggin.org](http://www.androscoggin.org)

# Johnson joins CMH as director of philanthropy

### From CMH

LEWISTON - Kara Aleixo Johnson, JD, has joined Central Maine Healthcare as system director of philanthropy.

In this leadership role, Johnson is responsible for the planning and implementation of all fundraising efforts for Central Maine Healthcare, including a portfolio of major gift prospects and donors, and building broad-based private support for annual

giving, endowments and capital projects.

"We're thrilled to have Kara on board at Central Maine Healthcare in this time of growth and as we are building our state-of-the-art Cancer Care Center. She's had great success in leading fundraising efforts and brings deep experience in business development and strategic planning to the role," said Jeffrey L. Brickman, FACHE, president. *See Johnson, page 11*



Kara Johnson, JD, recently took on the role of system director of philanthropy with Central Maine Healthcare in Lewiston. (Photo courtesy of CMH)

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# Record low rate on delinquent property taxes

## From Office of Treasurer

AUGUSTA – Maine State Treasurer Henry Beck last week announced that the interest rate charged on delinquent property taxes will be reduced to the lowest level on record in consideration of economic challenges associated with COVID19.

For taxable year 2021, the maximum interest rate that a municipality may charge for delinquent property taxes is no more than 6%, according to the State of Maine Office of the Treasurer.

Beck is declining an

additional 3% penalty to the range, as is routine and allowed by Maine law.

Municipalities may vote to determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during a taxable year until those taxes are paid in full. Given this is a reduction of more than two points from 2020's rate of 8%, municipalities may add up to two percentage points to the low end of the range, for a maximum of 6%. 4-6% is the lowest rate according to records dating back to 1991.

Beck said, "We make this reduction on the in-

terest rate for delinquent property taxes in consideration of the economic challenges faced by Mainers during the COVID19 pandemic. Property owners should make every effort to pay property tax bills to fund vital local services but at this time of economic stress it is not wise to add unnecessary penalties on late property tax payments. Mainers are worried about keeping their homes and paying other bills. Last year, some Maine municipalities opted not to charge the allowed maximum and this option remains."

The maximum rate of

interest that can be charged is governed by Title 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4):

"The maximum rate of interest must be established by the Treasurer of State and may not exceed the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the calendar year, rounded up to the next whole percent plus 3 percentage points. The Treasurer of State shall post that rate of interest on the Treasurer of State's publicly accessible website on or before January 20th of each year. The interest must be added to and become part of the

taxes."

According to Title 36 M.R.S. Section 505(4-A), municipalities may add an additional two points to the rate:

"For any tax year for which the maximum interest rate established by the Treasurer of State under subsection 4 is 2 percentage points or more lower than the maximum rate established by the Treasurer of State for the previous tax year, the municipality may adopt an interest rate that is up to 2 percentage points over the rate established by the Treasurer of State for the tax year under

subsection 4."

The Office of the State Treasurer provides state agencies with efficient banking and financial services, which include revenue collection, payment issuance, reconciliation, and trust management. The Office also manages state investments and debt payments and issuance, ensuring that bonds authorized by voters are efficiently sold in the marketplace to provide funding for capital projects statewide. Over \$200 million in unclaimed funds for Maine residents are managed by the Office of the Treasurer.

# USDA suspends farm loan debt collections

## From USDA

WASHINGTON D.C. - Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently suspended past-due debt collections and foreclosures.

for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the USDA will temporarily suspend non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice; and USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's

Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice.

Additionally, USDA has extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available to lenders to assist in servicing their customers.

The announcement by USDA expands previous actions undertaken by the Department to lessen financial hardship. According to USDA data, more than 12,000 borrowers—

approximately 10% of all borrowers—are eligible for the relief announced today. Overall, FSA lends to more than 129,000 farmers, ranchers and producers.

"USDA and the Biden Administration are committed to bringing relief and support to farmers, ranchers and producers of all backgrounds and financial status, including by ensuring producers have access to temporary debt relief," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "Not only is USDA suspending the pipeline of adverse actions that can lead to foreclosure and debt collection, we are also working with the Departments of Justice and Treasury to sus-

pend any actions already referred to the applicable Agency. Additionally, we are evaluating ways to improve and address farm related debt with the intent to keep farmers on their farms earning living expenses, providing for emergency needs, and maintaining cash flow."

The temporary suspension is in place until further notice and is expected to continue while the national COVID-19 disaster declaration is in place.

USDA's Farm Service Agency provides several different loans for producers, which fall under two main categories:

Guaranteed loans are made and serviced by

commercial lenders, such as banks, the Farm Credit System, credit unions and other non-traditional lenders. FSA guarantees the lender's loan against loss, up to 95 percent.

Direct loans are made and serviced by FSA using funds from the federal government.

The most common loan types are Farm Ownership, Farm Operating, and Farm Storage Facility Loans, with Microloans for each:

**Farm Ownership:** Helps producers purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, construct a new or improve an existing farm or ranch building, pay closing costs, and pay for soil and water conservation and protec-

tion.

**Farm Operating:** Helps producers purchase livestock and equipment and pay for minor real estate repairs and annual operating expenses.

**Farm Storage Facility Loans** are made directly to producers for the construction of cold or dry storage and includes handling equipment and mobile storage such as refrigerated trucks.

**Microloans:** Direct Farm Ownership, Operating Loans, and Farm Storage Facility Loans have a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche-type operations.

# Non-profits may apply for grants from Northeast CU

## From Northeast CU

PORTSMOUTH, NH – Local nonprofit organizations serving communities in New Hampshire and Maine once again have an opportunity to apply for grants through Northeast

Credit Union's Love Your Community Awards.

Launched in 2020, the Love Your Community Awards initiative is part of Northeast Credit Union's region-wide Love Your Community Project, which aims to encourage people

to practice kindness in their everyday lives. Last year, Northeast Credit Union donated a total of \$120,000 across 60 organizations through the Love Your Community Awards initiative, and Northeast Credit Union has committed to

matching that commitment in 2021.

"We believe we have a responsibility to both support and shine a spotlight on the leaders and organizations who work every day to help those in our communities who

need it most," said Northeast Credit Union President and CEO Timothy J. Collia. "We are proud of the impact our Love Your Community Awards initiative was able to make in 2020, and we look forward to once again playing our part in helping the many philanthropic organizations across our region."

Eligible nonprofit organizations can apply for the 2021 Love Your Community Awards through Northeast Credit Union's website at <http://bitly.ws/bCBQ>. Once accepted as an applicant, each organization will be tasked with obtaining votes from its community. The 10 organizations with the most votes at the end of every month through July will be award-

ed donations ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

February's application period opened on Feb. 1, and voting for February finalists will begin on Feb. 15. All winners will be highlighted on a monthly basis on the Love Your Community Project's website, [www.TheLYC.com](http://www.TheLYC.com).

Northeast Credit Union has long-standing history of providing safe, high-quality financial services to their member-owners. From humble beginnings at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Northeast CU is proud to be a member-owned and not-for-profit organization with \$1.8 billion in assets, over 135,000 members and 19 branches throughout New Hampshire and Maine,

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**Johnson**

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ident and CEO of Central Maine Healthcare. "These are great assets as we continue to change the face of healthcare in Maine."

Johnson was previously senior director of development at Mid-Coast Parkview Health in Brunswick, where she grew the development team and philanthropic support, managed a capital campaign, a major gifts program and developed new initiatives. She has also owned a business development consulting firm, held leadership roles in sales and practiced law in the areas of real estate and litigation.

"I'm looking forward to collaborating with my new colleagues across the organization and with the community at this exciting time," Johnson said. "The work to bring high-quality, affordable and convenient care to more Maine people is truly inspiring."

Johnson earned a bachelor degree in English literature and political science from Wheaton College in Norton, MA, and her law degree from Suffolk University School of Law in Boston.

She has served on the boards of organizations including The Gathering Place and Embrace A Vet as chair of the Development Committee. She is a corporator of Mid Coast Hospital and has served on the board of Mid Coast-Parkview Health. Johnson is also a member of the Maine Women's Giving Tree.

Johnson started her new role in early January.

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

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

**Dean's List**

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College in Beverly, MA, for the Fall 2020 semester.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no

withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. Endicott College is the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students.

**Dean's List at Saint Michael's**

COLCHESTER, VT - Several local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2020 semester, including Anyssa Logan, a freshman media studies and digital arts major from Auburn and a graduate of Edward Little High School; Camden Jalbert, a senior accounting/business administration major from Lewiston and a graduate of Saint Dominic Academy; Nicholas Welsh, a sophomore environmental science major from Lewiston and a graduate of Saint Dominic Academy; and Veda Leclerc, a freshman psychology major from Lewiston and a graduate of Lewiston High School.

Saint Michael's College, located in Colchester, VT, is founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion. It is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. Its closely-connected community delivers internationally-respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country's best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young

adults are helped to grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.

**Ithaca College Dean's List**

ITHACA, NY - Annie Hazelton of Auburn was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College for the Fall 2020 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,500 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

**PhD in Physics From UNH**

DURHAM, NH (02/05/2021)-- Christopher Libby of Auburn graduated in December with a PhD in Physics from the University of New Hampshire.

**Book**

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much-needed topic for a picture book. Our lives deeply revolve around food and the celebration of events with food, so I think Alicia's book would come in handy in so many situations (in schools and at home)."

"If I Can't Eat Flies, What Am I?" releases Feb. 9 and is available for pre-order in hardcover edition (\$18.99) and softcover edition (\$11.99) on Amazon and B&N, and in Kindle eBook edition (\$1.99) on Amazon.

Spanish editions are expected mid-April.

To order an autographed copy or learn more, visit [www.aliciajaffaff.com](http://www.aliciajaffaff.com).

**Libby**

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back down from leadership has not been an easy one. Last November, I stood before the Senate Democratic Caucus and said that in the coming two-year term I would give everything I had as Majority Leader in service of our caucus, our values and our priorities. And I meant it. But life happens when you're making other plans."

"Since November, circumstances have changed making it harder for me to make good on my commitment to the Senate Democratic Caucus. Recently, I accepted a full-time position as president of Community Concepts Finance Corporation. At the same time, my growing young family has made sacrifices to allow me to meet the demands of serving in legislative leadership. They need and deserve more of my time, and while this decision is extremely difficult for me to make, it's for that reason

I know I've made the right one."

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as Senate Majority Leader and for the support of both President Jackson and Assistant Majority Leader Vitelli. I'll continue to proudly serve all of the people of Lewiston in the Senate, being the same forceful advocate for policies and

state budget issues that impact our city, and chairing the Government Oversight Committee."

The Senate Democratic Caucus elected a new majority leader at a caucus on Monday.

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

**Thibeault wins Public Theatre raffle**



Christopher Schario, Artistic Director of the Public Theatre on Maple Street in Lewiston, pulls the winning ticket for a recent fundraising raffle. Bette Thibeault of Lewiston, a longtime supporter of the theatre, won the grand prize of \$1,500. (Photo courtesy of Public Theatre)

From Public Theatre

Street in Lewiston announced last week that it sold all of its 300 raffle

LEWISTON - The Public Theatre on Maple

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## 476,000 Diagnosed with Lyme Disease Each Year

### From U.S. Sen. Collins

Washington, D.C. — In response to a push by U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Tina Smith (D-MN), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published new data on Lyme disease, which reveals that an estimated 476,000 people are diagnosed with and treated for Lyme disease each year in the United States.

The new calculation is roughly 10 times higher than the number of reported Lyme disease cases, which was nearly 48,000 in 2018.

Additionally, as requested by the Senators, the CDC has published a new dashboard to help researchers collect real-time data. This information on emergency department visits for tick bites by time, region, age, and sex will be updated weekly instead of annually

and can better indicate when people in different parts of the country may be at the highest risk for tick bites.

Senators Collins and Smith, the authors of the bipartisan Kay Hagan Tick Act that was enacted in December 2019, sent a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) last January calling for the release of this data as part of the implementation of their law. The Kay Hagan Tick Act will help to improve research, prevention, diagnostics, and treatment for tick-borne diseases.

“This new data showing that Lyme disease remains vastly under-reported by a factor of 10 underscores the fact that tick-borne illnesses are a serious and growing public health threat,” said Senator Collins. “As the authors of the Kay

Hagan Tick Act that created a national strategy to fight tick-borne diseases, Senator Smith and I pushed for the release of this powerful tool to assist researchers working to track and eradicate Lyme disease. Now that we have a clearer picture of the challenge that we are up against, we are better positioned to protect Americans’ health.”

“This report confirms that Lyme disease is a serious and growing public health problem in the United States,” said Senator Smith. “Now that we have this data, it’s incumbent on us to advance the national strategy outlined in the Kay Hagan Tick Act. Such prevention and treatment efforts will help curb the spread of tick-borne diseases so that Americans can enjoy spending time outside safely.”

The incidence of Lyme

and other tick-borne diseases has increased significantly since the CDC reporting began in 1991. According to the CDC, Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease and the most common vector-borne disease.

Maine alone reported more than 1,400 confirmed cases in 2018, the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the nation. Minnesota is also vulnerable with 950 confirmed cases of Lyme diseases in 2018. These data, however, capture only about one-tenth of the estimated number of disease cases, and a full understanding of the economic and societal costs remains unknown. Studies so far indicate that Lyme disease alone costs approximately \$1.3 billion each year in direct medical costs, and overall costs, including indirect costs, average \$75 billion.

## Union membership in Maine increased in 2020

### From Maine AFL/CIO

AUGUSTA - Union membership in Maine grew by 13,000 members in 2020, marking a 3 percent increase from 2019, according to new data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Union density rose from about 12 percent in 2019 to 15 percent in 2020. The report also finds that nearly 17 percent of Maine workers in 2020 were represented by unions — an increase of 3 percent from 2019. Maine’s union density outpaced the national average of 10.8 percent, which increased by 0.5 percent in 2020.

“More and more Maine workers are organizing and fighting for better wages, working condi-

tions, safety on the job and democracy in the workplace,” said Cynthia Phinney, President of the Maine AFL-CIO. “The pandemic has reminded all of us that working people are essential. The best way for essential workers to have safe workplaces, respect at work and good jobs is by joining together with co-workers in a union.”

The Maine AFL-CIO attributes the growth in union membership in Maine to three factors: 1) increased internal organizing in already organized public sector and federal sector workforces; 2) new union organizing; 3) increased hiring in essential unionized sectors of the Maine economy. Increased overall density can be attributed to all of these factors plus significant layoffs in non-union sectors of the economy due to COVID.

The BLS report also found that among full-time wage and salary workers, union members earned 16 percent more than non-union members. In addition, BLS has also reported that union members are far more likely to have employer-provided health care and retirement benefits.


95 percent of union workers had the option of an employer-sponsored health care plan, compared to 68 percent of nonunion workers.

94 percent of union workers had access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, compared to 67 percent of nonunion workers.

93 percent of union workers had the option of an employer-sponsored prescription drug coverage, compared to 67 percent of nonunion workers.

74 percent of union workers had the option of an employer-sponsored dental plan, compared to 40 percent of non-union workers.

“The secret is out and more and more Maine workers are discovering that they have the collective power to improve their lives,” Phinney said. “Just in the past year, there have been union organizing efforts at health care providers, Portland Museum of Art, Planned Parenthood, the ACLU of Maine, Waterville KVCAP and other workplaces. In the era of COVID, more and more workers are understanding that the only way to guarantee safer conditions, health care, hazard pay and other benefits is by banding together and using their collective voice to demand them.”



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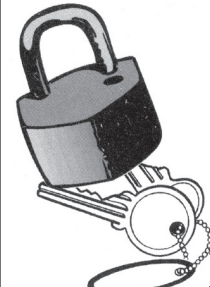
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**1ST AND 3RD  
TUESDAYS  
11:30 a.m.**

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a weekly conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

**MONDAYS IN  
FEBRUARY**

LEWISTON - Green Dot Bystander Intervention techniques! For every member of a community to use, both proactively to change our culture for the better and reactively to minimize harm. None of us can do everything, but each of us can do our part to make Lewiston-Auburn a safer and more welcoming community.

Hosted by Lewiston Public Library, Green Dot Lewiston-Auburn is offering 2-hour bystander intervention training using Zoom. These are interactive, last about two hours, and are limited to 15 adult participants per session. Registration is required at <https://www.greendotla.org/schedule>.

Choose from one of the following sessions:

Monday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

**MONDAY  
Feb. 15**  
Presidents' Day

**TUESDAY  
Feb. 16**  
7:30 a.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

8 a.m.  
GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting via Zoom.

4 p.m.  
AUBURN - Auburn Sewer District Trustees meeting.

6 p.m.  
AUBURN – Conservation Commission meeting.

6 p.m.  
LEWISTON – City Council meeting.

6:30 p.m.  
GORHAM – Tentative recurring Town Council workshop via Zoom.

**WEDNESDAY  
Feb. 17**  
8 a.m.

GORHAM – Gorham Economic Development Corporation meeting via Zoom.

4 p.m.  
AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees meeting.

**THURSDAY  
Feb. 18**  
8 a.m.

AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

Noon-1 p.m.  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Great Falls Forum. This is a free, monthly series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and

the arts streaming virtually via Zoom and streamed to the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page. This month's forum features Youth Studies scholar Dr. Andrea Breau, on the topic, "It's a lot of pressure for us to understand this stuff: Lessons About Race and Place from Lewiston's Teenagers."

6:30 p.m.  
GORHAM – Board of Appeals meeting via Zoom.

**MONDAY  
Feb. 22**  
5:30 p.m.  
LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting via Zoom.

5:30-6:30 p.m.  
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting at City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

**TUESDAY  
Feb. 23**  
5:30 p.m.  
AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

6 p.m.  
LEWISTON – City Council Workshop, via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc> Also, public comment will be possible at [publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov).

**WEDNESDAY  
Feb. 24**  
7:30 a.m.  
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

Noon  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Read Your Mind: Exploring Mental Health in Teen Books.

This is a monthly, virtual series focusing on teen mental health & wellness with YA authors and community health experts. In February, the library is hosting authors Adib Khorram, Mark Oshiro & Julian Winters to discuss how the intersection of masculinity, queerness, and racial and cultural identity impact teen mental health. Contact [hchance@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:hchance@lewistonmaine.gov) or call 207-513-3135 to register.

6 p.m.  
AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

6 p.m.  
AUBURN – School Committee meeting.

**MONDAY  
Mar. 1**  
5:30 p.m.  
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

7 p.m.  
GORHAM – Planning Board meeting via Zoom.

**TUESDAY  
Mar. 2**  
5:30 p.m.  
AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee meeting.

6 p.m.  
LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc> Also, public comment will be possible at [publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov).

6:30 p.m.  
GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting via Zoom.

**THURSDAY  
Mar. 4**  
4 p.m.  
AUBURN – Cable TV Advisory Board meeting.

5:30 p.m.  
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**MONDAY  
Mar. 8**  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting at City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

**Raffle**  
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tickets earlier than expected and has pulled the winning ticket.

The grand prize of \$1,500 was awarded to Bette Thibeault of Lewiston.

The raffle was created as a special fundraising event, offering 300 tickets at \$30 each to help support and celebrate The Public Theatre's 30th season during this time of COVID.

"We were so happy to see Bette's name on the winning ticket as she has been a longtime supporter of The Public Theatre as well as a fabulous advocate for all of the Arts in Lewiston/Auburn," said Artistic Director Christopher Schario.

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