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New Auburn Village block party

From All About You

AUBURN - The community is invited to share in the fun on Saturday with live entertainment and a variety of beverages and entrees available at the New Auburn Social Club and the Firehouse Grille.

Earlier this year Dee Chapman, owner of All About You Salon in New Auburn, thought it would be fun to throw a party to celebrate 20 years in business.

Within a few weeks, her vision has grown into a community event that will celebrate her milestone and allow all New Auburn residents and businesses to celebrate the beginning of relaxed pandemic restrictions and enjoy the shiny new Anniversary Park right outside her back door.

Outdoor vending will be provided by New Auburn Legion Post 153 with their famous Lime Rickeys, Fried Dough from Rolly's Diner, and burgers and hot dogs from New Auburn Social Club, where all are invited to their open house!

Live music begins at 1 p.m. from New Auburn residents Continental Shake-down, L-A Harley Band, Craig Rivas, and Maine's "Queen of the Blues" Bonnie Edwards!

Dee and her staff at All About You will be celebrating with Customer Appreciation Day in her parking area, featuring discount services, prizes, and surprises.

Fireball Creek will perform outside the Firehouse Grille from 6-9 p.m.

Special thanks to Auburn Parks and Recreation, Auburn Fire and Police, event sponsor Uncle Andy's Digest, and all the New Auburn businesses that enhance the neighborhood, creating a close knit Village within the city of Auburn.

The event is free, all ages and all are welcome!

Any area business that would like to participate as sponsor, volunteer, or participant is encouraged to join in the celebration. Contact Dee Chapman at 212-8223, Ken Goodman at 577-5701, or Sabrina Best at Auburn Parks and Rec 333-6601 for details.

Out and About

Phil House returns to Schooner



Joanne Kramlich, Castine Activities Director; Phil House, Pianist Extraordinaire; and Mark Prevost, Director Resident Services, have been friends for many years. (Rachel Morin photo)

By Rachel Morin

AUBURN - Phil House was back at Schooner Estates Senior Living Community in Auburn for a Live Outdoor Concert in The Courtyard at the end of May.

Mark Prevost, Director of Resident Services, welcomed Phil and reminded the audience that the last time Phil performed at Schooner Estates was 14 months ago, before the pandemic hit and the facility was locked down.

"We are all thrilled and pleased to have Phil back with us on this perfect day, a sunny day with a gentle breeze, perfect for our first outdoor concert in The Courtyard," Mark said.

Mark told Phil, "You have a great and appreciative audience here, as all your longtime fans and friends are here for you!" A huge applause echoed Mark's statements and Phil launched into his wonderful repertoire of old time melodies.

Phil is Maine's foremost pianist-in-

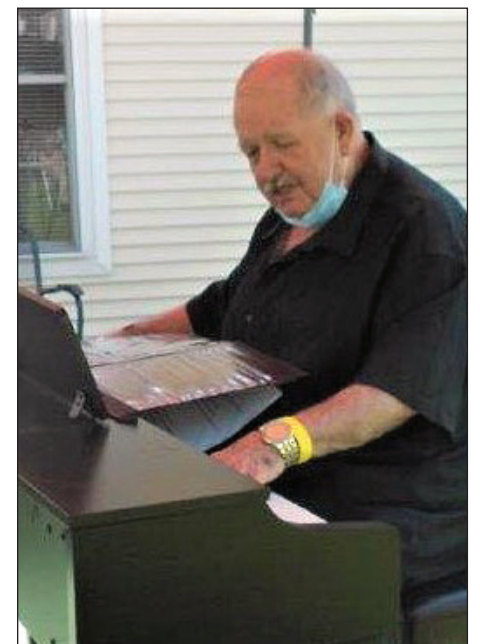
terpreter of classic songs, bringing life to jazz standards, folk songs, ragtime masterpieces and popular songs. His flawless strident piano style, along with his flair and emotional connection to the music, leaves audiences breathless and with every toe tapping.

There were many oldies beloved by the crowd as Phil played one after another without stopping amidst the hearty applause. A few of the melodies included "La Vie En Rose", "Until the End of Time", "Let's Do It", "It's Only A Paper Moon" and "Goodnight, Irene." Of course, everyone knew the lyrics to the old time favorites and everyone joined in singing.

Phil concluded the concert with his perennial favorite that he always plays at the finale, "God Bless America."

A native of Bryant Pond, Maine, Phil has kept busy as the organist for the First Universalist Church in Auburn for well over four decades. He is well known

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Phil House closes with his perennial favorite ending every concert with "God Bless America". (Rachel Morin photo)

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Column

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms". It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assign-

ment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver", but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next. So he

took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

For a treat, go to the heart of Louisiana with Shari Hearn's books. <https://books2read.com/ap/nmPreX/Shari-Hearn>.

All gave some, some gave all A Memorial Day tribute

Weekly Republican
Radio Address

By Rep. Dillingham

In facing our nation's greatest threats, heroic men and women have answered the call to service. This weekend, Mainers will take part in remembering the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women who unfortunately did not make it home.

Serving one's country is among the most valiant of pursuits, and we are grateful for those who fell in the name of freedom and independence.

This is Republican Leader Kathleen Dillingham of Oxford. During this week's Republican Radio Address, please join me in paying tribute to our nation's fallen heroes.

In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, we pay our respects to those Americans who "gave the last full measure of devotion to their country." We are indebted to their sacrifice for it was their faith in our nation's founding vision of liberty that we are free.

It was their immeasurable sense of patriotism and love of country, that penetrated the darkness of

tyranny and oppression, which gave way for our nation's beacon of hope to shine in every corner of the world.

We remember our fallen for their heroism on the beaches of Normandy, in the mountains of Afghanistan, throughout the jungles of Vietnam, and in far off lands in between. Their memory live on in our communities and in our grateful hearts.

We see the cost of freedom by the flags in our cemeteries, the rows of marble at Arlington, and the wreaths on headstones across the world. We can never repay our debt of gratitude; however, in an effort to honor our fallen not just today, but every day here after, we can answer our call to service by placing our hands over our hearts, flags on our porches, and treating all as brothers and sisters in this great experiment of self government and liberty.

As proud Americans, we owe it to those who did not see if our flag was still over Fort McHenry, or raised on top of Iwo Jima, to continue the vision of preserving our nation that they dedicated their life to defend. They lost their



Kathleen Dillingham (R-Oxford) is currently the minority leader in the Maine House of Representatives. (Photo courtesy of Maine Republicans)

lives so that our nation, and our ideals, may live.

I hope that we take with us every day that the cost of freedom is never free, and may it serve as our reminder that it is our responsibility to carry on the faith in a free world that they left behind.

This has been Republican Leader Dillingham with the Weekly Republican Radio Address. Thank you for listening.

May we never forget and may God bless America.

Prior to being chosen by her peers to lead the House Republican Caucus in 2018, Kathleen Dillingham (R-Oxford) served two terms on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. She is currently the minority leader in the Maine House of Representatives.

Storywalk: Arbor Week 2021

AUBURN – The City of Auburn partnered with the Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board for May's Storywalk displays, which celebrated Maine's Arbor Week, May 17-21.

The displays in May showcase pictures and education on a variety of tree-related projects, all funded through generous grants from Project Canopy (USDA/Maine Forest Service) and TD Bank.

The Community Forest Board is a subcommittee of the Auburn Conservation Commission.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take a stroll along Auburn's beautiful Riverwalk to enjoy the scenery along the Androscoggin as well as the Storywalk presentation.

Located behind the Hilton Garden Inn near the Great Falls of the Androscoggin River, the River-



Auburn's Storywalk for May celebrates Maine's Arbor Week, May 17-21. (Photo courtesy of City of Auburn)

walk trail crosses the street at the intersection of Court and Main Street in Auburn and continues behind Festival Plaza. The path meanders by the Androscoggin River and provides beautiful views of the Twin Cities, gardens, outdoor art, and benches. The trail splits and can either be

followed to Bonney Park or to the Lewiston side via the railroad trestle, which spills into Lewiston's Railroad Park

If you have an idea for a future Storywalk, please reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburn-maine.gov or 333-6611.

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Guest Column

Legislature in Civic Center for the last time



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

By Sen. Libby

Dear Friend,

Last week, the Legislature once again met in the Augusta Civic Center for a session day.

We voted on a variety of bills, including Senate President Troy Jackson's bill on school meal affordability, LD 1679 which I am proud to support.

This was the last time the Legislature will be using the Civic Center to meet because of the pandemic. In the next few weeks, we'll be returning

to the State House for session, with the goal of wrapping up for the summer by June 16.

This week, the State House officially reopened to the public after a Legislative Council vote last week. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the goal was always to safely return to the building and begin moving toward normalcy once the COVID-19 virus was under control. We are so fortunate that the Maine Legislature did not experience the devastating outbreaks and heartbreak-

ing tragedies that we saw in the legislative bodies in other states.

The full Legislature will begin holding floor sessions at the State House beginning June 2. The COVID-19 Prevention Policy has been updated to eliminate social distancing requirements and require the wearing of face coverings when in shared legislative space. Committee work will remain entirely virtual through the end of the special session.

The fact that we are slowly returning to normal is a testament to the commitment of Maine people to do their part to look out for each other and get vaccinated. I'm grateful to all of you for the good work you've done looking out for your neighbors during this pandemic.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, you can reach me at nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov or 207-287-1515.

The Kids First plan: Expanding child care and feeding Maine

All children deserve a chance to live a healthy, happy and productive life. Where a kid lives or how much their parents make shouldn't ever prevent them from getting ahead. Yet too many children go

to school hungry regularly. How can we expect them to learn on an empty stomach? If parents don't have a safe place to drop their kids off to learn while they go to work, how can we expect parents to make ends meet for their families? And if child care workers aren't supported, how can we expect them to stay open?

Things were difficult before the COVID-19 pandemic. But there is no question that this crisis has had an outsized influence on our kids. The Kids First plan makes Maine kids a priority as we work to normalcy. We must ask ourselves what does it mean to truly put our kids first — and then, follow through.

The first bill, LD 1679, would make School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs available to all Maine students at no cost. Maine has the highest rate of food insecurity in New England, with one in six Maine students lacking regular and reliable access to basic nutrition. The number of children experiencing food insecurity is projected to increase by about 40 percent statewide due to families experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19, statewide eligibility for school meals.

The second bill, LD 1712, would expand ac-

cess to quality, affordable child care by investing in child care providers and working with community stakeholders to open slots in existing child care programs through the First 4 ME program administered by DHHS. It's based on a successful program in Somerset County, with a proven track record of success. Under this proposal, Maine could create five additional programs across the state.

Supporting Maine seniors

In the coming weeks, the Maine Legislature will consider a bill of mine to increase funding for Maine nursing homes and senior living facilities in the wake of this horrible pandemic. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, Maine's nursing and long-term care facilities have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to their residents and our loved ones. In the most difficult and unrelenting conditions, they continued to provide quality, compassionate and personal care to their residents, finding creative ways to connect residents with their family members. Maine lawmakers must show the same commitment to our nursing homes and the hardworking professionals who work there. LD 949, "Resolve, To Provide Ad-

ditional, Critically Needed Funding to Maine's Nursing Facilities for Costs Related to COVID-19 through Rate Relief and Grants" directs \$20 million to maintain emergency rate increases that support nursing facilities and the hardworking professionals who care for the residents. It earned unanimous, bipartisan support in the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and I look forward to voting for it on the floor of the Senate.

Major development grant

Lewiston announced Thursday that it has been awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant will pay for improvements in housing, education, health care and the landscape of the 28-block Tree Streets neighborhood. Lewiston beat out four large U.S. cities for the \$30 million national grant. I am extremely excited about this grant and the benefits it will bring to the city we all love. I want to personally thank everyone involved in securing this funding.

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

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Guest Column

Civil War hero made Memorial Day official

by Tom Emery

Memorial Day cele-

brations began to spring up on local levels just after the Civil War. But a hero of the

war from Illinois was the first to make it official.

Maj. Gen. John A.

Logan, one of the great volunteer officers of the conflict, is credited by many as

the first to declare Memorial Day an official holiday. Logan declared the day as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the foremost Civil War veterans' organization, in 1868.

Though Logan was the first to establish a national remembrance, there is considerable debate on the site of the actual first Memorial Day commemoration.

"There's a lot of controversy on that," said Michael Jones, director of the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Ill., 100 miles southeast of St. Louis. "There was a Memorial Day celebration in Woodlawn Cemetery in nearby Carbondale in which Logan was the keynote speaker, and I believe that played a role."

The Carbondale celebration, on April 29, 1866, is thought by many to be the nation's first community-wide observance. Some 212 area veterans participated in the event.

However, Jones notes a discrepancy on the inspiration for Logan's action even within his own family. In her autobiography *Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife*, Logan's wife Mary cites her own experience at a cemetery in Petersburg, Va. in 1868.

"Mrs. Logan saw the withered flowers and flags that had been placed in honor of the Confederates buried there," remarked Jones. "She described this to her husband and said he should do something similar, which she says was the basis for his national declaration. She never mentions the Carbondale event."

Whatever the reason, Logan was moved to take Memorial Day a step further. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Order No. 11, designating May 30 for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

Logan's order stated that "no form or ceremony is prescribed," but that individuals and communities were left to their own "fitting services and testimonials...cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead."

In the first year of Logan's declaration, an estimated 183 cemeteries hosted observances for Memorial Day, more commonly known as Decoration Day. A crowd of some 5,000, including keynote speaker and future President James A. Garfield, attended the first Memorial Day ceremony at Ar-

lington National Cemetery that May 30. The following year, the remembrance was marked in over 336 communities in thirty-one states.

While the original order clearly applied to Northern soldiers, informal commemorations in the South became some of the earliest Memorial Day observances. Recent scholarly research also reveals a mass celebration, mostly of African-Americans, in Charleston, S.C. on May 1, 1865.

There, a parade of some 10,000, including black Union infantry units, marched to a local horse track that had been converted to a prison for Union soldiers. Black workmen had re-buried at least 257 Union dead from a mass grave, inspiring the large gathering that included hymns, reading of scripture, and placing of flowers.

In 1864, women in Boalsburg, Pa. decorated the graves of their local dead soldiers, some whom had died at Gettysburg. On April 25, 1866, just days before the Carbondale celebration, a group of ladies in Columbus, Miss. placed flowers on the graves of Confederates who died at the battle of Shiloh. Noticing some nearby Union graves that had been neglected due to lingering animosities, they also laid some flowers to honor those soldiers.

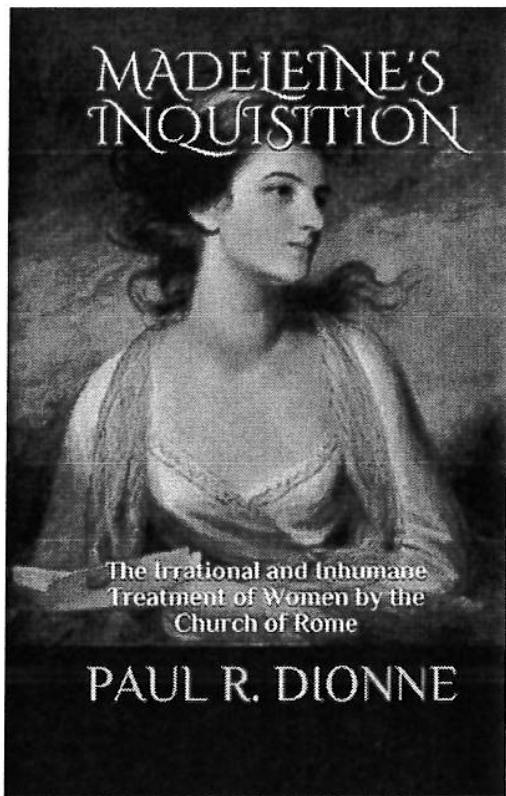
On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, N.Y. began an annual community event to commemorate war dead. A century later, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress declared Waterloo as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

In 1967, Congress officially named May 30 as Memorial Day, though many elderly Americans still refer to the holiday by its traditional name, Decoration Day. Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act switched the holiday to the final Monday in May.

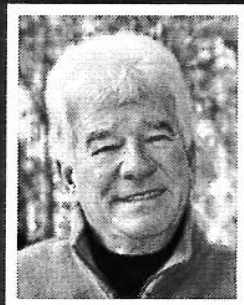
Jones sees parallels in today's Memorial Day celebrations and the deeper meaning of Logan's General Order No. 11.

"I think Logan's primary purpose was his fear, which is shared by many of us," remarked Jones, "that all of the veterans would be forgotten. He wanted to ensure that we will still honor the men who died to keep the republic."

Tom Emery is a freelance writer and researcher from Carlinville, Ill. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.



A New Novel by Paul Dionne



About the book:

Madeleine Moreau, poverty stricken and alone, struggles to provide for herself and her children, her future bleak, foreboding and empty. She draws strength in her darkest hour when the Monsignor of Paris charges her with witchcraft and threatens to tear her family apart.

The novel follows the lives of Madeleine Moreau and her antagonist, the Monsignor of Paris... Marc Moreau, Madeleine's husband, and his journey home from Russia following Napoleon's defeat... Madame Leblanc and her disavowal of aristocracy for the cause of liberty... Michel Bois, a popular French sculptor, who forsakes Madeleine for the salvation of France... and the two young priests, whose lives are changed by the chronicles of witchcraft, the vestiges of the Inquisition and the inhumane treatment of women by the Church – bringing them to moral crossroads where each must choose his or her own destiny.

Influenced by the enlightened philosophers of the times, these characters uncover the bigotry of the Church, suffer religious persecution and experience the horrors of war.

Background:

As an avocation, for over twenty years, the author has researched the role of women in the Early Church and the scandal of their subordination in the rise of Christianity. This resulted in his first work entitled *The Priestess and the Pope*.

Madeleine's Inquisition, a sequel, bolsters the already persuasive case of the leadership role of women and sets forth the injustice, superstition and the inhumanity of the Church towards women.

As a decorated combat veteran, the author felt compelled to deal with the horrors and the aftermath of war in an era plagued by constant wars.

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Atkinson joins MEMIC as PR specialist



Robb Atkinson, who served as WGME Television's News Director some years ago, recently joined MEMIC in Portland as a Senior Public Relations and Communications Specialist. (Photo courtesy of MEMIC)

he managed the sales, products, and services for more than 100 television stations nationwide.

Before CNN, he served as the News Director for WGME Television in Portland, ME, WATE Television in Knoxville, TN., and WWAY TV in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Honored with two Emmy Awards for his investigative reporting, Atkinson has a proven track record of creating original content for digital platforms, radio, and television.

In 2019, he earned a master's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in marketing.

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From MEMIC Public Relations and Communications Specialist. Atkinson brings an extensive wealth of expertise in public relations, marketing strategy and content development to the position. As the Senior Director of Sales and Affiliate Relations for CNN, MEMIC, a workers' compensation insurance specialty carrier with offices from Maine to Florida and licenses across the nation welcomes Robb Atkinson in his new role as Senior

SONIC donates to local teachers

From SONIC Drive-in OKLAHOMA CITY - SONIC® Drive-In donated \$1.5 million to teacher requests on national education nonprofit site DonorsChoose on Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4.

On Teacher Appreciation Day, the brand matched 50 percent of each donation made to all teacher requests on DonorsChoose. Several teachers in Maine received donations.

In Lewiston, one teacher received a total donation of \$451.00 - Mr. James at Raymond A Geiger Elementary School for the project Help Me Record Better Videos For My Students.

In Bath, one teacher received a total donation of \$55.00 - Ms. Hardman at Dike-Newell School for the project Books for Enthusiastic Fans of Author Kate Messner

In Brunswick, one teacher received a total donation of \$43.00 - Mrs. Lemont at Kate Furbish Elementary School for the project Unlock Phonics With Secret Stories!

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SONIC made the donations to honor the creative efforts teachers have made to maneuver their ever-shifting learning environments and keep students engaged this past year.

"Teachers took this past year head-on, engineering a variety of innovative methods to keep their students learning in both in-person and virtual classrooms," said Lori Abou Habib, chief marketing officer for SONIC. "We express our gratitude to these teachers, who create inspirational learning environments for students during a challenging time. With SONIC's \$1.5 million donation match, we were able to help teachers access much-needed supplies to successfully complete this school year."

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Arts & Entertainment

Photographs displayed in Rotating Art Gallery



A photograph by Tony King, who was born in Canada and eventually moved to the US, titled "Valley View Farm" is among his works on display in the Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. (Photo courtesy of WHA)

From WHA

LEWISTON - The Woman's Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying the work of acclaimed photographer, Tony King.

Born in Canada in 1934 and holding dual citizenship for Canada and the United States, King was educated at Hamilton College in upstate New York with a degree in International Relations and

French Literature, spending his junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris. He died in 2017 in Southborough, MA.

At age eleven, with his brownie camera given to him by his mother, King began developing his powers of observation, a passion that he pursued for his entire life. With unquenchable enthusiasm, he sought to share his love of the natural world by photographing and writing extensively about the world around him.

Nature lovers may recognize his work, as his photographs have been featured in numerous publications.

In 1975 he collaborated with nationally known nature writer, Hal Borland on the Sierra Club publication, A Place to Begin. In 1996 Versed in Country Things was published, bringing together twenty of Robert Frost's best-loved verses highlighted with King's photographs. More recently in 2007 The Oak Behind the House was published

which was described in the introduction by David Acton as "the quintessential book for King. It represents a cherished natural place, and the human station in the greater world. Though its subject may be an insentient being, a personality emerges, so intensely observed that the suite can be characterized as portraiture".

His photographs are included in numerous public collections including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Fogg Museum at Harvard, the Cleveland Museum of Art as well as the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center.

Several of King's Look Around Books for children including the series Coastal Life and Mostly Birds described by environmental author, Barry Lopez as a 'great gift to the human community as a child can read them alone and be filled with wonder' are also available for sale in the WHA Gift Shop.

A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.

'Fascinating Things' in June at Auburn Library

From Auburn Library

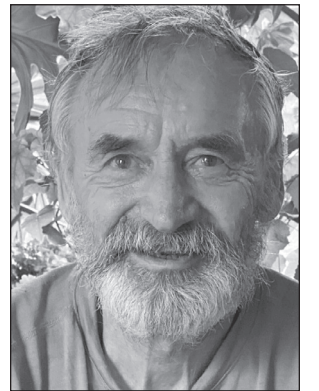
AUBURN - Teacher, scientist and author Bernd Heinrich will present a virtual program in June on "Fascinating Things I Have Seen", for the Auburn Public Library.

During this program, Heinrich will share some of the things he's experienced in nature that he's found interesting and intriguing. He'll also give you some attendees things to watch for as they explore the natural world this summer!

Bernd Heinrich is an acclaimed scientist and the author of numerous books, including the best-selling Winter World, Mind of the Ravens, Why We Run, The Homing Instinct, and One Wild Bird at a Time. Among Heinrich's many honors is the 2013 PEN New England Award in nonfiction for Life Everlasting. He lives in Maine.

This program will take place from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, via Zoom. To register, visit the Events page of the library website - www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, contact the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4, or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

This program is part of the Auburn Public Library's Adult Summer



Maine author Bernd Heinrich will present a program on "Fascinating Things I have Seen" in a virtual program for the Auburn Public Library on June 8. (Photo courtesy of APL)

Reading Program, "Tales with Tails" during which attendees will be reading, learning, and talking about summer, nature and animals.

Other programs will include birds, beekeeping, meditation in nature, two programs featuring dogs, another author talk with Christopher McDougall, and a virtual visit with Misfits Rehab, a local wildlife rehabilitator!

The program runs from June 8-Aug. 31.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

A Canoe Expedition: Part 1 – Depot Stream



CAPSIZE! A canoeist flips in a rapid on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

During the winter of 1990, my late friend Terry Tzovarras and I planned an ambitious canoe trip in far northern Maine beginning at remote Depot Lake.

From there, our intent was to travel down tiny Depot Stream to Big Black River, then follow Big Black to the St. John River, finishing our adventure with about thirty miles of paddling on the iconic St. John to the Village of Allagash.

Our grandiose scheme failed because the roads were impassable the following May when the other necessary ingredients were present; ice was out and the water levels sufficiently high for navigation. A few years later, we made another attempt with the same result. Terry passed away a decade ago, never realizing his dream.

Without any suggestion from me, last November another long-time friend, Allen Gaskell, began organizing the same trip. When he invited me, I enthusiastically agreed. However, given my history planning the undertaking, I was skeptical and informed him that achieving the elusive combination of ice out, passable roads, and decent water levels was a formidable task.

Dismissing my pessimism, Allen audaciously scheduled a shuttle for May 9. Since it was months in advance of the intended endeavor, I questioned the wisdom of what I believed

was a premature decision. Allen continued to ignore me while assembling a group of ten canoeists and kayakers for the excursion.

In the weeks leading up to our predetermined departure, an exceptionally dry warm spring resulted in early ice out and good road conditions. Water levels became the concern. The pertinent river gauges rose and fell with snow melt, periods of draught, and sporadic rain storms; but overall they steadily declined. Prospective participants expressed apprehension and alternatives were explored but our goal remained unchanged.

When we met at Pelletier's Campground in St. Francis on the night before our departure, owner and shuttle driver Norm L'Italien was doubtful about Depot Stream but thought Big Black was doable. He proposed transporting us on the long journey to Big Black where we could decide to embark from there or continue to a bridge for a partial descent of Depot Stream, possibly persisting to Depot Lake if we desired.

Early the next morning, we loaded boats and gear and began our drive on logging roads deep into the woods of northern Maine. Big Black had adequate water and the abbreviated version of Depot Stream appeared passable but questionable. A consequential issue was whether the heavy rain forecast for the following day would come to fruition and pro-

vide higher water levels. A majority decided to risk starting at the lake. After taking a time-consuming wrong turn at a confusing intersection and building a rock ramp over a washed out sector of road, Norm delivered us to a muddy trail about 100 yards from Depot Lake.

Since it was mid-afternoon, eight of us decided to camp there while two opted to return to Big Black. We were now eight: four solo canoes, a tandem team, and two expedition kayaks.

Once camp was established, we dragged our boats to the water and most of us explored Depot Lake. The pristine wilderness setting was devoid of any signs of civilization. Accompanied by a canoeist, I paddled my kayak to the northern end of the lake and located the outlet for Depot Stream.

Paddlers rarely wish for heavy rain but given the low water, that was precisely our hope the following morning. After crossing the lake, dark storm clouds increased while we navigated a circuitous

three mile stretch of flat water on Depot Stream to an old bridge where a short Class II rapid began. Everyone had triumphant descents, but after dragging back up, one solo canoeist broached on a boulder while attempting to surf. The unpleasant result was a frigid swim. Fortunately, with assistance from fellow paddlers and a herculean self-rescue effort by the canoeist, the situation was quickly remedied.

About a mile of whitewater followed. The twisting channelized routes required substantial maneuvering but everyone successfully negotiated the scratchy sector. The chances of broaching on hidden rocks were significant and the narrow passages were particularly challenging for the tandem canoe. It began to rain during another stretch of flat water. Shortly after entering a long rapid, we found an adequate location to camp.

Erecting a small tarp city to shelter our tents and gear from the pouring rain, we settled in for the night. One thing was clear, with a multitude of rapids to be

encountered in the following days, substantial rainfall was necessary.

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 to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be contacted at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



A tarp city was erected for shelter from the pouring rain on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)



Adam Chase and Christian Patrick navigate a rapid on Depot Stream. (Ron Chase photo)

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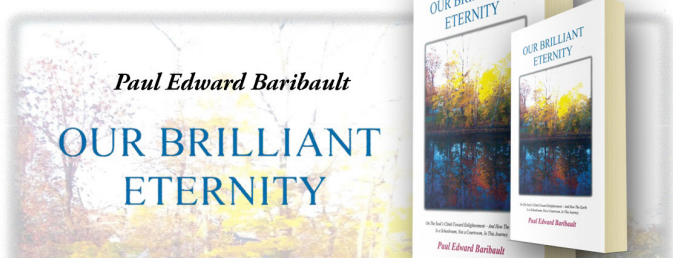
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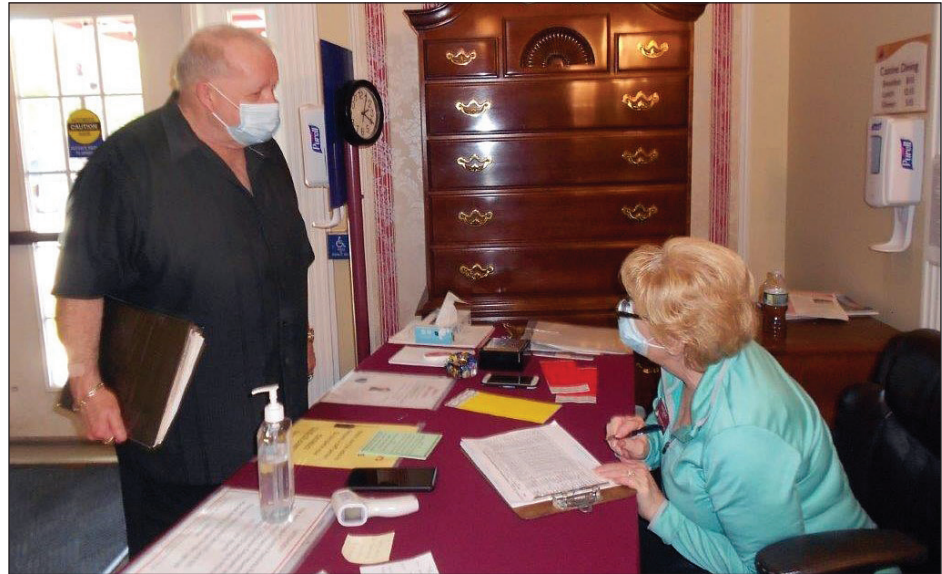
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throughout Maine and has made a life playing hither and yon, throughout Maine and as far as Nashville, Tennessee and Vienna, Austria. He has recorded many CDs of his piano and organ music.



Cecile Jennings, Georgette Morin and Theresa Vaillancourt are forever fans of Phil House and make sure they never miss a performance. (Rachel Morin photo)



Maggie Lowell checks Phil House into Schooner Estates Senior Living Community in Auburn on May 25 for his Live Concert performance in The Courtyard. (Rachel Morin photo)

Preble Street takes over Lewiston shelters

From Preble Street

PORTLAND - Preble Street assumed operations in mid-May of the 44 bed Quarantine and Temporary Wellness Shelters in Lewiston that have been run by Community Concepts Inc. since early 2020.

Many CCI shelter staff will continue their positions as Preble Street employees.

“The critically important role of emergency shelters has never been more evident than over the last year,” said Mark Swann, Executive Director at Preble Street. “CCI staff have done a remarkable job managing the Lewiston shelters, and we’re looking forward to working with them to continue providing this critical resource.”

Like the Quarantine Shelter and Temporary Wellness Shelter Preble Street has managed in Greater Portland since last year, these two efforts will be operated in close partnership with MaineHousing, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and other local partner organizations.

“These efforts get to the very essence of what COVID-19 has required of us — to think creatively and act quickly,” said Daniel Brennan, Director of MaineHousing. “This work is vital to Maine’s public health response to COVID-19. These

shelters have saved lives, protected crucial healthcare resources and supported local businesses. We’re grateful to the City of Lewiston, Preble Street, Community Concepts, Lewiston’s business community, and many others for their continued commitment to providing shelter for people in need.”

Before the pandemic, Preble Street was responsible for 64 shelter beds in Portland. Today the agency is responsible for 300 beds throughout the state of Maine, with 40 more opening once construction is complete on the new Wellness Shelter in Portland.

Last April, the State called on Preble Street to open a Quarantine Shelter at a local hotel, which was implemented immediately.

This shelter has served more people who are housed than people experiencing homelessness — including people in extremely crowded housing, group home residents and their caregivers, and new Mainers. Soon after the Quarantine Shelter opened, Preble Street also answered the call to operate a Temporary Wellness Shelter in the area for people experiencing homelessness. Combined, these 24/7 spaces have provided shelter to over 450 individuals and have the capacity to serve up to 105 people per night.

The Veterans Adminis-

tration also turned to Preble Street last Spring, asking the agency to provide emergency housing in hotels for veterans and their families. This effort has been in operation for over a year. On a recent single night in 2021, Preble Street sheltered 72 veteran families in 10 different counties in Maine in emergency housing.

“Working closely with the state, local hospitals, behavioral health systems, and the corrections system, we have constantly expanded and evolved to meet the needs of the people and communities we serve,” remarked Swann. “Shelters are an important part of the public health infrastructure in this state and are key to the community’s health, not just the health of the people staying there.”

In addition to shelters, Preble Street currently has offices in Portland, Lewiston, and Bangor, and provides services statewide to support and empower people experiencing problems related to homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty.

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A summer of fun in Auburn

Movies, Acoustic Music & Band Concerts



From City of Auburn

AUBURN – The team at the Auburn Recreation Department is delighted to present music, movies, and lots of summer fun for 2021!

“There really is something for everyone,” said Recreation Director Sabrina Best. “Our team has done a great job planning and organizing programs and events for this summer that capture our traditional offerings while adding some fun new ones. Our approach was all about balance and options.”

The city warmly invites residents to this year’s Summer Movie Series, which will kick off on Friday, June 11. The series, which will run through October, will feature seven popular movies. Each will take place at a different location throughout the city, and two will be drive-in style.

Movies will begin near dusk - as soon as it is dark enough outside. They will be shown on the city’s huge new 17’ x 30’

inflatable movie screen. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and snacks to enjoy.

- Friday, June 11: “Grease” will be shown in Anniversary Park at 8:45 p.m.

- Friday, July 16: “Angels in the Outfield” at Pettengill Softball Field at 8:45 p.m.

- Friday, July 30: “Mighty Ducks” will be shown as a drive-in at the parking lot at Norway Savings Bank Arena at 8:45 p.m.

- Friday, August 13: “Aquaman” at Lake Grove Park (PG-13) at 8:45 p.m.

- Thursday, September 16: “Tom and Jerry” at Chestnut Park (near PAL) between 7-8 p.m.

- Saturday, October 30: Drive-in at Great Falls Plaza (registration is required) “Monsters, Inc.” at 6 p.m. and “Hocus Pocus” at 8 p.m.

In addition to the Summer Movie Series, the city is proud to present its new Anniversary Park Acoustic Music Series, which will feature LIVE

music in Auburn’s beautiful Anniversary Park!

The music series will kick off on June 29 and will feature the following local musicians:

- June 29: The Mike & Brian Duo at 6 p.m.

- July 13: The Smith Collaboration at 6 p.m.

- July 20: Double Entendre at 6 p.m.

- July 27: Michael Krapovicky & Open Mic at 6 p.m.

The July 27 show will include 4 “open mic” spots! Interested musicians should contact Auburn Recreation for details: 333-6611.

Lastly, a true summer favorite is back this year: Auburn’s beloved Community Band! After cancelling last year’s season, ACCB will be back on Festival Plaza on Main Street each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. starting on July 7 through August 25.

“The Community Band is such a special part of summer in Auburn,” said Best. “We will be so glad when they’re back in Festival Plaza where they belong!”

Maine CDC COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of all city events will be followed. For details on all the exciting summer programming in Auburn, visit auburnmaine.gov to view the Auburn Recreation Summer Program book.



Movies will start near dusk. Maine CDC guidelines and restrictions in place on the date of the movie must be followed.

Locations are noted. Bring your own chair, blanket & snacks and enjoy!



Friday, June 11
Anniversary Park
(8:45pm)



Friday, July 16
Pettengill Softball Field
(8:45pm)



Friday, July 30 Drive-in
Norway Savings Bank Arena
Parking Lot (8:45pm)



Friday, August 13
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Maine Literary Awards for 2021

From Maine Writers

PORTLAND - During an awards ceremony last Thursday, hosted on Zoom with an audience of hundreds, the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance (MWPA) announced the winners of the 2021 Maine Literary Awards.

Lewiston High School received an Honorable Mention award in the Secondary School Literary Magazine category for its magazine titled *Collage*.

The Maine Literary Awards is an annual competition sponsored and coordinated by the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance. Nominations were open to all Maine residents, including seasonal residents. The statewide competition is for published books, as well as drama, short works, and student writing. Each year, the awards are judged by anonymous panels that rotate and include more than

40 accomplished writers, editors, booksellers, librarians, and literary professionals.

Nearly 300 writers sent in their work for consideration from all corners of Maine.

Awards

Book Award for Crime Fiction - Bruce Robert Coffin, *Within Plain Sight*.

Book Award for Fiction - Jim Nichols, *Blue Summer*.

Book Award for Nonfiction - Kerri Arsenaault, *Mill Town*.

Book Award for Memoir - Phuc Tran, *Sigh, Gone*.

Book Award for Poetry - Éireann Lorsung, *The Century*.

John N. Cole Award for Maine Nonfiction (co-winners) - Michael K. Komanecky, Jane Bianco, and Angela Waldron, *Maine and American Art: The Farnsworth Art Museum*; and Peter Taylor

(editor) and Kara Douglas, *From the Mountains to the Sea: The Historic Restoration of the Penobscot River*.

Book Award for Young People's Literature - Betty Culley, *Three Things I Know Are True*.

Book Award for Children's - Anica Mrose Rissi, Love, *Sophia on the Moon*.

Book Award for Speculative Fiction - Emma J. Gibbon, *Dark Blood Comes from the Feet*.

Book Award for Excellence in Publishing - Joshua Klein, *Another Work is Possible*, Mortise & Tenon.

Book Award for Anthology - Claire Millikin and Agnes Bushell, *Enough! Poems of Resistance*.

Drama Award - Travis Baker, "Hockey Mom".

Short Works Competition in Fiction - Morgan Talty, "The Blessing Tobacco".

Short Works Competition in Nonfiction (co-win-

ners) - Parker Blaney, "Detox"; and Sarah Twombly, "What We Want is Simple".

Short Works Competition in Poetry - Suzanne Langlois, "What Lasts".

Award for a Secondary School Literary Magazine -

Honorable Mentions: *Legenda*, Harrison Middle School.

Collage, Lewiston High School.

GORP, Falmouth High School/

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Young Writers 2020, Androscoggin Valley Educational Collaborative Young Writers Program.

Other Awards

Youth Competition in Fiction - Alexa Barstow, "Windswept".

Youth Competition in Nonfiction - Nina Chase, "Forest Journal".

Youth Competition in Poetry - Clara Bossi, "Cedars Still Growing".



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Guest Column

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms." It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assign-

ment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver," but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next.

So he took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

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U.S. DOJ settles with Lewiston schools

Agreement addresses issue with students with disabilities

From US DOJ

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Justice announced a settlement agreement last week with the Lewiston Public Schools to end the district’s systemic and discriminatory practice of excluding students from full-day school because of behavior related to their disabilities.

The settlement also will require the district to provide equal educational opportunities to its English learner students. The department conducted its investigation under Title II of the Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 (EEOA) after receiving a complaint from Disability Rights Maine.

The department’s investigation found that the district routinely shortened the school day for students with disabilities without considering their individual needs or exploring supports to keep them in school for the full day. The district’s lack of training for staff on how to properly respond to students’ disability-related behavior contributed to the over-reliance on “abbreviated” school days. The district

compounded the harm to students by often failing to provide them with instruction or behavior support during the time that they were out of school.

The department’s investigation also revealed that the district failed to provide appropriate services to its English learner students, many of whom remained in the district’s English learner program for years without ever becoming fluent in English. As a result, many English learners, including immigrants and refugees from Somalia, Angola and other African countries, faced significant academic setbacks that can have lasting consequences.

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“Students with disabilities and students who are learning English need additional support and services in school – not additional barriers to learning,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division. “Giving students with disabilities half the education they are entitled to is unacceptable. Failing to properly serve children who are learning English limits their opportunities for success in their current school and beyond. The department is committed

to enforcing the law to make sure schools meet the needs and respect the rights of all their students.”

“We are encouraged that the Lewiston Public Schools cooperated with our investigation, recognized the opportunity to improve, and are committed to the successful implementation of our agreement,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Donald E. Clark for the District of Maine. “We look forward to working with the district to improve educational opportunities for all students.”

Attorneys from the Civil Rights Division conducted the investigation in

coordination with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maine.

The enforcement of Title II of the ADA in schools and the EEOA are top priorities of the Civil Rights Division. Additional information about the Civil Rights Division is available on its website at www.justice.gov/crt, and additional information about the work of the Educational Opportunities Section is available at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/educational-opportunities-section>. Members of the public may report possible civil rights violations at <https://civilrights.justice.gov/report/>.

Kelsye Smith promoted at CCUFC



Kelsye Smith was recently promoted from Financial Service Representative to Payment Specialist at Community Credit Union in Lewiston. (Photo courtesy of CCUFC)

From CCUFC

LEWISTON - Community Credit Union recently promoted Kelsye Smith from Financial Service Representative to Payment Specialist.

This change in role will move Smith from daily member service, new accounts and loan closings to managing the credit and debit card services for the Credit Union.

In December 2020, Smith received her Certi-

fied Credit Union Financial Counselor (CCUFC) designation. This designation is achieved by passing several exams covering a variety of personal finance topics and learning how to assist members with reaching their financial goals. The designation requires recertification every three years to ensure their knowledge on financial counseling stays current.

Smith has worked at the Credit Union since 2017. She began as a

Member Representative and most recently as a Financial Service Representative. She lives in Greene with her daughter Hallie. Smith is involved in several initiatives at the Credit Union including teaching the online Money Matters: Financial Wellness Series funded by a City of Lewiston Community Development Block Grant.

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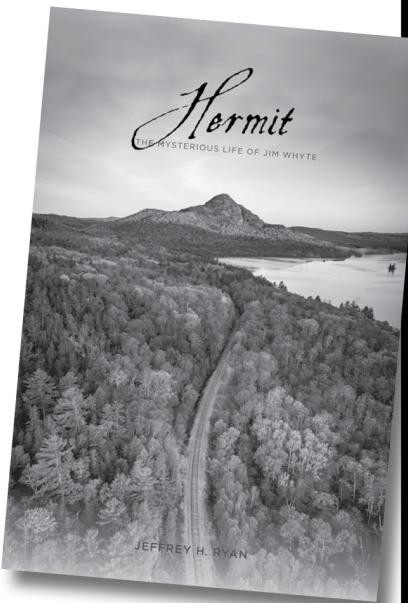
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Soup Challenge raises \$1,150 for Ending Hunger



Lee Johnson, owner of Buck It Bar & Grill, donates \$140 to Benjamin Roberts of Community Credit Union as part of the Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)

From CCU

LEWISTON - The Ending Hunger Committee at Community Credit Union had a successful 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April.

The Credit Union partnered with three local businesses - Webb's Mar-

ket on Pine Street, Lewiston; Marco's Ristorante on Mollison Way, Lewiston; and Buck It Bar & Grill on Route 117, Buckfield. These businesses donated a portion of their signature chili/soup/chowder sales for April to support Maine Credit Union's Campaign for Ending Hunger.

Local business Angello's General Store also donated \$100 toward the cause. The month long effort raised \$1,150.

Webb's Market, was the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge Winner, with the highest number of bowls sold, making it the largest contributor to the fundraiser.

Maine Credit Union's Campaign for Ending Hunger began in 1990, and has raised over \$10.4 million to combat hunger in Maine. All of the funds raised in the Campaign stay in the state.

In 2020, a record \$960,021.10 was raised to support 260 food based organizations across the state.

Community Credit Union has been participating since the inception and raised over \$5,000 to distribute locally last year. The

team at Community Credit Union hopes to raise over \$10,000 this year.

If you would like to contribute online to this year's fundraising efforts visit: <http://bitly.ws/dDfx>

Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full service financial institution that has been serving its members and all of Androscoggin County for 75 years. The Credit Union has a low-income designation from NCUA as is certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Community Credit Union has branches at 144 Pine Street, Lewiston; 40 Stanley Street, Auburn; and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner, serving over 10,000 members.

For more information, log onto www.community-creditunion.com.



Tiffany Mathon and Christine Wilson from Community Credit Union, with Susan Longchamps, owner of Webb's Market, the highest contributor to the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)



Christine Wilson, Community Credit Union, with Steve Gagne of Marco's Ristorante, and Tiffany Mathon, also with Community Credit Union. Marco's was one of three local businesses in the Lewiston area that helped raise \$1,150 for the 1st Annual Signature Soup Challenge in April. (Photo courtesy of CCU)

Maine Invasive Plant Control Grant Program

From Maine DACF

AUGUSTA - The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's (DACF) Maine Forest Service (MFS) is providing up to \$85,000 through 2023 for local governments, municipalities, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and private family woodland owners interested in obtaining Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans (IP-CPP) for their woods.

This new invasive plant management program is administered by the MFS and the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP).

Funded by a Landscape Scale Restoration Program grant from the USDA Forest Service, financial incentives for IPCPPs are available to public and private woodland owners with ten to one thousand wooded acres in Maine.

The program will reimburse up to 50% of the cost based on the number of acres. An average small woodlot may receive up to \$400 maximum incentive; larger lots will have larger maximum incentive amounts. The IPCPP provides woodland owners with maps and treatment recommendations for invasive plants.

The program's goal is to address invasive plants that choke out native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in the eligible woodlands. A corps of natural resource professionals trained through the program's Invasive Plant Academy will be qualified to develop the IP-CPPs. A list of trained plan preparers will be available on the MFS Invasive Plant Management Program web page, at <http://bitly.ws/d3cf>

"IPCPPs are an important tool for managing and controlling invasive plants across our state, and a great resource for landowners," said DACF Commissioner Amanda Beal.

"We're excited for the opportunity to work with licensed foresters and other natural resource professionals to develop IPCPPs for Maine's woodland owners," added MNAP Invasive Plant Biologist Nancy Olmstead.

Landowners with approved IPCPPs will also be eligible to apply for the next phase of the program to receive free invasive plant treatment conducted by a contractor hired by the Maine Forest Service.

Visit the MFS website to learn more about the new IPCPP, or call MFS Landowner Outreach Forester Andy Shultz at (207) 287-4980.



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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 TUES-
DAYS**

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

May 27

9:30 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Toddler Discovery Time - Join Ms. Dani for a Virtual Discovery Time on Facebook as she reads a picture book to our youngest listeners. (18 months-3 yrs).

4-5 p.m.
GORHAM – Ecomaine Outreach & Recycling Committee meeting, via online video conference.

6 p.m.
AUBURN – Comp. Plan Update Committee, via Zoom.

MONDAY

May 31

Municipal centers, administrative offices, and libraries closed in observance of Memorial Day

11 a.m.
GORHAM – Memorial Day Parade, starting at Village School. To register or

Calendar

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learn more, visit https://www.gorhamrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=14916. Line up begins at 10 a.m. and the parade steps off at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

June 1

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee.

6 p.m.
LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM - <http://www.lewiston-maine.gov/2021cc>

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Regular Town Council Meeting TBD

WEDNESDAY

June 2

1-2 p.m.
GORHAM – 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 1, via Zoom.

THURSDAY

June 3

4 p.m.
AUBURN - Cable TV Advisory Board Meeting.

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN - Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board Meeting.

MONDAY

June 7

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee Meeting - @ City Hall **Administrators Conference Room.**

7 p.m.
GORHAM - Planning Board Meeting TBD

TUESDAY

June 8

6 p.m.
AUBURN – Planning Board meeting.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Tentative Appointments Committee Meeting TBD

WEDNESDAY

June 9

8:30-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 2, via Zoom.

4:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting.

6:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

7 p.m.
GORHAM - School Committee Meeting TBD.

MONDAY

June 14

5:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting - The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

TUESDAY

June 15

7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

8 a.m.
GORHAM - Ordinance Committee Meeting TBD.

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

6 p.m.
LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM

- <http://www.lewiston-maine.gov/2021cc>

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Town Council Workshop TBD.

WEDNESDAY

June 16

8 a.m.
GORHAM - Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting TBD.

8:30-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM - 2021 Virtual Build Maine Event – Day 3, via Zoom.

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

THURSDAY

June 17

8 a.m.
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

11:30 a.m.
GORHAM - Ecomaine Annual Board Meeting Online video conference.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Tentative Recurring Capital Improvement Projects/ Economic Development Committee Meeting TBD.

7 p.m.
AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

MONDAY

June 21

5:30 p.m.
GORHAM - Finance Committee Meeting TBD.

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee Meeting - @ City Hall **Administrators Conference Room.**

TUESDAY

June 22

5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

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Dove Tail Bats launching new metal bat

SHIRLEY, ME – Dove Tail Bats announced last week an exclusive agreement with ProXR to produce the world's first metal bat using ProXR's handle design. The ProXR ergonomic knob features reduced compression, allowing for a better grip by the batter.

"We at Dove Tail Bats are always on the cutting edge of baseball technology," said Paul Lancisi, CEO of Dove Tail Bats. "We're honored to partner with ProXR. After producing different angle knobs for three years, it was clear that ProXR had broken new ground. Every one of our pro and amateur players made the conversion with astounding results, including Pete Alonso. Designed for maximum efficiency and power, we feel this knob gives any player the best opportunity for success."

Dove Tail Bats are already using the ProXR knob design and technology for the company's wood bats. The handle design results in an increased grip connection for batters, as well as increased leverage, improved performance, and

greater power. The ProXR knobs come in three different designs, all of which will be available for the metal bats.

Dove Tail's metal bats with the ProXR handle are expected to be available in August. People can sign up at DoveTailBat.com to be the first to know when the new metal bat launches.

Based in Shirley, ME, Dove Tail Bat Company was born out of Dovetail Cabinetry and Designed Living. The owner's youngest son was playing baseball in high school and college, and would complain about the quality of the bats. Using Maine wood and Maine know-how, Dove Tail Bat Company came into existence as a result.

After making bats for their son and his teammates in high school and college, Dove Tail started selling bats to men's leagues around the country and eventually to professional baseball players. In 2017, Dove Tail produced about 30,000 bats, and saw three bats entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

More information about the company can be found at dovetailbat.com

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