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Construction is on time and on budget for the expansion of the Lewiston High School building. The new addition will provide special education and regular education classrooms, and house the visual and performing arts production and rehearsal areas. (Photo courtesy of Lewiston Public Schools)

# LHS expansion on time, on budget

From Lewiston Public Schools

LEWISTON - "On time, on budget!" That's the status of the Lewiston High School expansion, according to LHS assistant principal Jay Dufour, who also is the Lewiston School Department liaison for the project.

The construction contractor, Ledgewood Construction, is currently installing electrical material in the portion of the existing building that is part of the overall construction.

"Much of the interior demolition to connect the new wing to the main part of LHS has been accomplished," Dufour said. "Preparation, inside and outside, is well along for the additional elevator, and a seminar room in what formerly was administrative space is almost ready for drywalling and ceiling installation."

Creation of the new functional life skills program space is in progress, as are the redeveloped administrative offices, including the inclusion of the school resource officer's base of operation.

The former adult education area has been totally dismantled, and that program will be relocated to the newly renovated section of the school, according to Dufour. "Three doorways in the guidance department lobby have been totally knocked out, and will become entryways to a staff workroom, the special education offices, and the expanded nurse's suite," he said.

Upstairs, the school resource officer's office and AFJROTC quarters were demolished, and are being relocated, to provide space for elevator access and the connector hallway to the new wing.

The new addition will provide special education and regular education classrooms, and house the visual and performing arts production and rehearsal areas.

Adra Architecture president Timothy Brochu, who is the clerk of the works, representing the school department's interests, said that the last steel girders were installed on February 12 by Davis Erectors, subcontractor for Structure SBL. "Now, they are checking the alignments and (securing) all the beams. Next, will be the layout of the plumbing and electrical conduits, followed by the metal decking for the floors, then the pouring of the concrete floors. At that point, the metal studs

for the interior and exterior walls will be installed, and the exterior walls will be framed and sheathed," Brochu said.

"Ledgewood Construction is doing a very good job on site, addressing questions and responding to changes. I'm impressed with the way the company has managed this merging of the new with the previous construction," Brochu said

"The project superintendent, Steve Gwarjanski, is really on top of all phases, making my job a lot easier. As an architect, myself, I can see the excellent collaboration among the architectural firm (Lavallee/Brensinger), the contractor, and the school department," he said.

Dufour said that even the lead-up to construction went well - so well, in fact, that the taxpayers, students, and staff are going to realize a bonus. "When all the bids and other financial data came together, and construction was virtually ready to begin, the footprint for the wing was expanded by eight feet from front to back along the entire length, well within budget."

The dream of fifty years ago - a world-class educational center for Lewiston - is nearing reality, he said.

# I AND YOU... Full Stream ahead at The Public Theatre!

From Public Theatre

LEWISTON - Last March, due to COVID, The Public Theatre had to cancel its production of I AND YOU on the day it was scheduled to open. Only the preview audiences had the pleasure of seeing the show. They laughed, they wept and cheered the production. The Theatre was heartbroken that no one else would get to see this very special play.

"When opening night was cancelled, we were all desperately in need of closure on this wonderful experience", said Director Christopher Schario. "So, before the actors went home to New York, we invited a small audience to the theatre and recorded the final performance of I AND YOU. We're very excited to announce, that after months of contract negotiations, we have finally gotten permission to share this video with our audience."

I AND YOU can be watched at your convenience, once, any time between March 8 through March 21. "The interesting thing about streaming the show", said Schario, "is the fact that anyone in the world can watch it and see the high quality of work that's happening onstage at The Public Theatre. It's also a great way for our audience to introduce their friends and family who may not live in town to the Theatre."

"We're even offering a date night incentive of 'Dinner and a Show at home!', says Schario. "We are partnering with Fishbones Restaurant in Lewiston, who will be offering a 10% discount on takeout or dine-in during our streaming dates if you purchase your ticket by March 1st."

"Although watching theatre on television, may not be the same experience as seeing it live", says Schario, "rest assured that our artistic standards remain high and we are proud to share this recorded performance, knowing it is an accurate representation of the show."

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

# No Kid **Hungry grants**

From Share Our Strength

WASHINGTON, DC - As a result of the pandem-COVID-19 ic, many families in our community today face increased hardship.

Hunger and poverty, already at unacceptable levels, are affecting children at an alarming rate, and the hunger that kids face today has the power to impact the rest of their

As part of No Kid Hungry's continuing effort to ensure all children in Maine remain nourished and healthy, the campaign recently announced nearly \$340,000 in grants to 12 school districts and community organizations to support their efforts to feed kids. No Kid Hungry worked in close partnership with their lead Maine partner, Full Plates Full Potential, to invest in districts and community organizations with critical needs.

"No child should have to struggle with an empty stomach or stress about when they will eat again. These grants will help reach more kids with the food they need to grow up healthy, educated and strong," said Kristen Dunphey, Field Manager for the No Kid Hungry Cam-

"The funding awarded by No Kid Hungry has been crucial in supporting nutrition programs statewide to reach as many kids as possible during these challenging times for families," says Jenn So, senior program officer at Full Plates Full Potential.

The recipients of this round of No Kid Hungry grants across the state of Maine include Lewiston Public Schools and the Auburn School Department, along with Wabanaki Public Health, Biddeford School Department, Kittery Public Schools, Bangor School Department, Portland Public Schools, RSU54/MSAD54, Veggies to Table, and Westbrook School District.

No Kid Hungry believes no child should go hungry in America. But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, 1 in 4 kids could face hunger this year. No Kid Hungry is working to end childhood hunger by helping launch and improve programs that give all kids the healthy food they need to thrive. No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization committed to ending hunger and pov-

# MaineCF funds transportation programs



SAGE Maine members from across the state participate in a virtual empowerment self-defense class for older adults facilitated by Prevention Action Change. The class helped them combat the winter doldrums while learning physical self-defense skills and building community. Photo courtesy Equality Maine. (Photo courtesy of Maine CF)

### From MaineCF

**PORTLAND** ELLSWORTH - The Maine Community Foundation's Maine Charity Foundation Fund has awarded \$82,500 to 11 nonprofit organizations that support community-based transportation programs.

The funding helps programs with changes in response to the pandemic, and efforts to keep 60-and-older community members socially connected during a time of physical distancing.

Grant recipients include:

Beacon Project, Islesboro, to provide safe transportation for residents to appointments on the mainland from Islesboro during the pandemic: \$5,000.

**Catholic** Charities Maine, Portland, to maintain and expand SEARCH, a companionship and transportation program for older adults, into unserved rural areas to reduce social isolation and improve connection to community: \$10,000.

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nity Partners, Ellsworth, to provide rides for older community members in Washington and Hancock counties: \$5,000.

**Equality** Maine Foundation, Portland, to maintain SAGE Maine programming and statewide outreach efforts to keep LGBTQ+ older adults socially connected during a time of physical distancing: \$8,000.

In Her Presence, Portland, to make stressful home environments safe for older immigrant women by increasing knowledge through public health education and providing cultural foods: \$7,500.

Island Connections, Bar Harbor, to help make up for fundraising losses and support volunteer-based transportation program on Mount Desert Island:

Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club, Indian Island, to provide culturally appropriate social connection opportunities for elders who live alone and far apart: \$8,500.

People Plus, Bruns-

wick, to help cover fundraising losses for expansion and increased capacity for growing Volunteer Transportation Network serving 566 homebound older adults in Brunswick region with rides, shopping, groceries/ prescriptions: \$10,000.

SeniorsPlus, Lewiston, to help fund the Community Help Line, a critical resource in heightened demand during the pandemic: \$6,000

The Opportunity Alliance, South Portland, to increase capacity of its Senior Companion Program to more adequately assist older adults and their caregivers to promote wellness and reduce isolation in Cumberland and York counties: \$5,000

United Way of the Tri Valley Area, Farmington, to forge new collaboration among diverse stakeholders to create new and improved options for transportation, focused on older adults of limited financial means and utilizing volunteers in Franklin County, Livermore, and Livermore Falls: \$10,000.

Established in 1921, the Maine Charity Foundation Fund was the state's first community foundation, created to hold individual charitable funds and to distribute income from those funds. In 1993, the fund was transferred to the Maine Community Foundation, which continues the organization's tradition of grantmaking.

The next deadline for applications is September

For more details, visit www.mainecf.org or contact Director of Grantmaking Laura Lee at (207) 761-2440 or llee@mainecf.org.

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Guest Column

### **Setting Our Priorities: COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights**



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

By Sen. Nate Libby

The start of 2021 has not been easy on any of us. We are halfway through February, and the COVID-19 pandemic remains at the forefront of our lives. As the Legislature reconvenes in a virtual format, we're considering our first bill of the year, LD 1 "An Act to Establish a COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights."

The crux of the bill is this: If you're impacted by COVID-19, you shouldn't have to make tough decisions about seeking health care treatment because you're worried about how to pay for it. My fellow legislators and I all share a responsibility to make sure Mainers have access to health care, in a pandemic or not. We also hold firm that it is our responsibility to ensure that Mainers do not have to worry whether or not they can afford that care. Access to care as well as affordability to that care are equally vital. LD 1 aims to build on the progress we made last legislative session and deal with new issues that have arisen during this difficult time.

This bill would state-regulated require health care plans to cover and waive co-pays for COVID-19 screenings, testing and vaccinations, as well as expand telehealth options in the state of Maine. In other words, plans for public employees, individuals and small groups who purchase plans through the marketplace, and those covered by MaineCare are protected by provisions in LD 1.

Ensuring that uninsured Mainers are adequately protected throughout the remainder of the pandemic is another major part of this bill. For instance, it would require that COVID-19 testing sites inform uninsured Mainers whether their test is covered under the current

DHHS contract that offers free testing. If the site isn't covered by the contract, patients must be informed of any costs for the test as well as other sites where they can get tested for free.

The bill would also allow health care professionals to prescribe medications for a longer period during a state of an emergency, which would limit the number of trips folks have to make to the doctor's office and pharmacy. It would provide for a wider array of health care providers to administer the vaccine, which will help ensure that Maine has the resources needed to efficiently distribute the vaccine as more doses become available. Lastly, this bill would expand coverage to other populations as the FDA approves COVID-19

vaccines for emergency use on more people, such as children under 16.

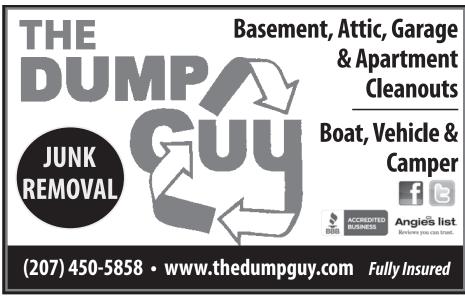
The State only has authority to regulate certain types of health insurance plans. We do not have the authority to regulate private self-funded, employer-based health insurance plans or Medicare products, including Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans. Despite this, I still believe every Mainer should be granted these protections. I am hopeful that the federal government will follow Maine's bold lead and pass similar measures that would protect Mainers with private insurance, as well as Americans across the country.

It goes without saying that this pandemic has placed hardships on us

all. Everyone knows that Mainers are resilient, but this bill takes extra necessary steps to make certain that the testing or vaccination process doesn't add to anyone's already full plate. I am optimistic about where we are at currently during this public health crisis, but there is still work to be done. In the meantime, we must all remain vigilant, stay safe, and continue to keep our distance. Thank you all for doing your part.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, you can always reach out to me at Nathan Libby@. legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1515.

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### **Seniors Not Acting Their Age**

# Unique Sunday River Whitecap



Hikers ascend the north shoulder of Sunday River Whitecap in a dense conifer growth. (Ron Chase photo)

### By Ron Chase

Sunday River Whitecap is one of the most unique mountain hikes in Maine. Rugged terrain, phenomenal views, and a barren alpine summit provide a remarkable winter mountaineering experi-

Located on the northeastern end of the Mahoosuc Range in far western Maine, climbing the 3,337 foot peak entails about 2,100 feet of elevation gain while negotiating a variety of trail conditions. The Grafton Notch Loop Trail is the normal route to the summit. From Route 26 in North Newry, the fourteen-mile out and back trek is an arduous winter expedition. For about three decades, Chowderheads with the Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society (PPCS)

have been scaling Sunday River Whitecap via an esoteric six mile roundtrip alternative route.

Scheduled to lead a mid-January PPCS winter mountain hike, Sunday River Whitecap was my choice. Unaware of snow depth in the Mahoosucs, a primary concern was to snowshoe or not to snowshoe. Full disclosure, for me snowshoeing is a means to an end. If I can get to the top of a mountain without using them, that's my preference. During my last Sunday River Whitecap outing, a companion and I toted snowshoes for the entire trip never needing them. At my age, I'm pacing my arthritic joints; attempting to postpone their inevitable demise. Senselessly carrying added weight is a non-starter.

Several club mem-

bers responded to my inquiry regarding snow levels in the Mahoosucs. Their reports indicated about ten inches of snow accumulation could be anticipated and snowshoes were probably unnecessary. Our plan was to take them to the trailhead before making a final decision.

Six of us met in a clearing at the junction of Routes 2 and 26 in Newry on a sunny, breezy winter day with temperatures in the low twenties. Since parking was expected to be limited at the esoteric trailhead, we masked and teamed up in pairs for the nine mile drive north on Route 26 to an old dirt road on the left between Screw Auger Falls and Grafton Notch. A snowplow had cleared space sufficient for a few vehicles.

Inspection at the trailhead indicated the ten-inch snow prediction was accurate. As the snow had a very light consistency, our decision was settled, no snowshoes. Anticipating gusty winds and low temperatures above tree line, we packed for extreme winter conditions. Everyone carried ice cleats, some wearing them from the outset.

Our intrepid band began the journey by crossing a bridge over Bear River before fol-



A trio of climbers emerge above tree line on gusty Sunday River Whitecap. (Ron Chase photo)

lowing the passageway as it rose steadily south. Just beyond the bridge. Snowmobile Route 82 ITS joined from the right. For the first time in my experience, no snowmobile tracks were evident. Insufficient snow accumulation is the probable explanation.

Turning left, the gradient moderated as our team traveled easterly. About a mile from the trailhead, the start of what was formerly a bush whack was detected on the right. Due to occasional usage and some trail markings, a fairly obvious path has evolved that leads through a scattered conifer and hardwood forest. Persevering uphill for approximately a mile, we connected with Grafton Notch Loop Trail in Miles Notch.

After progressing southeasterly on the loop trail for a short distance, our tenacious group of mountaineers angled right and began climbing steeply south on the north shoulder of Whitecap in a dense co-

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A snow-encrusted trail cairn leads the way to the summit of Sunday River Whitecap. (Ron Chase photo)

### Seniors

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nifer growth. Scrambling up a narrow gully amidst a consequential rock formation, we emerged onto the lower end of an extensive alpine zone where exceptional views of the northern Mahoosucs awaited us. Encountering frigid wind chills and sporadic icy footing, everyone donned parkas and ice cleats.

A formidable topography of wind-swept ice-covered surfaces and drifted snow complicated by a labyrinth of patchy mountain scrub confronted us. Trail finding became much more problematic. Cautiously surmounting an icebound escarpment and approaching the summit cone, we were unable to locate critical trail cairns. Advancing directly upward as safely as possible seemed our best strategy.

Doggedly persisting up the cone, a snow-encrusted cairn was serendipitously observed to our right. Back on the trail, the remaining route to the blustery summit was easily discernable. Shelter from the piercing gusts was found on the southwest side of the crest where a respite enjoying much need-

ed snacks was overdue.

Departing the summit, two hikers were passed. They were the only other alpine adventurers fortunate enough to experience dramatic Sunday River Whitecap on that glorious day.

Would snowshoes have been beneficial on the descent? I think so.

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals -New England," Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is scheduled for release by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or reach him at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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# Lewiston Reveals New Brand Identity



A new logo is part of the updated branding for the City of Lewiston that was revealed at the City Council meeting last week. (Image courtesy of City of Lewiston).

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON, Maine
— The City of Lewiston announced the release of a new brand identity after it's City
Council meeting last week.

The city is initiating the new branding to better represent and communicate Lewiston's authentic story, strengthen community bonds, boost economic development and position Lewiston for the future. The new look includes a redesigned and reimagined logo and visual elements along with expertly crafted messaging

"Our new brand identity brings to the forefront all that Lewiston has to offer," said City Administra-

tor Denis D'Auteuil. "The logo, visuals, and messaging builds on Lewiston's heritage, highlights diversified opportunities in present day, and complements our ongoing economic development initiatives and plans for the future."

The new brand was revealed to the public after Lewiston City Councilors approved it at the Tuesday, Feb. 16, meeting.

The design and messaging is the culmination of more than a year's work overseen by Lewiston City Administrator Denis D'Auteuil and Lewiston Finance Director Heather Hunter in collaboration with the professional branding and marketing agency, Warp + Weft of Auburn, Maine.

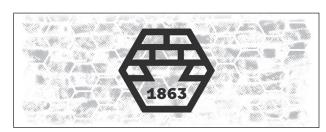
The City Council appropriated funds from the General Fund in both fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 budget appropriation to fund this initiative.

"The in-depth discus-

sions and research allowed us to objectively define what makes Lewiston stand out from peer cities and the benefits it provides for the people who call the city home as well as potential newcomers," said Jennie Malloy, director of strategy and a founder of Warp + Weft.

The new logo pays homage to the official city seal with a clean, modern design. The honeycomb shape is derived from the beehive found on the top of the original city seal. That symbol of industry, activity and community is combined with an inset keystone shape that references Lewiston's history, architecture, and its central importance in Maine. The color palette is a nod to the city skyline, described as "brick meets sky" honoring the city's industrious heritage.

Lewiston Mayor Mark Cayer said, "The new brand identity provides a refreshing new look at Lewiston



A honeycomb shape from the beehive found on the top of the original city seal is incorporated into the new branding for the City of Lewiston. (Image courtesy of City of Lewiston)

for prospective entrepreneurs, visitors, and residents alike. The City of Lewiston is a unique hometown with endless potential and bootson-the-ground community partners who get things done. The new brand will enable all of us to rally even more effectively around our proud heritage and to tell our continuing story of success, growth and vision for the future."

The release of the brand identity is the first phase of a multi-tiered rollout. City officials have received approved brand elements to incorporate into their depart-

ments. Warp + Weft has also provided a detailed brand strategy and analysis, and a marketing strategy and plan is being finalized.

New brand assets will be rolled out over the next several months, leading up to an official brand launch and campaign kick-off for the general public this summer.

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David Wilcox is featured in the online presentation of Concerts for a Cause from Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick on Friday. (Photo courtesy of UUCB)

# **Concerts for a Cause on Friday**

From UUCB

BRUNSWICK - David Wilcox whose June concert at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick was cancelled, has invited Concerts for a Cause to take part in his East Coast virtual livestream concert this Friday

It's not the same as a live concert at the church, but it WILL be live on the Internet and viewers will be able to make requests and chat with David in chat.

The Unitarian Universalist Church has cancelled eleven of their Concerts for a Cause because of COVID-19.

The two concerts scheduled for September and October are in danger of being cancelled as well.

The charities that are supported by the concerts are in need of extra donations during this difficult time

Cleveland-born David

Wilcox is a singer-songwriter with insightful lyrics, a smooth baritone voice, virtuosic guitar chops, and creative open tunings, giving him a range and tenderness rare in folk music. He has recorded 20 albums and has a wildly loyal fans following

Wilcox was a winner of the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk award in 1988, and in 1989 he released "How Did You Find Me Here" which sold over 100,000 copies the first year largely by word of mouth. His latest release "The View from the Edge" earned him the Grand Prize in the 2018 USA Songwriting Contest.

In live performance, David loves making up a spontaneous song for an audience member in need. Considered a 'songwriter's songwriter', his songs have been covered by many artists such as k.d. lang. In addition to his writing prowess, his skills as a performer and storyteller are unmatched.

The only way to get tickets is to create an account and purchase them at the performer's ticket platform at http://bitly.ws/bQxk. Single tickets will be \$20, with other choices available.

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### **Theater**

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"When I AND YOU was cancelled last March, over 500 high school students throughout the state were scheduled to attend a student matinee. Now that we're streaming the production, we hope the schools who weren't able to attend, as well as any new schools, will finally have the chance to see it. We're even offering our \$5 student matinee price to help make that possible", says Schario.

I AND YOU was one of the most produced plays in America in 2017, as well as the winner of the 2014 Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award. An acclaimed London production featured Maisie Williams from Game of Thrones (Arya) in the role of Caroline.

I AND YOU tells the story of an unlikely pair of teenagers who discover a shocking secret that will connect them forever. "The play contains a stunner of a spoiler" Schario said. "And we hope that viewers will protect the secret of the show so that others can enjoy the thrill of discovering it for themselves".

Joyful and heartbreaking, I AND YOU carries an uplifting message for anyone currently feeling isolated and disconnected. One year later, this unforgettable play has



Emma Wisniewski as Caroline and London Carlisle as Anthony in the streaming production of the show I AND YOU from The Public Theatre in Lewiston. (Photo courtesy of The Public Theatre)

become more timely and satisfying than ever. Watch a video sneak peek of this production at thepublictheatre org

I AND YOU features professional actors Emma Wisniewski as Caroline and London Carlisle as Anthony. Set design is by Jennifer Madigan, lighting by Christopher Burkhardt, and sound design by John Morrison.

Tickets can be purchased online at the public theatre.org or by calling 782-3200. A single ticket,

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# Maine Hardware Supports CMCC Program

From CMCC

AUBURN - Maine Hardware of Portland, a hardware and home improvement store providing tools, fasteners, building supplies, and appliances, recently donated a large amount of small hardware material to the Building Construction Technology (BCT) program at Central Maine Community College (CMCC).

The BCT program at CMCC prepares students for successful employment in construction-related fields. Through a combination of classroom study, mock-ups, and live projects, students obtain hands-on experience and become broadly familiar with methods, standards, and codes commonly associated with the construction industry. The jobsite track provides students with alternating on-campus training with paid, on-thejob experience.



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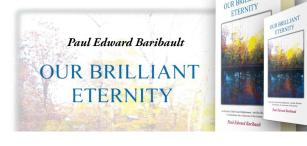


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# **Update from Senator Nate Libby**

By Sen. Libby

Dear Friends.

I've been hearing from so many of you about Maine's COVID-19 vaccine distribution. I'm happy to report that so far, more than 278,000 vaccine doses have been distributed in Maine, and more than 85,000 people have received both doses.

Last week, the Maine CDC announced that 24 Walmart and Sam's Clubs locations across the state (those with pharmacies) would begin distributing vaccines through a new federal program. These stores will receive more than 4,000 doses per week on top of Maine's current vaccine allotment. This is great news and means even more Mainers in need will be able to get the vaccine soon. You can check out Maine CDC's website for more information at http:// bitly.ws/bQiN

Unfortunately, last week we also got word that the new variant of the coronavirus has made it to Maine, with a case found in Franklin County, and a second case of that variant found in York County this week. Scientists say

doesn't cause more severe symptoms, it is easier to spread. I know we're all feeling the strain after having fought this pandemic for so long, but we need to stay vigilant. Please keep following CDC guidelines for washing your hands, wearing a mask in public and keeping physical distance from people when you can. Doing these things will not only help protect you and your family, it will also help slow the spread of the virus in your community.

If you have any questions or need help connecting with resources, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at nathan.libby@legislature. maine.gov or 207-287-1515.

### **Inventor of defibrillator** dies

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you the passing of Bernard Lown. Lown moved to Lewiston at the age of 14, and it became his second hometown. While he is best known for his work inventing the defibrillator, he is known as much more to the people of the Twin Cities. In 1960

that while this new variant Lown co-founded an anti-nuclear group that was eventually awarded Nobel Peace Prize. Peace was a central tenet of Lown's humanitarian work, and it is therefore fitting that the South Bridge connecting Lewiston and Auburn was renamed the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge in 2008. Lown will be remembered as a hometown hero and will remain a humanitarian role model for all of us.

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### **Unclaimed property**

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### small businesses

Maine's Small Business Development Center, found at https://www. mainesbdc.org/, is hosting some great webinars on a variety of topics. Coming

Customers Reach Online with Google 11 am. On Thursday, Mar. 4.

You can learn more about these webinars and other services SBDC offers on their website, https:// www.mainesbdc.org/.

### HealthCare.gov has reopened and will stay open through May 15, 2021. Check out your options today! You may be eligible for federal financial assistance for out-of-pocket costs. -> To sign up or to change > For free, confidential advice, call Consumers for Affordable Health Care at 1-800-965-7476 Questions or concerns? Reach us at: © 207-287-1515 © @mainesenatedemocrats

### **ACA** special enrollment

Last week, Biden Administration opened a special enrollment period for uninsured Americans to sign up for quality health care coverage through the marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act.

Mainers interested in signing up for a low-cost health care plan should go to www.CoverME.gov. This special enrollment period runs through May 15.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Mainers are likely eligible for fed-

eral subsidies lowering the costs of plans purchased through the marketplace and keeping out-of-pocket costs, including premiums and deductibles low. You can also call Maine Consumers for Affordable Health Care's free, confidential toll-free helpline at 1-800-965-7476 to learn more about your options and find a plan that's right for you.

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

# Lewiston Public Library schedule of events

LEWISTON - All events take place at the Lewiston Public Library and are free, no library card

### **Every Tuesday** 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Virtual Preschool Babytime & Storytime . Children 0-5 are welcome to join the fun on Zoom as Ms. Jackie uses interactive songs and stories to introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Call 207-513-3133 for details and registration.

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-6:30 p.m. Friday until 4:30

p.m.

Preschool Take and Make kits - through the end of March. Simple craft kits for developing fine motor skills, ABC's 123's, shapes, colors, and more! Call 207-513-3133 for details about how to pick up your kit. No library card required—these

kits are free to all!

### Monday-Thursday 10:00am-6:30 p.m. Friday until 4:30 p.m.

ArtVan ArtBags through the end of June. New every two weeks, simple and fun art projects in a paper bag! Call 207-513-3133 for details about how to pick up your kit. No library card required—these kits are free to all!

### 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 11:30am

Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading.

Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

### **Thursday** Mar. 18 Noon-1 p.m.

Great Falls Forum, 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 Rose Barboza and Jerry Edwards.

### Wednesday Mar. 31 Noon

Read Your Mind: Exploring Mental Health in Teen Books - a monthly, virtual series focusing on teen mental health & wellness with YA authors and community health experts. In March we will host authors Ceylan Scott & Julia Drake to discuss self-harm behaviors, the influence of guilt and loss, and honest portrayals of hospitalization experiences. Contact hchance@lewistonmaine. gov or call 207-513-3135 to register.





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### Cooking, composting, garden webinars in March



Vegetable soup made from home-canned foods will be part of the discussion in webinars presented in March by University of Maine Cooperative Extension. (Photo courtesy of UMaine)



A compost webinar series presented by UMaine in March will examine compost issues in agriculture and waste management. (Photo courtesy of UMaine)



Sustainable approaches to garden design will the be topic of a webinar presented by UMaine on March 10. (Photo courtesy of UMaine)

### From UMaine

ORONO - University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer two new webinars about cooking with Maine foods from 2–2:45 p.m. on March 9

and March 23.

The first March "Cooking with the Maine Harvest" session focuses on using home-frozen fruit in baking and cooking. Second session will discuss cooking with home-

canned foods. Instructors share recipes and techniques in this interactive series, which continues through the spring.

Registration is required; a \$5 donation per session is optional. Register on the program webpage to receive the link and resources. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Kate McCarty, 207.781.6099; kate. mccarty@maine.edu.

### Composting

UMaine Cooperative Extension will offer a three-webinar series about compost issues in agriculture and waste management from noon—1 p.m. on March 11, March 23 and March 30.

This compost webiseries first examines the organic certification process for compost usage with Caleb Goos-Maine Organic sen, Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) organic crop and conservation specialist; followed by carcass composting with Krishona Martinson. University of Minnesota professor and Extension equine specialist; and composting hemp residual with Mark King, Maine Department of Environmental Protection environmental specialist and Maine Compost School educator.

The fee is \$10 per session, \$25 for the series; registration is required. Register on the event webpage to receive webinar links. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Doherty, 207.832.0343; pamela. doherty@maine.edu.

### Ornamental Gardens

UMaine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar about ornamental garden design for home gardeners from 6–7 p.m. on March 10.

Webinar topics include sustainable approaches to garden design, ideas and tips for siting an ornamental garden, plant selection and arrangement, and sourcing materials. Charlene Spindler Gray, a University of Maine lecturer in landscape design and program coordinator for environmental horticulture and sustainable agriculture, leads the discussion.

Registration is required; a \$5 donation is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive a link to the recording. This is the fifth in a six-part winter gardening webinar series offered every other Wednesday through March for Maine and New Hampshire gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207.781.6099; pamela. hargest@maine.edu.

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county.

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For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

# A market-based approach to curb greenhouse gas

From CCL Maine

PORTLAND - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently advanced its position on climate action.

As reported by the

Examiner, Washington business organiza-"supports a martion ket-based approach to greenhouse accelerate gas emissions reductions across the U.S. economy." Endorsing "market-based" climate policy indicates support for carbon pricing, which is the type of policy local members of the Citizens' Climate Lobby want Senators Collins and King to support.

"The U.S. Chamber represents many major American corporations. We are glad to see them recognize this is a solution that works for people, the planet, and businesses," said Kyle Kammien, Senior Business Relations Representative for Citizens' Climate Lobby. "Their stance will help build more support in Congress for a durable, bipartisan climate solution."

"The business community is so important to Maine's economy, but climate change brings extreme weather and unpredictability, which are a threat to normal business operations. That's why it's so exciting to see the U.S. Chamber speaking up and supporting climate action," said KC Hughes, owner of LT's Inc, an embroidery, screen printing and promotional products business in Portland.

"The right climate solutions can unleash the power of the American market on solving this problem," explained Hughes. "I hope the Maine Chamber of Commerce agrees with its national counterpart and will urge Senators Collins and King to support a carbon price."

Solutions like the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act are market-based approaches with bipartisan support. Members of the new administration, such as Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, have expressed support for this policy approach as well.

While the Chamber is still not ready to endorse carbon pricing outright, it appears the group sees it as more favorable than mandates and regulations, which have become the preferred carbon reduction policy of Democrats and are expected to be the path pursued by President-elect Joe Biden

Following the hottest year on record, the Maine Citizens' Climate Lobby (Maine CCL) begins 2021 with over 2,000 volunteers statewide organizing to urge Maine's congressional delegation to act swiftly on climate change and champion a federal carbon fee and dividend plan like that envisioned in the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763), a 2019 bipartisan House bill.

Maine CCL is organizing its statewide network of volunteers to urge congressional support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act by working with constituencies that include businesses and chambers of commerce, faith groups and community organizations, youths in high school and college, municipalities and the state legislature, and Maine's congressional delegation.

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. CCL organizes by establishing local chapters in congressional districts and currently has 610 chapters worldwide with 7 active chapters in Maine.

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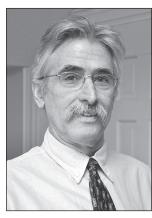
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### Virtual breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels



Don Harden, former Director of Aging Services at Catholic Charities Maine, is receiving the 2021 Ikaria Award from SeniorsPlus. The award honors an individual in the community for singular and outstanding contributions toward improving the lives of older adults. (Photo courtesy of SeniorsPlus)

### From SeniorsPlus

LEWISTON - SeniorsPlus, the designated Area Agency on Aging for Western Maine, will conduct a virtual fundraiser in March to benefit its Meals on Wheels nutrition program.

The 2021 Fill the Plate Breakfast takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 19, and the event will honor Don Harden with the Ikaria Award for his work with older people.Richard Blanco, 2013 Presidential Inaugural Poet, will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at http://bitly.ws/bQnD or by calling 207 795-4010. Advance registration is required by March 17. Attendees who register by March 1 will receive a goody bag with a ticket for door prizes.

Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels of Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin counties.

An award-winning poet and memoirist, Blanco will share selections from his works, and thoughts on the theme of "Sustenance: Mv Food, Mv Culture. My Elders." Selected as the fifth Presidential Inaugural Poet in U.S. history, Blanco is the first Latinx, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role, having read his original poem "One Today" for Barack Obama's second inauguration in 2013. He was born in Madrid, Spain, to Cuban exile parents and raised in Miami, Florida. Cultural identity characterizes his many collections of award-winning poetry, including his most recent, How to Love a Country, and his memoir The Prince of Los Cocuvos: A Miami Childhood. Blanco is a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, has received numerous honorary doctorates, serves as Education Ambassador

for The Academy of American Poets, and is an Associate Professor at Florida International University.

The Ikaria Award honors an individual in the community for singular and outstanding contributions toward improving the lives of older adults. Don Harden is the former Director of Aging Services at Catholic Charities Maine where he worked for forty years.

He is a founding Board Member of the Maine Council on Aging where he currently serves as Vice Chair. He has been active on committees and a legislative commission to address long term care workforce challenges. His current passions are healthy aging and addressing ageism.

"Don Harden has worked hard to improve the lives of Maine's older adults," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. "We are thrilled to honor his years of dedication and hard work with the Ikaria Award."

Ikaria is a Greek island in the Aegean Sea. It is considered one of the world's five "Blue Zones" – places where an estimated one in three members of the population regularly lives an active life into their 90s.

The Fill the Plate Breakfast is presented in conjunction with March for Meals, a national campaign of the Meals on Wheels America.

Last year, Meals on Wheels at SeniorsPlus and its congregate dining services provided 205,000 meals to more than 2,000 homebound older adults and adults with disabilities in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. Each meal provides one-third of the recommended daily allowance of nutrition, a safety check, and a visit to these vulnerable adults.

"Meals on Wheels can often determine a person's ability to remain at home," Sawyer-Manter said.

The overall goal of SeniorsPlus is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities in the tri-county area in remaining at home safely for as long as possible. The overwhelming majority of older adults (greater than 95% in an AARP survey) wish to remain at home until they die. The Meals on Wheels program provides nourishment, socialization, and regular safety checks.

The mission of SeniorsPlus is to enrich the lives of older people and adults with disabilities, their families and communities, and to support them to make informed choices. SeniorsPlus envisions a future where all older adults and individuals with disabilities are engaged and respected while living quality, independent lives in the communities of their



Richard Blanco, 2013 Presidential Inaugural Poet, is the keynote speaker at the annual Fill the Plate Breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels at SeniorsPlus. This ticketed, virtual event will take place from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 19. (Photo courtesy of SeniorsPlus)

choice.

Established in 1972, SeniorsPlus covers Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties and serves more than 19,000 individuals annually. The agency focuses on older adults, adults with disabilities, and families and offers a network of support, including information and assistance, short-term care management, Medicare counseling, caregiver support and respite, health and wellness education, Options Counseling, and Meals on Wheels and social dining.

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

# LAWPCA to fund another environmental project

From Maine DEP

LEWISTON – In January, the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority agreed to allow remaining funds in a previous consent decree be used for another Supplemental Environmental Project.

The LAWPCA is a quasi-municipal corporation which operates a sewage sludge compost facility on Lincoln Street in Lewiston.

On Aug. 12, 2019, LAWPCA, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Attorney General entered into an administrative consent agreement (2019 ACA) in which one of the resolutions included LAWPCA providing the Lewiston-Auburn Watershed Protection Commis-

sion with \$32,500.00 to complete a Supplemental Environmental Project.

That original project was for the installation of two specialized catch basins on Rt. 4 by the causeway in Auburn.

On July 21 LAWP-CA reported that the SEP under the 2019 ACA was completed and that the Lewiston-Auburn Watershed Protection Commission only used a portion of the funds provided as part of that SEP.

Pursuant to LAWP-CA's request; LAWPCA, the DEP and the attorney general have agreed to amend the 2019 ACA to allow for the remaining funds, approximately \$20,170.00 to be used to fund an additional SEP to be completed by the Lewiston-Auburn Watershed Protection Commission.

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### Maine's General Fund revenue exceeds forecasts

From State of Maine

AUGUSTA, Maine -The Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) announced recently that revenues to the State's General Fund have exceeded the latest nonpartisan revenue forecasts by \$65 million, or 3.3 percent, for the first half of the fiscal year.

When adjusted to reflect the increased funds Maine is sending to cities and towns via revenue sharing, DAFS's revenue report for the month of December shows that State revenues have increased by 4 percent compared to the same six-month period last fiscal year.

"Thanks in large part to the effects of federal pandemic relief to Maine and Maine people - including funding for Maine businesses – revenues are

beating projections. While still below pre-pandemic estimates, revenues have grown and appear to have become relatively stable, though we know the pandemic can change that at any moment," said Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner for DAFS. "Nonetheless, this is welcome news that also supports the Governor's goals of bolstering public health infrastructure and maintaining services important to Maine families, schools, and communities amid this deadly pandemic. Federal relief, combined with our sound fiscal management, provided stability as we weather the storm of COVID-19 and provide crucial programs for Maine people during these unprecedented times."

Overall, December sales tax revenue, which measures November sales cent over last year.

Despite declines in restaurant and lodging sales, down 26.8 and 25 percent respectively compared to the same period last fiscal year, combined sales and use and service provider tax receipts came in over budget by \$9 million. Building supply stores continue to have strong demand for their products, increasing by 25 percent, and business operating sales increased in November by 9.3 percent over a year ago. Consumer sales increased by 7.6 percent over a year ago. General merchandise stores came in relatively flat on a year-over-year basis while the auto and transportation category posted growth of 3.1 percent and is up 12.2 percent for the September-November period. Other retail sales grew by

activity, increased 7.7 per- 37.9 percent as e-commerce sales continue to increase in the COVID-19 economy.

"Nationally, including here in Maine, concerns remain that sales tax receipts may begin to weaken because of the late passage of the federal stimulus package, the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, and the home heating season now at its peak period," said Dr. Michael Allen, DAFS' Associate Commissioner of Tax Policy.

Individual income tax receipts were over budget in December by \$32 million or 22.3 percent relative to projections. For the first half of the fiscal year withholding receipts are 10.1 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Estimated payments in December exceeded budget by 63.5 percent and

increased 47 percent compared to last December.

"Some of the extraordinary monthly withholding growth is because this December had one extra Thursday than last year, but that doesn't fully explain growth of this magnitude," said Allen. "The final estimated payment for tax year 2020 is due in January, but some taxpayers prepay their final state estimated payment in December to get an itemize deduction for that tax year at the federal level. This timing incentive has diminished greatly in recent years because of the State and Local Tax deduction cap of \$10,000 that was part of the 2017 federal tax reform act. We will watch the January estimated payment carefully to see if the strong December payment was a timing issue or was a signal of much better final

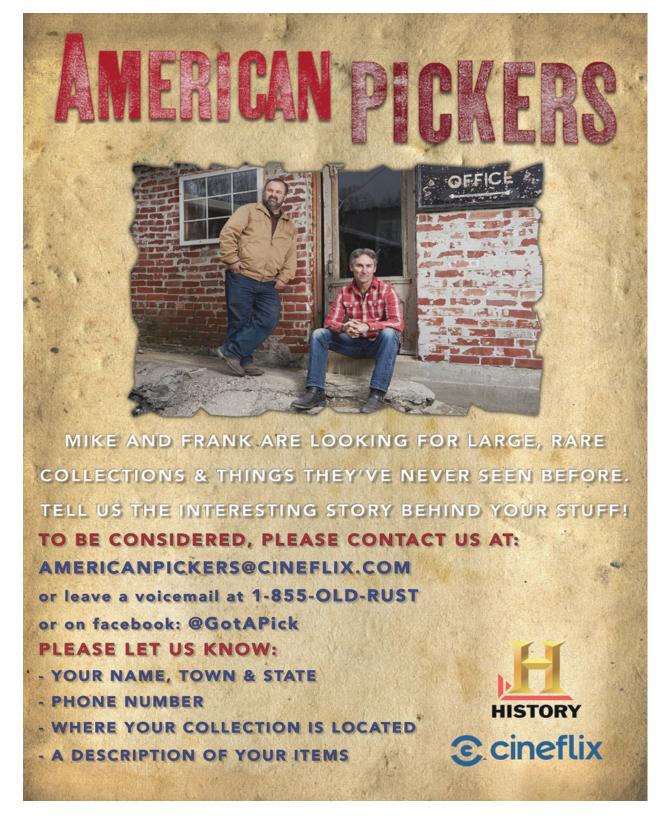
estimated payments than projected.'

Corporate income tax receipts were over budget in December by \$18.4 million, the vast majority of which can be attributed to the final 2020 estimated payment for calendar year filers which was due in December. Estimated payments exceeded budget by 44.5 percent and bested last December's estimated payment by 37.3 percent.

"I have spoken with my counterparts and this spike is consistent with states across the nation that have similar corporate income tax structure," said Allen. "The consensus, for now, is that many corporations reduced their first three estimated tax payments expecting weak profits due to COVID-19, but at year-end realized that 2020 will be a profitable year despite it all."

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### **Guest Column Home Country**

By Slim Randles

Nature hates a vacuum, and so does Windy Wilson. The other day, emerging from the drug store, he looked around, and, finding no handy audience, spoke instead to the world.

"Dad-gum ol' Doc, anyway," he said. "He's one-a my bestest pals, but if you go to him for a mizzry, he makes you do some things and quit doin' some other things. Them things Doc wants you to do you don't wanna do, and the things he wants you to quit doin' are stuff you bin savin' up to do a buncha years

"Now ol' Doc didn't even know he done it, but he proved to me that we had some a-them space alienated bein's for ancestors. Oh, they's hidin' out now, but they got a job ... as pill namers!

"Doc told me to quit shoein' horses, which was jest fine with me. Missable back-breakin' nasty work, anyway. But then he give me two subscriptions for pills that I am 'sposed to take for my mizz-ry.

"And when the nice girl here at the drugstore give 'em to me, she asked me if I had any questions about 'em. And I ast her how to say the pill names. And she told me, and thass when I knew.

"Ya see, ya can't jest name them pills in American. Oh no. First off ya gotta give 'em a name that's too much and a half too long ... like oh ... syna-broliam-fester-ine.

"We should take pill namin' back from them alien guys and create jobs fer Americans! Give them pills names people can actual say.

"It wouldn't be too awful dang hard to remember a pill for pain if you called it

Mizzryfixer, would it? And for a hangover cure, ya jest pop ya a happy little pill called Betcha-wish-ya-hadn't. If ya come down with the sugar diabeets, ol' Doc could tell ya to bullsnake down some pills we could call Too-sweet-by-half-odone. Now, for a instance, if you get plagiarized by them roamin' 'round peewaddles, you could take a pill called Limp-be-gone, or mebbe-so Gimpy-blocker, and you'd know jest what it was for, wouldn't ya?

"Betcha them space guy's jest laughin' theirselves sick. But hey, at least Doc told me to guit shoein' horses, and that there's a constellation dee-voutly to be wished on.

"And you kin tell 'em I said so."

Windy sneaked in here courtesy of the nice folks at the University of New Mexico Journalism Department, where they claim they can talk more gooder than him.

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LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Preschool Babytime & Storytime. Children 0-5 are welcome to join the fun on Zoom as Ms. Jackie uses interactive songs and stories to introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Call 207-513-3133 for details and registration.

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

LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a 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

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

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

### **THURSDAY** Feb. 25 9:30 AM

GORHAM - Baxter Memorial Library - Toddler Discovery Time. Join Ms. Dani for a Virtual Discovery Time on Facebook. She will read a story and present an extension activity related to the book. So much fun for this age group! (18months-3

### **MONDAY** Mar. 1

5:30 p.m.

- City AUBURN 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.

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. AUBURN - Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board Meeting.

### **MONDAY** Mar. 8 5:30-6:30 p.m.

LEWISTON - Finance Committee meeting at City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY** Mar. 9

6 p.m.

LEWISTON - City Council workshop, via ZOOM - http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc Also, public comment will be possible at publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov.

6 p.m.

AUBURN - Planning Board meeting.

7 p.m.

GORHAM - Conservation Commission meeting via Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY Mar. 10

4:30 p.m.

AUBURN - Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting.

6:30 p.m.

AUBURN - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

7 p.m.

GORHAM - School Committee Meeting via

### MONDAY Mar. 15

5:30 p.m.

AUBURN - City Council workshop and meeting.

### **TUESDAY** Mar. 16

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN - Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

8 a.m. GORHAM - Ordinance Committee Meeting via Zoom.

4 p.m.

AUBURN - Auburn Sewer District Trustees annual meeting.

6 p.m.

AUBURN - Conservation Commission meet-

6:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Tentative recurring Town Council, workshop via Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY Mar. 17

8 a.m.

GORHAM - Gorham Economic Development Commission meeting via

4 p.m.

AUBURN - Auburn Water District Trustees annual meeting.

### **THURSDAY Mar. 18**

8 a.m.

AUBURN - 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

Noon-1 p.m.

LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library -Great Falls Forum, 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 Rose Barboza and Jerry Edwards.

### 6:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Board of Appeals meeting via Zoom.

7 p.m.

Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

### **FRIDAY** Mar. 19

7:30-9 a.m.

VIRTUAL - Fill the Plate Breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels of SeniorsPlus. Tickets for this virtual event are \$20 per

### DOORS OPEN AT: 12:00pm AUBURN 746 Center Street Auburn Movie Hotline — 786-8605 **VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR**

### CALL THE HOTLINE AT 786-8605 FOR SHOWTIMES

WWW.FLAGHIPCINEMAS.COM

person; available at http:// bitly.ws/bOnD or by calling 207- 795-4010. Advance registration required by March 17. Attendees who register by March 1 will receive a goody bag with a ticket for "door" prizes.

### **MONDAY Mar. 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.

6 p.m.

LEWISTON - City Council meeting, ZOOM - http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc Also, public comment will be possible at publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov.

### **TUESDAY** Mar. 23

5:30 p.m. AUBURN - Agriculture Committee Meeting.

### **MONDAY** Mar. 29

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN - Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meet-5:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Finance Committee meeting via Zoom.

6 p.m.

AUBURN - Complete Streets Committee meeting.

### **Haddock Supper Buffet this Saturday**

From Living Waters Church

BUXTON - Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton is hosting a Haddock Supper Buffet at 5 pm this Saturday, Feb. 27.

The suggested donation is \$8 per adult, \$4 per child, or \$20 per family. The church is offer-

ing the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

Social distancing guidelines are in effect, including wearing of face masks and use of hand sanitizer.



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# Classified Ads

### AUTOMOBILE STORAGE

### Seeking Classic Car Storage

Got unused garage bay? I'm looking for year-round storage for a classic car. My preference is a location near the center of Gorham. Please text or leave a message: 207 415-2463.

### **BOOKS**

"To College or Not to College" is the question and this book has the answers. Check it out: www.authorcaseybill. com.

Book lovers and bookstores: looking for unique and eclectic books? Check out author Casey Bell: www. authorcaseybell.com.

# BUSINESSES FOR SALE

### Working small engine/ outdoor Power equipment business.

Parts inventory B&S, Kohler, Tecumseh, MTD, Ariens, Toro and more. Special tools and equipment. Good opportunity to expand or add to your business. Call Glen 207-655-4635 daytime for more information.

### **ESTATE SALE**

### Estate - Garage

Safe environment - one seller with mask and gloves. By appointment only. One to two people. We maintain ten feet apart. Two bedroom sets, double and queen - wicker 5 pieces - Bench with microfiber cushion. Two living room chairs. All plus more. All priced low for quick sale. (207) 883-0808

### **FOR SALE**

### **Cutting Boards**

I have many different sizes of wooden cutting boards made from maple, oak, walnut, cherry, poplar and ash in different designs. Priced from \$10 to \$25. Would make very nice gifts. Call me at 207-577-2724.

Antique cedar wardrobe armoire with key \$400. Toyotomi portable kerosene heater with manual \$50. 12x10 dome tent sleeps 6 in two rooms with carry case \$40. Portable car port \$50. Cardio fit low impact exerciser \$50. Call 207-782-4228.

Big Blowout sale at House of Lady Debra's Our: Old Goat + His Lady. Gourmet 21 soups, 20 dips, 4 cheesecales sale. Buy 3 dips, get 2 free. Buy 2 soups, get 1 free. Going fast, call now. Lady Debra -207-891-1968.

### HAIR SERVICES

Hair at Home! Can't get out to the hair salon? We'll come to you anywhere in the L/A area! We offer services in the privacy of your own home. Great rates.

Excellent service. Call cell phone 754-9805 or 782-1271.

# HEALTH & FITNESS

### DO YOU HAVE CHRONIC KNEE OR BACK PAIN?

If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call 1-800-217-0504.

Deadline is 5pm every Friday.



### HELP WANTED

### Technical Field Manager

Modula, Inc.; Lewiston, ME 04240. Prvd tech'l training, instal. & supprt. service to innovative automated storage technologies & vertical carousels to all Modula customers & dealers located in the U.S. Req's: HS Dipl. +60 mos employ. exp. as Field Technician. Emploly. exp. must incl writing of electrical diagrams & installation of electro-mechanical components. Dom. trvl 4X/wk throughout all 50 U.S. states. Position req's performing physical activities. Email CV: recruiting.us@modula.

> Classifieds \$10

### **HOUSING**

Seeking two bedroom apartment or house to rent. One story with garage near the Windham or Raymond area. Prefer hardwood floors. Jimmy and Cheryl Burnham. 207-572-2714 or 207-633 3380.

### **PAINTING**

Stepladder Enterprise
Painting Co.
Interior & Exterior.
Drywall repair, paint and wallpaper. Pressure washing. Insured. 20+ years in business 207-786-9849.

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

### **SENIORS**

### In Home Care

Visiting Angels – non-medical assistance living. Serving Lewiston/Auburn and surrounding areas. Providing light housekeeping, meal prep, personal care, errands/outings. Call for FREE inhome consultation. (207) 740-9100.

LEWISTON SENIOR CITIZENS TRAVEL WASHINGTON, D.C. -TRIPS POSTPONED TIL

FURTHER NOTICE:
MACKINAC ISLAND Trip includes 8 nights
lodging and 14 meals,
visit to Mackinac
Island with a guided
Carriage Tour during
their Tulip Celebration.
Also includes boat ride
through Soo Locks,
Sault Saint Marie and
Makinaw Crossings with
a visit to "Michigan's

Little Bavaria". A \$75.00 deposit is due when signing up. Price is \$859.00 pp double occupancy.

VIRGINIA BEACH, COLONIAL WILLIAMS-BURG & HISTORIC NORFOLK -

SEPTEMBER 14 - 19, 2020. Trip includes 5 nights lodging, 8 meals, Colonial Williamsburg, free time on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, dinner cruise with entertainment on the Spirit of Norfolk, admission to Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin, Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center. A \$75.00 deposit is due when signing up. Price is \$775.00 pp double occupancy.

For questions and detailed information on these trips, please call:Claire - 207-784-0302 or Cindy- 207-345-9569.

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# **Basement Remodel**



Transform your basement to create expanded livable space to enhance your home.

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