

MDOT work plan for Auburn, Minot



State Representatives Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn), along with Rep. Laurel Libby (R-Auburn), recently announced a series of highway and airport repair projects planned over the next three years by the Maine Department of Transportation in Auburn and Minot. (Photo courtesy of Maine legislature)

From Rep. Bickford

AUGUSTA – State Representatives Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn) and Laurel D. Libby (R-Auburn) recently announced that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Work Plan for Calendar Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 is available.

The estimated value of work in the plan totals more than 2,180 individual work items with a total value of \$2.71 billion.

The MDOT Work Plan for District 64 includes 43 projects and local road assistance totaling nearly \$27.5 million.

The work includes improvements at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport; highway construction/rehabilitation of Route 136, Broad Street, and Route 4; maintenance of Gracelawn Road; and paving of Route 202, all in Auburn, as well as over six miles of paving on Route 119, in Minot.

“I’m pleased to see \$27.5 million in MDOT Work Plan projects scheduled for

See MDOT, page 11

ELHS construction may begin today

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - The Auburn School Committee was expected to vote to award the Edward Little High School (ELHS) construction bid on Wednesday, with work on the project expected to start today.

The Auburn Police Department advises motorists to expect changes to vehicle traffic entering and exiting the ELHS campus to accommodate the start of construction. The changes were to begin this morning.

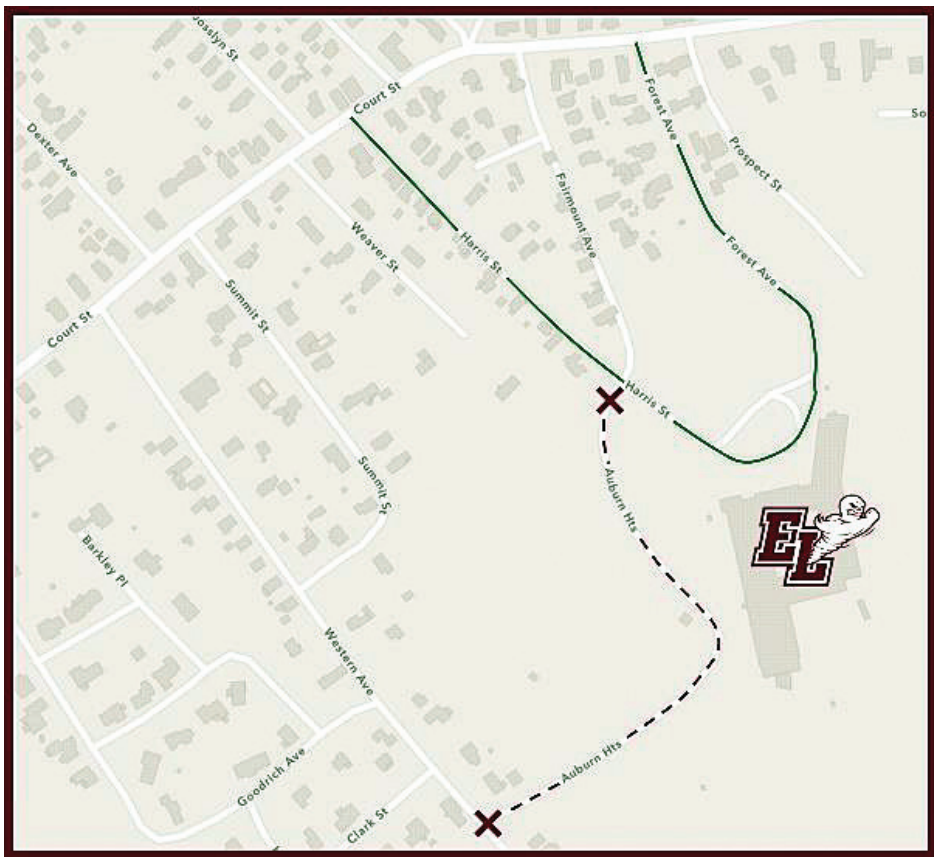
“We want this to go as smoothly as possible,” said Police Chief Jason Moen. “Motorists should slow down, pay close attention to posted signs, watch for pedestrians and construction vehicles, and just be patient as we all get accustomed to the changes.”

The Auburn Heights entrance off Western Avenue will be closed to all traffic until further notice, most likely until the summer of 2023.

All vehicles will enter and exit the high school campus via Harris Street, Fairmount Avenue or Forest Avenue.

All school buses will enter and exit the campus via Harris Street.

Construction of the new building is expected to last through the summer of 2023, with the building opening to students that fall. The old building will be demolished, and athletic fields constructed from the summer of 2023 through the



Construction at the Edward Little High School campus is expected to start today. The Auburn Heights entrance to the school campus off Western Avenue will be closed during construction, which is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023. (Image courtesy of City of Auburn)

summer of 2024.

For information about the Edward

Little High School project, please visit www.NewELHS.org.

Hike For Hospice for Patients and Families

From Androscoggin



A virtual Hike for Hospice Androscoggin fundraiser will take place May 10-21, to raise funds for hospice care provided by Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Androscoggin)

LEWISTON-Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is launching their first virtual Hike for Hospice Androscoggin.

Online registration is now open for this virtual fundraising event that takes place May 10-21.

Participants can engage at their own pace and choose their own outdoor activity from walking or running to hiking or biking.

In addition, registered participants can take part in a special family bereave-

ment walk with their children at the Auburn/Lewiston YMCA Outdoor Learning and Education Center at 167 Stetson Road in Auburn during the event.

A special StoryWalk featuring the book “Tear Soup” by Chuck DeKlyen and Pat Schwiebert will be on display to help foster communication between parents and children about loss and grief.

Each year, Androscoggin cares for thousands of Mainers at the end of their lives – in patients’ homes and at the Androscoggin Hospice House in Auburn. Proceeds from the event will ensure hos-

See Hike, page 11

Your Home Improvement Solution

AMERICAN BUILDERS

Custom Building & Remodeling

Commercial & Residential General Contractor

GARAGE PACKAGES

Remodel • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Basements • Excavating
Roofing • Siding • Windows • Garages • Additions

starting at
\$19,999

Call for a FREE Estimate! 500-8100

Quality Craftsmanship

Roman Electric, Heating & Cooling

We do it all under one roof!

Serving Central and Southern Maine

Residential • Commercial • Remodeling

No job too small • Free estimates
Fast response • Fully licensed and insured

Michael Roman • (207) 558-8380
RomanElectricHC@gmail.com

Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Column

Crafting a New Budget Requires Collaboration

By Sen. Timberlake

Recently, Governor Mills presented the State of the Budget address to the people of Maine and highlighted some of her priorities for the upcoming biennial budget that will serve state government for the next two years.

Every two years, the Legislature must pass a budget so that it will be in place by July 1st. The party in control can pass a budget with a simple majority vote of both legislative chambers; but this has to be done by the first of April in order for the budget to go into effect on time.

If enacted after April 1st, the budget must have 2/3 support for passage. Since the current makeup of the House and Senate do not give any one party a majority of that size, it will take a bipartisan effort to reach any agreement on spending over the next two years.

Not only is it neces-

sary that the Governor and the Legislature work together to find solutions as a team, it is what is expected of us.

When elected, the Governor assured Mainers she would not raise taxes; and Senate Republicans intend to hold her to it. This means complete tax conformity, including full conformity with regard to the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds. This equates to more than 40,000 hardworking Mainers and more than 250 businesses. We will do all we can to protect our neighbors and communities.

An issue we have continually advocated for during my years in Augusta is funding for nursing homes. These facilities and their employees have been neglected time and time again. They suffer from serious shortages in both staffing and funds. Why is it that even though Maine is the oldest state in the nation, funding for nurs-

ing homes is repeatedly ignored?

Maine received approximately \$1.25 billion in federal CARES ACT money to assist during the pandemic, yet almost none of these funds were allocated to aid these struggling facilities. According to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, half of all of the deaths in Maine related to COVID-19 since last May have been among nursing home residents. We need to address this chronic funding shortfall and the dire situation it has created.

Regarding excess borrowing, the Governor has proposed a \$111 million bond package. With the state currently carrying \$7.6 billion in debt, this is not the time for major borrowing that adds interest payments to our already overburdened state budget. Surely, we can prioritize the \$111 million the Governor wants to use to support the next biennial bud-

get without using the state credit card. We cannot turn a blind eye to avoid making difficult choices. Every family and household needs to budget and scale back at times. So must state government.

For example, let's talk broadband. Who doesn't agree that Maine needs to invest in broadband? These investments need to be made in order for Maine to educate our students and attract a large-scale workforce and business community. However, we must put a plan in place that includes looking at options beyond fiber-optic cable, such as satellite and cellular, before we add more to our debt.

As of this writing, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package. If the Senate also approves the bill in the same language, Maine could receive as much as \$1.6 billion for COVID-related expenses. While the State

of Maine welcomes the assistance from the federal government, we need to be very careful when it comes to allocating the funds.

Using this one-time money to fund new programs will create future budget gaps. If we use this new money to grow the size of government in this budget, we will not have the money to pay for it in the next one. This problem will only be compounded when new government stimulus programs lead to inflation and the cost of everything goes up. Many economists have already raised warnings about inflation.

Responsible spending would use the federal money as it was intended – to backfill things affected by the pandemic – while we use budget funds to find ways to do things like save the paper mill in Jay. The federal stimulus money should be used to keep businesses open and employing Maine workers so

the people of our state have a place to earn a good living in the future.

Sen. Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin) represents Maine State Senate District 22, which encompasses the towns of Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lisbon, Litchfield, Sabattus, Turner, Wales, and Wayne.

**Best
Source
for Arts,
Music and
Theater!**

**Your
Hometown
Paper.**

SNOWMOBILE GEAR

Helmets, Jackets, Bibs, Gloves, Boots and Thermal Layers from all of the top brands.



Sizes Youth to 7XL.
Light weight to SUPER Warm.
Flotation Gear Available.

SHAKER HILL
Outdoors



271 Maine Street
Route 26, Poland

Hours: Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm
Saturday 8am to 4pm • Closed Sundays

998-5390 **Parts & Accessories**

Follow us on Facebook!

Don't miss our weekly giveaways!

Immediate Positions Available

Seeking motivated, dependable individuals who want to join a fast-growing Electrical and HVAC company. Positions range from part-time to full-time laborer. Experience in the construction industry helpful but not necessary. Willing to train the right person. Grow with the company. Seeking a long-term commitment.

Drivers license and transportation are a must.



Roman Electric Heating & Cooling
HelpWanted 2112@gmail.com
(207) 558-8380

Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Collins, King Announce Support for Performing Arts

From Sen. Collins

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine) announced last week that eleven organizations in Maine have been awarded a total of \$280,000 through the National Endowment for the Arts to enhance performing arts and literature programs.

“Arts and humanities programs help communities exercise their creativity and maximize their learning potential,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “This federal funding will help to support organizations throughout Maine that are dedicated to advancing our state’s rich cultural opportunities.”

Bates College in Lewiston received \$40,000 to support artists both teaching and presenting their work at the Bates Dance Festival;

Alice James Books in Farmington received \$30,000 to support the publication and promotion of new books of poetry;

Bowdoin Interna-

tional Music Festival in Brunswick received \$10,000 to support faculty concerts during the festival, a resident teaching program;

Cultural Resources in Rockport received \$20,000 to support the Wabanaki Traditional Arts Mentorship program;

Adam Giannelli, Visiting Assistant Professor of English, Colby College in Waterville, received \$25,000 to support activities that contribute to creative development and artistic growth;

Opera Maine in Portland received \$10,000 to support a new production of Gaetano Donizetti’s Don Pasquale;

Points North Institute in Camden received \$20,000 to support the annual Camden International Film Festival and associated public programming;

Portland Museum of Art in Portland received \$45,000 to support an exhibition of the work of painter Dave Driskell;

Portland Stage Company in Portland received \$20,000 to support the Clauder Competition for New England Playwrights;

Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Madison received \$30,000 to support residencies for emerging artists working primarily in painting and sculpture; and

Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle received \$30,000 to support mentor and mentee residencies, with a focus on advancing ceramic artists of color.

The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency established in 1965 whose funding and support give Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the NEA supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America.

Libby appointed to Climate Council subcommittee

From ME Legislature

AUGUSTA — Sen. Nate Libby (D-Lewiston) has been appointed to the Maine Climate Council’s equity subcommittee by Senate President Troy Jackson (D-Allagash).

“If we are to successfully reduce Maine’s contributions to climate change, we need to create resilient systems that can adapt to climate change impacts, and we need to do so in ways that do not disadvantage vulnerable groups,” said Sen. Libby. “It will require all of us to put our knowledge together and work collaboratively to support ongoing planning and implementation of the state’s climate strategies to ensure shared benefits across diverse populations in Maine.”

The Maine Climate Council is a group of scientists, industry leaders, policymakers and residents tasked with creating a four-year plan to reduce emissions in Maine and to achieve state carbon neutrality by 2045.

The Council’s plan, Maine Won’t Wait, was delivered to the Governor and the Legislature in December 2020. The Council will continue to meet quarterly to monitor progress.

The equity subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council is tasked with setting equity outcomes for climate actions, monitoring progress and making recommendations to the Council to ensure programs and benefits reach diverse and isolated populations and communities.

Sen. Libby has a long history of advocating for equity in communities across Maine as well as a strong commitment to the environment, earning a lifetime score of 97% from Maine Conservation Voters.

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

Auburn Farmers’ Market opens May 5

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - The Auburn’s Farmers’ Market will be starting back up for the season on May 5.

The Market will take place on Festival Plaza (Main Street) each Wednesday from 4-6:30 p.m.

CDC guidelines must be followed.

The City of Auburn is seeking vendors for the market.

Anyone interested in participating as a market vendor should email market coordinator Kathy Shaw at: kath@valleyviewfarm.me for details.

Walk in the Park Mar. 30

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - Auburn’s Age-Friendly Community Committee, in partnership with the United New Auburn Association, is hosting a “Walk in the Park” at noon on Tuesday, Mar. 30.

All are welcome, and should meet in Festival Plaza (Main Street). The group will walk the Riverwalk to Bonney Park and head toward New Auburn, visiting all of the parks along the way.

The group will also walk by the Art Wall on Main Street, ending at the new Anniversary Park in New Auburn.

Alan Manoian will share the history of each park along the way!

Hot dogs will be available at no charge.

Jason Hodsdon Masonry

Chimneys • Chimney Cleanings
Repointing & Repairs • Culture Stones
Restorations • Stainless Steel Liners
We install professional chimney caps!

215-3557
North Monmouth
Jasonhodsdonmasonry@gmail.com



THE DUMP GUY

JUNK REMOVAL

Basement, Attic, Garage & Apartment Cleanouts

Boat, Vehicle & Camper



(207) 450-5858 • www.thedumpguy.com Fully Insured

TWIN CITY TIMES

TWIN CITY PUBLISHING, INC
Twin City Times • 9 North River Road, Suite 232 • Auburn, ME 04210
Gorham Weekly • 28 State Street • Gorham, ME 04038

Info@TwinCityTimes.com
(207) 795-5017

TWIN CITY PUBLISHING, INC. 2020®
All materials found in Twin City TIMES are copyrighted. All rights in those materials are reserved and permission to use them must be specifically granted by Twin City TIMES.



Laurie A. Steele
Publisher/CEO
Laurie@TwinCityTimes.com

ADVERTISING
For advertising information email ads@TwinCityTimes.com or call 207-795-5017.



Lillian Baker
Office Manager
Lillian@TwinCityTimes.com

DEADLINE
Deadline for ads and press releases is 5 p.m. on Friday preceding publication. Published every Thursday.



Nathan Tsukroff
Managing Editor
Editor@TwinCityTimes.com

PRESS RELEASES
All submissions, including photos must be emailed to the editor, Editor@TwinCityTimes.com.



Lacey Rollins
Outside Rep
Info@TwinCityTimes.com

PROOFS
Publisher is not responsible for any errors in ad copy not inspected by advertiser prior to publication.

FREE e-subscriptions at www.TwinCityTimes.com

WE'RE HIRING MAINERS

Two hundred and seventy-five
Mainers are hard at work right now
building the Clean Energy Corridor.
And with more than a thousand more
jobs to fill, we're not just building
Maine's clean energy future, we're
creating **good jobs** right when we
need them. Right here. **In Maine.**

Learn more at
CleanEnergyMatters.org.



Guest Column

Social Security’s Ticket To Work program

From NAPSI

New York, NY - About 40.7 million Americans have some kind of disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

If you or someone you care about has a disability, you may wonder what it means for employment. You may be encouraged to know that there are supports and services available that can help you or your loved ones pursue work and reach your goals through Social Security’s Ticket to

Work (Ticket) program.

The Ticket program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work. This program is free and voluntary.

Program participants select a service provider to help them prepare for, and find, a job. The provider may be a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency or an Employment Network (EN)—a public or private organization that has an

agreement with Social Security—to offer:

- Career planning
- Job placement assistance
- Ongoing employment support.

These career development services and supports are unique to each individual. Participants work with their service providers to develop a customized plan and identify the supports they need to reach their work goals.

Finding A Path To Financial Independence

The road to financial independence looks different for everyone. Whether joining the workforce for the first time or returning after a difficult diagnosis, there are challenges that each person must navigate. Working with a Benefits Counselor and Ticket to Work service provider can help you remove some of the obstacles and learn more about the resources available to you.

This could include Social Security Work Incentives, which are designed to help you transition to the workplace. A Benefits Counselor can help you learn more about Work Incentives, including which ones you qualify for, and discuss how working will affect your benefits.

If you connect with an EN, the EN can help you find answers to questions, whether they’re about reporting your wages to Social Security, requesting job accommodations, or even how you can advance your career to earn even more money.

With the knowledge, support and services of a Ticket to Work service provider, you may find yourself on the path to success and financial independence through work.

For further information about the Ticket program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday.

This column is provided by North American Precis Syndicate, New York, NY.

‘A Congregation of Birds’ in Bath



A piece of artwork title “Crow Solo” is among the various works of art at exhibition at the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath from April 2-May15. (Image courtesy of Chocolate Church)

From Chocolate Church

BATH – “A Congregation of Birds” is an exhibition featuring four Maine artists who are exploring birds as a theme in their work, with each using a different medium.

Encaustic, linocut and pigment, collograph

and mobiles are all included in the gallery for this show, which features the work of Kathleen Buchanan, Berri Kramer, Karina Steele, and Susan Wilder.

The exhibition runs April 2- May 15 in the Gallery at the Chocolate Church Arts Center at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

Buxton charitable foundation accepting applications

From NNOF

BUXTON - The Naragansett Number One Foundation, a private charitable foundation located in Buxton, is accepting applications through April 1.

Organizations must be government entities, or quality as 501(c)(3) status not-for-profits groups under Internal Revenue Service rules.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide assistance to schools, fire

departments, police departments, parks, recreational facilities, religious organizations, libraries, organizations supporting homeless and abused persons, food pantries, and shelters for animals.

It was established by Pat and Erwin Wales in September 2001 after they won the national Powerball lottery drawing. The Wales family donated \$5 million in creating the foundation, and invites other individuals, organizations or companies to donate to the charity.

The foundation provides funds for start-up expenses, new or special projects, other projects, or general operating support.

The application form can be downloaded at <http://bitly.ws/bVdj>, or in person at the Buxton, Hollis, Limington, or Standish Town Halls during normal business hours.

Completed applications should be delivered to NNOF, PO Box 779,

Bar Mills, Maine 04004, by April 1.

More information about the Foundation, including an application and eligibility requirements, can be found on the Foundation’s website at www.NNOF.org.

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

Urban Edge Hair Studio

(207) 212-9440

1117 Center Street
Auburn, ME 04210

WED - FRI 10-6 • SAT 9-3
Evenings by Appt. Only

Like us on Facebook!

MICHAEL G.

WHY PEOPLE CHOOSE CHAMPOUX INSURANCE

STEPHEN NAGY
Personal Lines Agent

“I take the time to find the most comprehensive personal insurance package for each client. That’s how I deliver on the promise.”

CHAMPOUX INSURANCE

DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE

416 Sabattus St. ~ Lewiston
(207) 783-2246
www.MaineInsuranceOnline.com

Cabin fever got you down?

Escape with Maine’s most intriguing Hermit.

“Ryan is an excellent storyteller, and this tale is as good as any novel, especially since it’s based on real people and real events.”

— Bill Bushnell, Bushnell on Books

“I can tell you it will not take you many days to read, because you won’t be able to put it down. I wasn’t surprised when Hermit was named a top pick for 2019 on a December Maine Calling show on Maine Public Radio.”

— George Smith, Bangor Daily News

Hermit
THE MYSTERIOUS LIFE OF JIM WHYTE
JEFFREY H. RYAN

Shop Local! Available at The Bookworm and other Maine bookstores or at JeffRyanAuthor.com.

Arts & Entertainment

Virtual tour of Pine Tree renovations March 24

From Pine Tree Soc.

AUBURN - Pine Tree Society's Auburn location recently underwent a complete renovation to provide a bright modern space for its Community Support program.

The updated build-

ing at 389 Minot Avenue in Auburn features a fully accessible computer lab, recreation room and plenty of space for safely socializing with friends.

On March 24, a virtual open house will provide the opportunity for attendees to tour the

building, learn about the program and participate in a live Q and A session with Shelley Zielinski, Director of Adult Support Services.

The open house starts at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 24, via Zoom. Pre-registration is

required at <http://bitly.ws/cbo9>.

Learn more about Pine Tree Society's Community Support programs at <http://bitly.ws/cboa>.

The organization is celebrating more than 80 years of helping Maine people with disabilities

discover lives of passion and purpose. Pine Tree Society started as a bold new idea in 1936 and has helped Maine people with disabilities lead active, more socially-connected lives ever since.

Whether it's a child discovering her best friend

at Pine Tree Camp or an adult finding his voice with customized assistive technology, Pine Tree Society breaks down barriers and changes lives.

For more information, please call 207-443-3341 or visit www.pinetreesociety.org.

Comedy returns to Craft Brew Underground

From Craft Brew

AUBURN - Stand-up comedy is back at Craft Brew Underground in Auburn with Maine Event Comedy's weekly physically-distanced, socially-awkward COVID Comedy Series.

Maine Event Comedy founder Mark Turcotte

credits Craft Brew Underground owner Mike Williams with finding a way to make it work.

"Mike configured tables and chairs in the back room to allow for the recommended physical distancing while still providing a great atmosphere for a comedy show," said

Turcotte. "The response has been overwhelmingly positive."

Including a few December shows to test the waters, the shows have sold out for twelve consecutive weeks.

Shows are scheduled on Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. Instead of tickets,

comedy fans purchase a table-for-two for \$16. There are tables currently available throughout March.

The shows are for ages 21-and-over and include adult language and content. Tables may be purchased at maineeventcomedy.com.

Craft Brew Under-

ground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn and offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine. CraftBeer.com has named it the Best Beer Bar in Maine the past two years.

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



Mark Turcotte, founder of Maine Event Comedy. (Photo courtesy of Craft Brew)

Seven city-owned properties for sale

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - Auburn is ready to grow. That's the

message city leadership hopes to send to developers by approving the sale of seven city-owned proper-

ties throughout Auburn.

The properties, which include six highly desirable lots and one very historic building, are located in the heart of Auburn's beautiful downtown, in the corridor leading to the New Auburn neighborhood, and within New Auburn itself.

"There are countless reasons why Auburn is the perfect destination for developers," said Mayor Jason Levesque. "Our quality of life here, com-

bined with our streamlined permitting and form-based zoning make this city very appealing. When you also consider that Auburn has set aside \$1 million dollars to incentivize investments downtown and the fact that our team is easy to do business with, it becomes crystal clear that Auburn is the place to be."

Jay Brenchick, Auburn's new Director of Economic Development, agrees. "Permit approval

happens in a fraction of the time it takes elsewhere," Brenchick said. "And our downtown Form Based Code districts offer developers more creativity and the opportunity to realize greater returns on their investment."

Properties currently available for purchase include Mechanics Row Lot; 131 Main St.; 261 Main St.; 15 Academy St.; 32 Dunn St.; Anniversary Park; and 186 Main St.

Developers from across the region should connect with city staff to learn more about how Auburn can help make their projects a reality. To view the city-owned properties currently presented for sale, visit goauburn.me at <http://bitly.ws/cbsJ>.

To connect with Auburn's "growth, quality & investment team," contact Jay Brenchick at jbrenchick@auburnmaine.gov or 333-6600, ext. 1218.



Come Join Us

In Person Worship 10:00 am
Live Stream 10:30 am

57 Manley Rd
Auburn, ME
(207) 782-3939

www.newlifestevensmills.org

  @newlifechurchme

Are we going home?
Or to Grand Central?



READY FOR DELIVERY



All the Take-Out in One Excellent Spot

GhostKitchensMaine.com served at
GrandCentralVibeBar.com

Open for curbside pick-up, take out,
indoor dining, bowling and arcade!



ESTD 2019

American pub-style food and drinks.

A 7 Railroad Ave, Ste 102
Gorham, ME 04038

W www.jctbowl.com
P 207.222.7600

We Deliver.



Uber Eats GRUBHUB Postmates DOORDASH

SUBWAY

Not all delivery services available at every restaurant. All chips-related trademarks are owned by Frito-Lay North America, Inc. ©2020. Subway® is a Registered Trademark of Subway IP LLC. ©2020 Subway IP LLC.

Norlands Celebrates Maine Maple Sunday



A woman wears a 19th century costume as she collects sap for the Maine Maple Sunday event Norlands Living History Center on March 28. (Photo courtesy of Norlands)

From Norlands

LIVERMORE - The Norlands Living History Center will celebrate Maine Maple Sunday on March 28 with a new spin on the traditional pancake breakfast.

This year, Norlands Maple Syrup and Pancake Mix can be ordered online at Norlands.org/shop and by phone at 207- 897-4366.

Orders can be picked-up from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 290 Norlands Road, Livermore, on March 28 at the drive-thru, contact-free Maine Maple Sunday event.

Visitors are asked to wear their masks as they come say hello to the new Executive Director at Norlands, Rachel Bidstrup.

All orders directly

support Norlands living history programs and restoration efforts.

The Norlands Living History Center is a multifaceted historic site, museum, and working farm where costumed interpreters portray real people who lived in the Norlands' neighborhood in the 1800s.

Norlands is Maine's oldest living history center and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Norlands' mission is to preserve the heritage and traditions of rural life in Maine's past, celebrate the achievements of Livermore's Washburn family and use living history methods to make the values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations.

Schools remain ‘green’ in latest COVID-19 advisory

From Maine DOE

AUGUSTA – Last Friday, the Mills Administration released its bi-weekly update to the color-coded Health Advisory System that classifies counties' relative risk of COVID-19 transmission to assist schools as they continue with their plans to deliver instruction and support to students safely.

Maine's Department of Education said the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) assessed COVID-19 data and trends by county and all counties remain green.

However trends in Piscataquis County will be closely monitored. The positivity rate in Piscataquis County has been above 5% each of the past two weeks, and the new

case rate is two times higher than the next highest county.

DHHS and Maine CDC continue to review evidence that indicates lower transmission of COVID-19 in schools compared to the general population.

Over the last 30 days, the rate of new cases for school staff or students is 22 per 10,000, 35 percent lower than a new case rate of 34 per 10,000 for the general population. This continues to demonstrate that in-person learning in schools that follow public health precautions can be conducted safely, without increased transmission of COVID-19, and supports schools' adherence to the six requirements for returning to in-person instruction, regardless of their county's designation.

These designations are provided for the consideration of school admin-

istrative units in their decisions to deliver instruction.

The county-level assessments are based on both quantitative and qualitative data, including but not limited to recent case rates, positivity rates, and syndromic data (e.g., symptoms of influenza or COVID-19). Those data are publicly posted every week on the Maine CDC website. DHHS and Maine CDC also consider qualitative factors, such as the presence of outbreaks that may potentially affect school-age children.

Categorization as "green" suggests that the county has a relatively low risk of COVID-19 spread and that schools may consider in-person instruction, as long as they are able to implement the required health and safety measures. Schools in a "green" county may need to use hybrid instruction models if there is insufficient capac-

ity or other factors (facilities, staffing, geography/transportation, etc.) that may prevent full implementation of the health and safety requirements.

Categorization as "yellow" suggests that the county has an elevated risk of COVID-19 spread and that schools may consider additional precautions and/or hybrid instructional models to reduce the number of people in schools and classrooms at any one time.

Categorization as "red" suggests that the county has a high risk of COVID-19 spread and that in-person instruction is not advisable.

The next update will be provided on Mar. 26. Updating this advisory on a two-week basis aligns with the incubation period for COVID-19 and allows for greater stability in the trend data for small counties.

CMH acquires Spectrum Orthopaedics-Auburn

From CMH

LEWISTON - You know their faces and you know about the great orthopedic care they provide. Now, they'll be joining with the other trusted name for healthcare in Central and Western Maine: Central Maine Healthcare.

The first-rate group of providers of Spectrum Orthopaedics-Auburn, formerly Central Maine Orthopaedics,

is now part of the Central Maine Healthcare team and is adopting a new name: Central Maine Healthcare Orthopedics.

"We are thrilled to welcome these talented professionals to Central Maine Healthcare. Their addition to the team extends our ability to provide our patients with coordinated, high-quality orthopedic care close to home," said Jeffrey L. Brickman, FACHE, president and CEO

of Central Maine Healthcare. "It's part of our vision of making exceptional, affordable and convenient care available to more Maine people."

Joining the CMH team are eight orthopedic surgeons, four physician assistants and more than 80 experienced team members. The practice will continue to provide convenient, exceptional outpatient care at its current Minot Avenue and Rumford

locations.

The addition of the practice, the largest orthopedic provider in Androscoggin County, significantly expands Central Maine Healthcare's footprint of orthopedic services and its orthopedic staff. The system plans to build on this foundation to offer a full range of services to support the complex needs of patients with wide variety of orthopedic, spine, pain management and physical therapy needs.



SATURDAY'S \$7.99 SPECIAL
2 Red Hot Dogs & Baked Beans
with coleslaw and bread & butter



1567 Lisbon Street Lewiston, ME 207-777-6353 -- 207-777-6354
INDOOR SEATING - TAKE OUT Open Daily 11am - 9pm

The show must go ON-LINE!

A smartphone screen showing a video of a live performance. The title "I and You" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "by Lauren Gunderson" is written in a smaller font. The background of the video shows a starry night sky with a constellation of stars connected by lines. The phone's status bar at the top shows "Video of a Live Performance", signal strength, and battery level at 100%. The time "10:16 PM" is visible on the right side of the screen.

Video of a Live Performance

I and You

by Lauren Gunderson

"Joyful and Heartbreaking"

FINAL WEEKEND

STREAMING
March 8 - 21

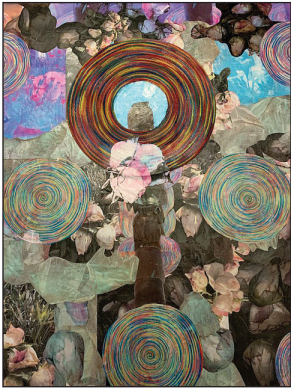
ThePublicTheatre.org

782-3200

The logo for The Public Theatre, with "the" in a small font and "PUBLIC THEATRE" in a larger, bold font.

Please visit our website to recognize our Sustainability Sponsors

Recent artwork on view at LA Arts



Mildred Bachrach, Nightmares Waiting for the Vaccine, mixed media on wood panel. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

From LA Arts

LEWISTON - Recent artworks by Mildred Bachrach will be on view

in the LA Arts Gallery windows at 221 Lisbon Street in Lewiston from March 15 through May 1.

Bachrach's recent works employ repetitive imagery in mixed media as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a way of coping with today's world. The images are simultaneously chaotic and orderly.

Encouraging viewers to find pathways through the images, the works elicit personal responses and memories and, as in our current day-to-day lives, help viewers to create order out of chaos.

After fifty years working as a specialist in nursing, Bachrach, of Pitts-

field, received a Master of Fine Arts from the Maine College of Art in 2019.

Bachrach said, "A maximalist reaction to our world is where my mind is. As the pandemic rages on, my life in my mind, and in the material world which surrounds me, is not minimalist. It is lovely to look at a seascape with its sky and sea and open spaces on the canvas, but that is not the crowded reality most of us live in."

"As an artist and professional caretaker for fifty years, I employ art as a healing mechanism. Art allows people to understand that others experience fracturing and that they are not alone in struggling with

the phenomena of psychic trauma," she said. "Art focused on traumatic experiences can become a catalyst for healing. Psychic pain like an infection can erupt at any time. Art provides a conduit to release and heal the phenomena of psychic pain keeping it from festering under the surface."

Since 1973, LA Arts, the arts agency for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn Maine, has pursued a mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. The agency works with governments, businesses, schools and local arts and cultural organizations to create opportunities for community members across the generations to experience, learn, and participate in the arts. LA Arts organizes arts programs and initiatives, supports the work of local artists and art organizations, and highlights the essential role the arts play in shaping an economically vital, socially integrated, and forward-looking future for its community.



Mildred Bachrach, Lost Time Pandemic, mixed media on wood panel. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

Learn more at www.laarts.org.



Switch and get

6 Months
FREE
Service

**Plus 5G is
included on
all our plans**

806 Sabattus St., Lewiston, 207-783-3377
408 Water St., Gardiner, 207-582-3600

Requires a new line. Unlimited Basic plan, port-in, credit approval, autopay/paperless billing and comes via monthly bill credits over 6 months. 5G capable device required to experience 5G. 5G coverage not available in all areas. See uscellular.com/coverage-map for details. Taxes, fees, and additional restrictions apply.

Things we want you to know: New consumer or small business account. Unlimited Basic plan and Autopay/paperless billing required. Offer valid at participating New England locations (ME, NH, VT) only. Valid on up to 4 lines. Customer will receive a bill credit equal to the monthly recurring charge for the Unlimited Basic Plan over 6 months. Customer is responsible for any other charges incurred on the account (including taxes and fees). Credit will not exceed 1 line - \$360, 2 lines - \$690, 3 lines - \$780, 4 lines - \$840. Line(s) must remain in good standing. Additional terms apply. See uscellular.com/terms for details. ©2021 UScellular

19303023

Follow us on Facebook!
Don't miss our weekly giveaways!

\$185 CONNOISSEUR OUNCES EVERYDAY

AMAZING DAILY SPECIALS EVERYDAY

Incredible Edibles
AND SO MUCH MORE!

The Healing Community
MEDCo

741 MAIN ST - 40 LISBON ST
CRAFT CANNABIS | ARTISANAL EXTRACTS | INCREDIBLE EDIBLES
thcMEDCo.com | 1-866-42-MEDCo | Open Everyday 9am - 9pm

**Maine's Modular
Home Specialist**

**We can design and build any home that you desire.
We'll be right with you every step of the way!**

We Do It All Co.

Over 30 years experience
Call us to set up a free consultation.

Michael Roman (207) 558-8378
WeDoltAllHomes@gmail.com

Movie magic in Gorham

By Nathan Tsukroff

GORHAM – Movie magic is returning to Gorham next week at Spire 29 On the Square.

Located in a renovated church near the center of Gorham at 29 School Street, the planned weekly events are being hosted by Ghost Karen’s Kitchens and Fort Hill Community Church.

The building is now an elegant catering facility with a stage area at one end of the main room and a bar at the other end.

Karen Nason of Ghost Karen’s Kitchens said she and the church collaborated for the events after the local Cinemagic movie theaters abruptly closed at the end of February.

Cinemagic had announced what it called an “intermission” at the beginning of February, and several weeks later decided to close its entire chain of cinemas, including theaters in Saco, Westbrook, and South Portland, as well as five other locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Fort Hill Community Church has Sunday services and Thursday-night bible studies in the building each week, providing a projector and screen to supplement the sound system at the venue.

With the large room, “We’ll be able to seat people safely, away from each other,” Nason said. “And we also kind of want to do

this as an homage to the fact that Cinemagic is closing. You know, families have nowhere to go anymore.”

Nason said she and the church wanted to create a space in Gorham where families with children could spend the evening.

The concept is similar to Smitty’s Cinema, a chain of movie theaters in Windham, Sanford, Topsham and Tilton that has table-seating for guests and serves meals before the movie.

For the Spire 29 movie nights, guests can order from six different menus at Ghost Kitchens, which is located in a building attached to the church. “Ghost Kitchens can walk right in here and bring your food to your table,” Nason said. Guests can purchase wines and beers at the bar.

The movie nights will be Fridays and Saturdays, starting March 19 and 20 and again on March 26 and 27. “We’re going to try this out for two weeks. If it works well, Karen’s Ghost Kitchens is going to be here every weekend for families and friends in town,” Nason said.

The movie nights are free, so the only costs for families will be for food and drink, Nason said. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for seating, with the movies expected to start at 6:30 p.m., Nason said. “We want to get all the orders in for the foods, (and) dim the lights,” before the movie

begins. The servers will be available throughout the evening.

Fort Hill CC Pastor Aaron Manning said the church will provide the popcorn for the movie nights, and “it’s going to be family-friendly.”

Nason and Manning are working on the selection of movies. The only definite showing right now is the 2018 edition of the live-action animated comedy film Peter Rabbit on March 27, to celebrate the Easter season, Manning said.

Seating is limited to a total of 50 guests the first weekend, under current pandemic guidelines put in place by the State of Maine. However, the governor’s office announced last week that the capacity for indoor gatherings will change on March 26 to allow for capacity of up to 50 percent of the allowable for a venue. That will change to 75 percent on May 24.

Ghost Karen’s Kitchens provides meals for take-out, curbside pick-up, or delivery, to bring “the restaurant experience to your home,” Nason said.

Ghost Kitchens “re-stored this beautiful event space that’s sitting here doing absolutely nothing,” she said. “We want to use it, so people come in and see this space that could be used for an intimate wedding of 20 to 25 people.” She has already booked two weddings for later this spring.



Karen Nason grabs a slice of the Brooklyn Benny’s pizza that Ghost Karen’s Kitchens will have available for guests at movie nights at Spire 29 near the center of Gorham on March 19, 20, 26, and 27. (Tsukroff photo)

Follow us on Facebook!
Don’t miss our weekly giveaways!



8-WEEK SESSION STARTING MARCH 15TH



Start or accelerate your college education. Whether online or on campus, we’re here to help you succeed. Register today.

WWW.CMCC.EDU/MARCH2021

enroll@cmcc.edu • 207-755-5273

Notice of Non-discrimination: Central Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please visit www.cmcc.edu/eeoc.



Sealcoating • Hot Rubber Crack Filling New Installations • Concrete Reclaimed Asphalt • Loam

Our premium grade sealer inexpensively adds years of life!

Protect your investment with our wide range of products!

Roadmark Industries

Mike Willett • 143 Pleasant Street • Auburn
(207) 240-5535



March ideal for ice fishing

From Maine DIFW

AUGUSTA - February was a memorable month of ice fishing in Maine with beginner and experienced anglers alike across the state, as well as those jumping back into the sport.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife last week thanked everyone who brought someone fishing for the first time during Free Fishing License Week or earlier this season – sharing knowledge with others is integral to continuing Maine’s unique ice fishing heritage.

The Maine DIFW said that as we head into March there is still plenty of ice fishing opportunity and the warmer days are ideal for bringing beginners and children.

Remember, access to many Maine lakes and ponds are over private roads, and roads can get very muddy or unpassable this time of year. Please treat private land and landowners with respect.

Check out the monthly fishing report at <http://bitly.ws/bJR2> for recommended places to try and fishing tips.

Ice season dates

Remember that most of Maine’s lakes and ponds open to ice fishing, remain open through the month of April.

South Zone: Under General Law in the South Zone, lakes and ponds are open to ice fishing and open water fishing year-round (unless otherwise stated in the special fishing laws section).

North Zone: In the North Zone, lakes and ponds with special season code “A” or “B” are open to ice fishing through April 30. Click here to search Maine’s special fishing laws (Search “A (Open)” or “B (Open)” in the regulation column to find which waters are open to ice fishing through April) or use the map-based Fishing Laws Online Angling Tool (FLOAT). After April 1, once the ice disappears, you can open water fish on most lakes and ponds in the North Zone.

Ice fishing shacks: A person who owns any shack or temporary structure used for ice fishing must remove the shack or structure (1) In any area of the State in which there is a closed ice fishing season, by ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season, whichever is earlier; and (2) In any area of the State in which there is no close of the ice fishing season, by ice out or March 31st, whichever is earlier.

Tips

There is no question, ice fishing is a large part of Maine’s outdoor heritage. Enjoy your ice fishing trip, and remember:

Leave no trace – Carry out all that you carry in.

Park in public or designated areas - Don’t block paths or other roads.

Respect private property – Utilize public access sites or areas where you have permission to park or access.

Be prepared – Check the weather, bring what you need for the day, and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Bring some of your catch home – In certain waters, the Department encourages the harvest of fish in order to maintain healthy fish populations and improve the fishery. Bring some of your catch home for dinner or share it with a friend.

Ice safety

Remember to always use extreme caution when venturing onto Maine’s waterways. Accessing lakes and ponds should be avoided unless you can be certain of ice conditions by checking ice thickness.

Before stepping out, use a chisel or auger to test ice thickness in several places. Remember that ice seldom freezes uniformly and conditions are always changing and can vary from one location to the next. Ice that forms over flowing water and currents, especially near streams, bridges and culverts, can be particularly dangerous.

Before you head for a day of ice fishing, ALWAYS tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

Please enjoy the Maine outdoors safely and responsibly!

Check the laws

Maine’s fishing laws are online for your convenience. Before you go, check the laws and download a copy of the book to your phone: 2021 Fishing Law Book (PDF)

The Department has created new tools to make finding the special fishing laws easier. Check out the map-based display of special fishing laws: Fishing Laws Online Angling Tool (FLOAT) or use the new search function. Remember, you still need to view the general fishing laws in addition to the special fishing laws for the specific water body.



A father and son on a recent ice-fishing excursion in Maine. (Photo courtesy of Maine DIFW)

Snowmobile Helmets

FXR - HJC - CKX - GMAX - SCORPION

U-Clear Helmet Communicators

Sizes Youth to 5XL

998-5390 STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR RIDE!

SHAKER HILL “Well worth the short drive from Lewiston”
Open Every Day! *Outdoors* 271 Maine Street, Route 26, Poland

www.shakerhilloutdoors.com

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

Paul Edward Baribault

OUR BRILLIANT ETERNITY

Is the worry about what comes after this life weighing you down? Whatever your faith, or if it is absent, you’re a child of God – and ultimately

Heaven is your home.

A new work by Lewiston playwright and Children’s book author, **Paul Baribault**

“At its center, this book is about the soul’s climb toward Enlightenment, and how the Earth is a Schoolroom, not a courtroom, in our journey.”

Available on Amazon and @ www.Ourbrillianteternity.com

“The prose is inspired – and inspiring – glowing with inner radiance and kindness.”
“I felt such a sense of hope when I finished this book.” From Amazon reviews.

NOW HIRING – GENERAL LABOR

Starting at \$15.70/hour with a shift increase for 2nd shift, sign-on bonus of \$2,250 and potential for overtime.
We have open positions for 1st and 2nd shift.

If you are looking to make an impact in a meaningful way, join us at Tyson Foods where we are raising the world’s expectations for how much good food can do!

We create quality products in a safe environment for our team members. We offer great benefits and competitive pay. This facility operates five days a week and produces Barber Foods Stuffed Chicken Breast products.

Text ‘Portland’ to 313131 for more information

Apply online at TysonFoodsCareers.com
Or
54 St. John St, Portland, ME 04102

Tyson is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, national origin, color, religion, age, genetics, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or veteran status.

County sues for prisoner reimbursement

From Wheeler & Arey, P.A.

AUBURN - Androscoggin County filed a lawsuit in Maine Superior Court last month asking the court to order the State of Maine, Department of Corrections, to reimburse it for the cost of boarding State inmates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 15, Governor Mills issued Executive Order 54 FY 19/20 which authorized the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections to prohibit the transfer of State inmates from County detention facilities to State facilities and which otherwise shifted the State's responsibilities and obligations with respect to its own prisoners to the various counties and the jails which they operate.

Following that order, the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections refused to designate a state facility to which prisoners being held at the Androscoggin County Jail were to be transported. And transports to any such facilities that were previously designated were cancelled. The practical effect of the Commissioner's actions was to require the Androscoggin County Jail to house State inmates for a total of 875 boarding days. At the rate of \$60.00 per day, which is below the amount that other counties charge for boarding. It is also less than the amount that counties receive for boarding federal inmates.

So far, Androscoggin County has incurred expenses of \$52,500. This figure does not include any additional costs or expenses associated with safely keeping State prisoners pursuant to Executive Order 54.

When the State of Maine needed Androscoggin County to provide assistance by housing State prisoners during the COVID-19 crisis, Androscoggin County did so. The State sought to protect its own facilities, its own employees, and its own already-incarcerated prisoners from the COVID-19 pandemic by preventing the introduction of the virus through newly-received prisoners. By doing this, these prisoners who were committed to State custody stayed in the Androscoggin County Jail.

This meant that the risk of infection was then borne by Androscoggin County.

Consequently, County employees had to manage a larger inmate population, including one that was potentially infected, in order for the State to protect its own employees and its own already-incarcerated prisoners.

The county, and in particular its jail employees, stepped up and answered Maine's call. The citizens of Androscoggin County bore the financial burden of answering that call. When the County then reached out to the State and requested a partial refund on behalf of its taxpayers, the State refused.

Androscoggin County was left with the choice of allowing its taxpayers to bear the entire burden of caring for the State's prisoners during the time that the State refused to accept them, or filing a lawsuit in which the court is requested to order the state to provide the reimbursement.

Peter Marchesi of Wheeler & Arey, P.A., is representing the county in the lawsuit.

MDOT work plan for Lewiston

From Rep. Connor

AUGUSTA – State Representative Jonathan Connor (R-Lewiston) recently announced that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Work Plan for Calendar Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 is available. The estimated value of work in the plan totals more than 2,180 individual work items with a total value of \$2.71 billion.

The MDOT Work Plan for Lewiston includes 11 projects totaling \$8,136,000 for the City of Lewiston.

The work includes improvements to Route 202, Route 126, Alfred Plourde Parkway, East Avenue, Five Corners and other local highway and intersection improvements.

"MDOT Work Plan projects will benefit our local communities in many ways," said Rep. Connor. "I am pleased to see several MDOT projects scheduled for the next three years in our area. They will make our roads safer and strengthen our local economy."

The full work plan, searchable by municipality, is available at the Maine Department of Transportation's website at <http://bit.ly.ws/c527>.

Rep. Jonathan Connor (R-Lewiston) represents Maine House District 58, which comprises the eastern half of the City of Lewiston.

Storywalk for March

From City of Auburn

AUBURN – The City of Auburn's Storywalk for March features the children's book "Snuggie Bear goes to the Maine Wildlife Park," written by Cynthia D. Grimm with illustrations by Peri Broadbent.

Both Grimm and Broadbent are Maine natives and this delightful book features Maine's very own Wildlife Park in Gray.

The Storywalk begins on the panels at Bonney Park and finishes at Festival Plaza on Main Street.

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.

Anyone with an idea for a future Storywalk should reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburn-maine.gov or 333-6611.

MDOT

Continued from page 1

Auburn and Minot over the next three years," said Rep. Libby. "These and other projects throughout Maine will strengthen our communities, enhance our economy, and make our

roads safer."

The full work plan, searchable by municipality, is available at the Maine Department of Transportation's Web site at <http://bitly.ws/c527>.

Rep. Bruce Bickford (R-Auburn) represents

Maine House District 63, which encompasses southern Auburn.

Rep. Laurel Libby (R-Auburn) represents Maine House District 64, which encompasses all of Minot and a portion of northern Auburn.

Hike

Continued from page 1

pice care for all.

Register at <http://bitly.ws/cbqj>. The cost is \$25 per person and free for ages 12 years and under.

The first 200 registrants will receive an event t-shirt, swag bag filled with surprises and a special children's activity. Participants can create their own personal fundraising page and will have a chance to win Yeti products, Sea Bags, or a two-night stay at Wolfe's Neck Farm "Wicked Easy" Camping Experience by LL Bean.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is the largest, non-profit independent home health

and hospice organization in the state. They focus on health – not illness – by making each individual's quality of life the best it can be. They have been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine since 2006.

To learn more about Androscoggin, please visit www.androcoggin.org

Home for Sale

Pre-sale priced right! Don't let this home get away! Will not last! Beautiful, spacious home with unique architecture and lots of character. The layout has a pleasant flow and rooms have high ceilings. So many options with this home. Very spacious single family - easily converted into a two family - or bring the in-laws and keep your own space.

Renovated large kitchen with new shaker cabinets, under cabinet lighting and recessed lighting. Oversized dining room with large walk-in pantry. New laminate flooring being installed in kitchen, dining room and pantry.

Six bedrooms, master suite, jacuzzi tub, two full bathrooms - one with laundry hook-up. Plenty of closet space.

Side entry. Enter through over-sized enclosed porch. Easily converted to three-season porch. Large front entry mudroom.

Brand new electrical service with new panels. New hardwired smoke and carbon monoxide detector system. New propane high-efficiency Viessmann combi boiler (heat and hot water). Natural gas is in town and headed to Maple street. This new system easily converts to natural gas.

Recently renovated and updated. Photos to come as we are finishing up renovations. Solid foundation. Excellent investment opportunity or turn-key home. Buy now and receive \$3,000 towards closing costs.

ATTN: Real estate agents, brokers, etc. - Open to offers from your clients with negotiable commission. No owner financing.

\$250,000, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2,200 square feet
7 Maple St, Fairfield, ME. Call Mike (781) 500-9589

Online farming course March 29

From U. of Maine

ORONO - University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a seven-session online course for aspiring farmers starting March 29.

The class meets from 5:30–7:30 p.m. twice per week through April 22. Individual consultations will be scheduled April 26 and April 29.

“So You Want to Farm in Maine?” is designed for those wanting to start or expand to a profitable farm operation. Topics include starting a land-

based business, business planning and record-keeping, marketing and available resources. Instructors include UMaine Extension educators and guest experts. Successful course completion qualifies participants for USDA Farm Service Agency Borrower Training credit.

The sliding-scale fee is \$50–\$150 per person; registration is limited to 40 participants. Register on the program webpage. The required text, “Building a Sustainable Business” by SARE, is available for free download. For more infor-

mation or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Melissa Freeman, 207.353.5550; melissa.freeman@maine.edu.

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

The University of Maine, founded in Orono



University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a seven-session online course for aspiring farmers starting March 29. (Photo courtesy of U. of Maine)

in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot

Nation. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and

adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

One solution for oxygen at home, away, and for travel

Introducing the INOGEN ONE
It’s oxygen therapy on your terms

No more tanks to refill. No more deliveries. No more hassles with travel. The INOGEN ONE portable oxygen concentrator is designed to provide unparalleled freedom for oxygen therapy users. It’s small, lightweight, clinically proven for stationary and portable use, during the day and at night, and can **go virtually anywhere — even on most airlines.** Inogen accepts Medicare and many private insurances!

Reclaim Your Freedom And Independence NOW!

inogen

Call Inogen Today To Request Your FREE Info Kit

1-877-402-1909



MKT-P0108

© 2020 Inogen, Inc. All rights reserved.

Guest Column

What to do with those highfalutin hyphenations

By Grammar Guy

Do you ever find yourself in a situation where you don’t know something so you just avoid it altogether? For instance, because I don’t know how to swim, I avoid parties on megayachts. I can’t tell you how many yacht-vitations I’ve turned down over the years because of my lackluster swimming abilities.

How many of us avoid writing words that may or may not need hyphens because we don’t know the rules? I know it’s not just me. Today I’m going to focus on when to hyphenate those tricky adverb phrases known as compound modifiers.

The main reason we know about the existence of adverbs is because we played Mad Libs on family road trips growing up. A compound modifier is what we get when a hyphen connects an adjective with an adverb: a well-known salsa dancer. In this case, “well” is the adverb that modifies the adjective “known.”

When it comes to the compound modifier “newly elected,” as in the example “newly elected president,” we don’t need a hyphen. Why is this? Look, I didn’t come up with the rules, but compound modifiers containing “-ly” adverbs do not need hyphens. I suppose this is because it seems redundant to add a hyphen to a compound modifier with an adverb ending in “-ly.” We already know

that the adverb is modifying the word next to it.

Because we’re not sure about this rule, we tend to add the hyphen anyway. You’d think that the compound modifier “rarely seen” photos of Bigfoot needs a hyphen and you don’t want to seem unintelligent when you email the photos to your friends in the Bigfoot Photo Society, so you drop in the hyphen just to be safe.

Adding the hyphen just because you don’t want your fellow BPS members to think you’re dumb is a classic example of hypercorrection. We want to appear smart, so we overcorrect our speech or writing.

Here’s the way to think about compound modifiers with “-ly” adverbs: treat the adverb like you would the word “very.” Although the word “very” is usually a lazy word to drop in to your syntax, you would never be tempted to add a hyphen between it and the adjective it modifies: a very tired toll booth worker. When it comes to “-ly” adverbs, think about them the same way as you would the word “very.” When you do, you’ll impress your Bigfoot-loving friends with your newly discovered word knowledge.

Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of “Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life”. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

Business Directory

ACCOUNTANT



AUSTIN ASSOCIATES
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Auburn 207-783-9111 Norway 207-743-7777
AustinPA.com

Your Financial Team

FLOWER SHOPPE



Sweet Pea Designs
FLOWER SHOPPE

777-1520

www.sweetpeafloraldesignsme.com

FREE DELIVERY L/A

PHOTOGRAPHY



Executive Portraits • Business photographs • Videos

Gray, ME maine@portraitefx.com
(207) 657-6372 www.maine.portraitefx.com

AUTO CARE

The Only Full-Service Gas Station in Auburn!

Poisson & Sons
Auto Care Center, Inc.

Computer Diagnostics • Yokohama Tires
Repairs • Alignments • Inspection Station
Gas • Clear K1 • Tune-ups • Brakes • Batteries

Dan & Don Poisson
dfpoisson@aol.com

260 S. Main St., Auburn • 782-9144

MASONRY



Jason Hodsdon
JasonHodsdonMasonry@gmail.com

Masonry • Culture Stones
Chimneys • Chimney Cleaning
Repointing & Repairs
Restoration
Stainless Steel Liners

Fully Insured
Free Estimates
20+ Years of Experience

North Monmouth
(207) 215-3557

PRINTING



Locally Owned

(207) 782-0525 phone
(207) 782-2327 fax
63 Broad Street • New Auburn, ME 04210
e-mail: info@evergreencustomprinting.com
web: www.evergreencustomprinting.com

- PRINT
- COPY
- FAX SERVICE
- DESIGN SERVICES
- VARIABLE DATA
- BINDERY
- INVITATIONS
- LETTERHEAD
- ENVELOPES
- BUS. CARDS
- LABELS & TAGS
- UPS

CD'S

Discover The Truth About CDs!

CD Interest Rates Are At An All Time Low.
There IS A Safe, Guaranteed Alternative To
Increase Your Income.

Call now for a FREE Guide:
**"10 Secrets Your Banker Doesn't
Want You To Know"**

Call Our 24 Hour Order Line @782-3800

MARINE SERVICES

BOAT REPAIR SHOP

PONTES
Marine Service

Power by
MERCURY MerCruiser **VOLVO PENTA** **YANMAR**
OMC **Perkins** **Velvet Drive**

237 Lewiston Road • Topsham, ME 04086 • (207) 725-5997
www.pontesmarine.com

SELF STORAGE

AUBURN SELF STORAGE, LLC



23 Goldthwaite Rd.
Auburn, ME 04210

PO Box 715
Lewiston, ME 04243

PHONE 376-3325

CHIROPRACTOR

Family Chiropractic Center

Experience Life

1485 Lisbon Street, Lewiston
207.783.0078
www.familychirome.com

PAINTING

Interiors • Exteriors Drywall Repair
Free Estimates Pressure Washing

W.J. Libby
Painting Co.

WADE J. LIBBY
WJLibbyPainting@gmail.com CELL: 207.210.0605

SHIPPING



- Shipping
- Packing
- Receiving
- Copies
- Fax Service
- Mailbox Rentals
- Mail Order Fulfillment

Bring in this ad for 10% off UPS or FedEx Shipping!

9 N. River Road in Auburn ~ www.AuburnGoinPostal.com ~ 784-9900

CONTRACTORS

Fully Insured • 5 Year Workmanship Warranty

AMERICAN BUILDERS 

Custom Building & Remodeling



Call 207-500-8100
For FREE Estimates

Call Tyler
500-8100
Finish Carpenter

Quality Work with References Available

PHOTOGRAPHY



Laura Elaines
PHOTOGRAPHY

www.facebook.com/LauraElainesPhotography

LIKE US ON facebook (207) 212-5993
LauraElainesPhotography@gmail.com

WEB HOSTING



Web Hosting
Web Design
Web Promotion
One Stop
207-442-9006

MAINE HOSTING
S O L U T I O N S

CONTACT US TODAY FOR POSSIBLE OPENINGS
FOR YOUR AD IN OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY!

**EVERY TUESDAY
10:30-11:15 a.m.**
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!

**THURSDAY
Mar. 18**

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

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 SeniorPlus. Tickets for this virtual event are \$20 per person; available at <http://bitly.ws/bQnD> 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, via 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 meeting.

5:30 p.m.
GORHAM – Finance Committee meeting via Zoom.

FLAGSHIP CINEMAS
WWW.FLAGSHIPCINEMAS.COM
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**

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

**WEDNESDAY
Mar. 31
Noon**
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - 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.

American Rescue Plan Elevates Small Business Support

From US SBA
WASHINGTON, D.C. - "The American Rescue Plan Act enables the SBA to continue to lift up the cornerstones of our communities," the U.S. Small Business Administration's Senior Advisor Michael Roth said after President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law last week. "The mom-and-pop businesses and nonprofits that provide essential services for our everyday lives, hire from within neighborhoods, and more," he said. "Our nation's more than 30 million small businesses are the economic engine of this country and, in alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration's focus

on equitable treatment, the SBA will work tirelessly to ensure eligible borrowers will get access to this critical economic relief." The American Rescue Plan Act provides additional relief for the nation's small businesses and hard-hit industries for programs the SBA is currently administering and adds new efforts, including: \$7.25 billion additional for the Paycheck Protection Program, including to expand eligibility to additional nonprofits and digital news services. Additional funds are allocated for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program, and now

allows businesses to apply for both a PPP loan after Dec. 27, 2020, and the SVOG \$15 billion additional for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance (EIDL) payments, including NEW \$5 billion for Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advance payments for those hardest hit NEW: \$28.6 billion for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund for industry-focused grants NEW: \$100 million to establish a Community Navigator pilot program; grants will go to eligible or-

ganizations supporting efforts to improve access to COVID-19 pandemic assistance programs and resources. "This legislation will continue the strong efforts of SBA to support our Maine small business community. Beyond allowing SVOG applicants to also access PPP funding, continuing PPP lending will expand the list of over 10,000 businesses in our state that have accessed assistance of nearly \$700 million so far in 2021," said Diane Sturgeon, SBA Acting District Director for Maine. SBA's current relief efforts can be found at <http://bitly.ws/cbAS>, along with more details about these program up-

dates and new efforts the SBA will administer in the coming weeks. The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

**Best
Source
for Arts,
Music and
Theater!**
**Your
Hometown
Paper.**

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

Dad's Place Catering Division
Weddings • Reunions • Corporate Events & More
Professional service at an affordable price!

**No job too big or too small!
Call Today for a Free Quote:
207-345-9009**

DadsPlaceCatering.com

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 cheesecakes 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

Now Hiring!
Small Heating Co. Seeking a motivated, eager to learn individual for full time work. Experience not necessary-honesty, reliability and a strong back is. Great opportunity to embark on a new career that is always needed in Maine. Clean driving record is a must. Call 207-513-5144.

Earn up to \$2,090 a week!
Now hiring canvassers! \$30/hr+ bonuses! Overtime available! Make a difference this election by communicating directly with voters door to door! No political experience needed! Must be able to

communicate clearly and walk for several hours at a time. Must have Smartphone, car with insurance, and valid license! Call 207-200-4779.

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. Employ. 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.com.

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.

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 in-home consultation. (207) 740-9100.

LEWISTON SENIOR CITIZENS TRAVEL 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. Claire - 207-784-0302 or Cindy- 207- 345-9569.

Classified Ads UP TO 40 WORDS!

\$ 10 PER WEEK
EACH ADDITIONAL WORD 25¢

SEND CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFO WITH COMPLETED FORM TO:
Send payment with completed form to our
bookkeeping office: 9 N. River Road #232
Auburn, ME 04210 or email it to us!

Card # 3 digits # on back

Exp. date ____/____/____ Signature _____

Name & Address _____

Phone: _____

CATEGORY: _____

HEADLINE: _____

AD INFO: _____

NUMBER OF WEEKS TO RUN: _____



You dream it. We build it.



No Money Down • Financing Available

Remodel • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Basements
Roofing • Siding • Windows • Garages • Additions

**AMERICAN
BUILDERS** 
Custom Building & Remodeling

(207) 500-8100 • www.AmericanBuildersMaine.com