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# Saint Dominic Academy students graduate

AUBURN - About 50 students received diplomas at the Saint Dominic Academy graduation ceremony at the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend.



Elliana Smith, valedictorian for the Class of 2021 at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn, receives her diploma from Portland Diocese Bishop Robert Deeley. (RAM Sport photo)



Ben Kase, Class Marshal, leads the Class of 2021 graduating students, faculty and board members at the graduation ceremony for Saint Dominic Academy at the start of the Memo-rial Day weekend. (RAM Sport photo)



Saint Dominic Academy Class of 2021 graduates celebrate with former President, Timothy Gallic. (RAM Sport photo)

# Lewiston Adult Ed students graduate



Kerigan Graham graduated last week from the Lewiston Adult Education program, achieving her high school equivalency despite a busy work schedule and COVID-19 restrictions in classes and testing. (Photo courtesy of Lewiston Schools)

### **From Lewiston Schools**

LEWISTON - High temperatures last week didn't keep Lewiston Adult Education students from their graduation at the Longley Multi-Purpose Building last Tuesday night.

Graduates, families, friends, and community members attended to celebrate both the class of 2020 and 2021.

Lewiston Superintendent Jake Langlais spoke to graduates about how they demonstrated resilience with their work and they now carry it with them. "Don't you ever forget what you've achieved," he said.

Lewiston School Committee Chairperson Megan Parks participated in the conferring of diplomas along with Langlais, Lewiston Adult Education Director Bill Grant and Lewiston Adult Education Assistant Director Jennifer Tiner.

Students received their diploma, See Adult Ed, page 8



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# **Newsmakers, Names & Faces**

# **Guest Essay New Recycling Program Could Cost Mainers**

### From Maine C of C

AUGUSTA - A new study released last week estimates that a bill being considered by the Maine Legislature could increase the cost of consumer products by between \$99 million and \$134 million a year.

According to the study, this could lead to a potential cost increase for a family of four of between \$32 per month and \$59 per month.

The study, conducted by Dr. Calvin Lakan at York University in Toronto, examined the implications of Maine LD 1541, which would create the first extended producer responsibility (EPR) law on packaging materials in the United States.

'This study clearly shows that if LD 1541 were to pass, it would increase the direct cost of living for Maine families. As a member of the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee, I can say unequivocally that now is not the time to increase these costs on Maine families and businesses," said Dana Connors, president and CEO of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

There is no evidence that the bill in its current form will improve the recycling system, reduce local taxes, or decrease the amount of packaging material sent to landfills.

"Shoppers are facing the highest increase in pricing for consumer goods that they've seen in the last nine years. Establishing an EPR program for packaging is a policy of great magnitude and complexity, and it is imperative that it is not expedited through the legislative process at the risk of significant financial impact on Maine fammings executive director of the Maine Grocers & Food Producers Association. "Maine's economy is not large enough to single-handedly redefine the packaging market nor recycling markets. This policy simply shifts millions of dollars via a hidden tax on consumer products and neglects to create longterm solutions for a circular economy. Prices at the grocery store are already going up and this will drive them even higher."

Under LD 1541, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection would be responsible for managing the new EPR program and assessing fees to product producers. The study bases its cost conclusions on the volume of such packaging materials in the state and the presumption that producers would pass the costs of the

ilies," said Christine Cum- new state-mandated fees onto consumers.

> 'Maine retailers. small and large, would be required to police all the products sold in Maine as being compliant or non-compliant," said Curtis Picard, president and CEO of the Retail Association of Maine. "Every product would need to register their UPC code with the state before it could be sold in Maine. Maintaining a list of tens of millions of products is completely unworkable and impractical."

> A poll conducted by the Campaign for Recycling and the Environment, an industry-backed nonprofit organization that supports a modernized recycling system and investment in improved recycling infrastructure, found that by a more than twoto-one margin (64%-31%) voters oppose a state-run recycling program that

would increase their costs. The proposal was widely unpopular with Republicans (86%-11%) and independents (63%-31%), while Democrats (48%-49%) were evenly split on the idea.

Even among those willing to pay more, only 11% said they would support paying \$31-\$40 more a month, only 8% said they would be willing to pay between \$41-\$50 more per month, and only 5% said they'd be willing to pay \$50 or more a month.

Forty-one percent of voters said that they were unwilling to pay any additional costs for a new staterun recycling program.

The poll also found that Mainers are split on the question of whether or not the state's recycling system "needs significant improvement" or is working "pretty well as it is." Forty-seven percent say that it needs improvement, while 43 percent say it's working pretty well.

The poll was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies of 500 registered Mainer voters on May 24-25. The poll included responses from 250 landlines and 250 cell phones, and has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.38\%$ 

Founded in 1889, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce is Maine's largest business association, serving as The Voice of Maine Business on behalf of thousands of employers of all sizes and sectors across the state. The Maine State Chamber focuses on three pillars - Advocacy, Access, and Awareness - to advance a positive business climate and secure a strong state economy in which Maine businesses can compete and succeed. For more information, please visit www.mainechamber.org.

### **Guest Column**

# Pardon my harsh letters

#### By Grammar Guy

My wife and I are in a stage of parenting where we can't get away with spelling words aloud around the kids anymore. Our son is a great reader and can sniff out a secret-parent-spelling code faster than you can spell i-c-e c-r-e-a-m.

Because of this, we use a language where we spell out words, except that consonants are pronounced with their letter plus the sound "ong" at the end of

them, while vowels are just pronounced normally. So, my name would be "Congu-rong-tong-i-song.<sup>2</sup> The kids will never catch o-nong.

Letters are powerful. In fact, in polite society, many people are still too shy to say delicate or harsh words, opting instead to use initials. Have you ever heard someone's boss described as a "real S.O.B.?" "S.O.B." Believe me, doesn't stand for "super outstanding boss." When we use initial-

tute for harsh or bad words, it's called a "eusystolism" (pronounced yoo-SIST-olism). A eusystolism is the offspring of an initialism and a euphemism.

isms like this as a substi-

Eusystolisms have made it into popular culture. Kenya Barris, creator of the ABC sitcom "Blackish," created and stars in a Netflix sitcom called "#blackAF." Let's just say the "AF" doesn't stand for "Abercrombie and Fitch." In fact, people avoid uttering this particular profanity

by merely saying, "Oh F!"

Mr. T portrayed the memorable character Bosco Albert "B.A." Baracus in the 1980s action-adventure show "The A-Team." Although "B.A" were the initials of the character's first and middle name, "B.A." supposedly the stood for "bad attitude." I agree that the "B" stood for "bad," but my opinion is that the "A" stood for something you couldn't say on TV in the '80s. Perhaps it's still unacceptable in a newspaper in 2021, so I'll just say the "A" is the animal that talked to Balaam in the biblical book of Numbers chapter 22.

Eusystolisms serve our texting culture well. The briefer the better, right? Chat room culture of the late '90s gave us LOL, which means "laughing out loud." Today, if someone texts "LMAO," they're sending you a eusystolism stating that they are laughing their Balaam's animal off. While we're at it — no - WTF does not stand for "why the face?" Instead, it's a eusystolism for "what (fill-in-the-blank)." the Using these initialisms gets around the loophole of George Carlin's "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television." Pardon the harsh letters, but now you know all about eusystolisms.

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.

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# **Newsmakers, Names & Faces Guest Column** Working to lower medication costs

### By Sen. Claxton

If you've read my previous columns, you probably know that one of the main reasons I chose to run for office was my desire to help fix our broken health care system. As a family physician practicing in the greater Auburn area, I had long been upset and frustrated by the ways in which folks struggled to get the care they needed solely because of cost. I've had patients skip taking their medication that I prescribed to them, use up their life savings for medical procedures and fear going to a doctor because of how much it might cost. As a health care professional doing the best I could for my patients, it was always painful that despite the best intentions of me and my patient, there were barriers that stood in the way of good care.

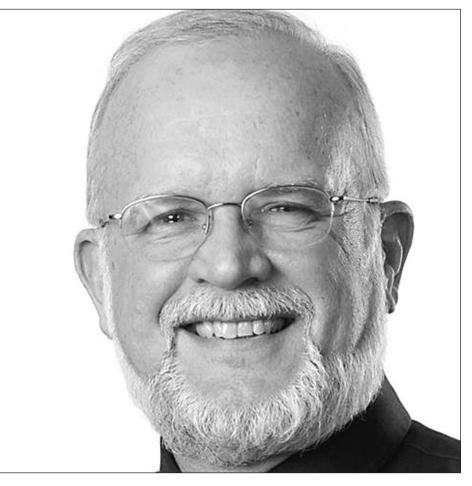
When I was first elected to the Senate, I was glad to see that I wasn't alone in my desire to help make prescription medications more affordable and to increase access to health care. I found my new colleagues on both sides of the aisle were willing and eager

to work together and address these issues that far too many Mainers experience on a daily basis. In 2019, we worked together and passed a suite of legislation with bipartisan support, that was aimed at making medications more affordable for Mainers and getting to the root causes of these out-ofcontrol costs. While we were proud of our successes, we knew we had more work to do. Prior to the pandemic forcing us to adjourn in 2020, we passed additional bills to crack down on corporate greed with our "Patients First" plan. I sponsored a bill in the plan to prohibit unnecessary fees that folks are forced to pay in their medical bills, and it is now law.

We are coming out of a very trying time with the pandemic, and we are not letting the lessons learned from it go by the wayside. The past 15 months have exposed further inequities in our health care system that need to be addressed, and we have once again taken action. We introduced our Making Health Care Work for Maine package of bills, and now, all five have been passed

by a legislative committee and are headed for votes before the full Legislature. The package includes LD 686, which would strengthen transparency laws around prescription drug pricing; LD 120, which would create the Office of Affordable Health Care and make sure that there are folks who can examine and identify indiscriminate price increases; LD 673, which would create a lifesaving insulin safety net program; and finally, LD 675, which I sponsored, and LD 1117, which both aim to crack down on out-of-control prescription drug costs.

I am confident we can pass this entire package in the Senate in the coming days as our legislative session wraps up. These are important bills that will make a real difference in Mainers' lives, and I am proud of our efforts. Passing effective legislation at the state level that targets prescription drugs and health care costs can be challenging; we are limited in the scope of laws we can pass, and therefore we need to be creative and pull every lever at our disposal. However, the alternative is waiting for



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

the federal government to take action, or hoping that Big Pharma decides they no longer need their massive profits. I'm not sure about you, but I'm not willing to hang my hat on either of those things happening. That's

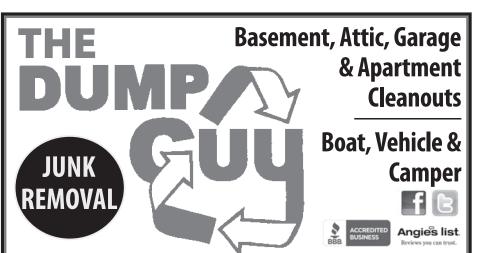
why I vow to continue doing all I can in Augusta while I am serving as your State Senator.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can send me an email at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.

gov or call my office at 287-1515.

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





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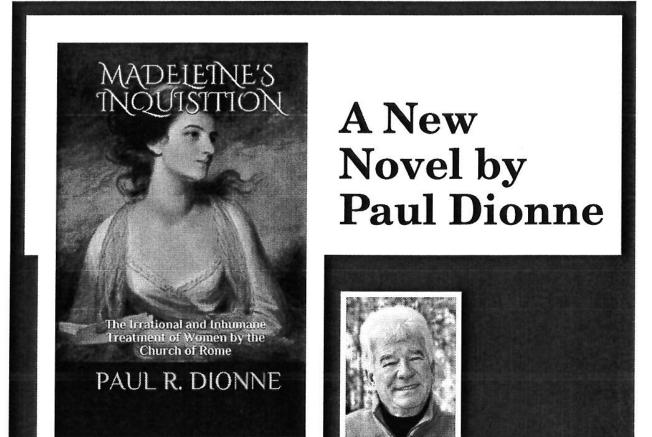
# 8th annual Blackjack 5k run

### From Sabattus Rec

SABATTUS - The Sabattus Rec Club Running Program will host its 8th annual Blackjack 5k Run/Walk at the Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus on Thursday, July 22. Beginning at 6 p.m.,

this will be more of a so-

cial, non-competitive run, with the main focus being to get out and get some exercise and maybe some



### 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*. winning cards in the process.

This event is becoming a popular, fun event for competitive and beginner runners/walkers alike. It is a great way for families to get their kids into a race in which they can have fun.

The Blackjack 5k is the first of the Running Program's fun-run summer series events. The Prediction Run will be held on Thursday, August 19, at 6 p.m. at the Middle School.

Blackjack participants will receive a card at the two-mile mark, and another at the three-mile mark. If they get a Blackjack (Ace and 10 or face card) at the three-mile mark, they can call out and will win a prize. If they do not get Blackjack, they can receive a third card at the finish line to try for a total of 21. If their three cards total 21, they will win a prize.

The course is a moderately hilly 3.1 miles. The first male and female finishers will also win prizes, but fast times will not be needed to win Blackjack prizes. There will also be several raffle prizes and other giveaways.

The Blackjack 5K is open to runners/walkers of all ages. Those under 18 will need parental permission. This will be a showup, sign-up event, with no pre-registration required.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a low, \$5 entry fee.

The club is also looking for anyone interested in volunteering for either event.

For more information: Email Running@ sabattusrec.com, go to sabattusrec.com and click on teams, and then the running tab, or check out the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program page on Facebook.

# Guest Column Home Country

### **By Slim Randles**

Ran into Herb Collins the other day down by the school. He volunteers there, from time to time, helping kids with their math homework, and trying to recruit future members of The Great World of Business.

He loved business, back in the days when he lived in the city and ran the pawn shop. For years now, ever since he hung up his jeweler's loupe, he's told us that there was an excitement to making the right deal.

"It has to be right for the customer and for me, or it isn't right at all," Herb always says. "You can do that and make several people happy and earn a living. There's no need to take unfair advantage of someone just to earn a living."

Our little town is a bit tame after city life, but it's Herb's wife's home town and she wanted to come back here to live after he retired. So Herb turned to helping kids understand how wonderful business can be. He's advised kids on the most effective way of delivering newspapers on their bicycles, he's suggested advertising gimmicks for kids with summer lemonade stands, and he's helped several boys market their skills with a lawn mower. You can take the man out of the business, I guess, but it's hard to take the business out of the man.

So after the shaking hands and the how-areyous, we talked about kids and business, and the new crop of youngsters coming up this year. I couldn't help thinking ol' Herb might jump at the chance to dive back in the world of commerce again, but he disabused me of that right away.

"All through with that," he said, shaking his head. "I was a successful businessman and now I'm successfully retired."

Successfully retired? "That's right," he

*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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# Governor ending state of emergency

### From State of Maine

AUGUSTA - Governor Mills has announced that Maine's State of Civil Emergency will end on June 30.

The State's last remaining face covering requirement, which only applies to indoor preK-12 schools and childcare settings, will also end on June 30. Maine Center Dis-

ease Control and Prevention (CDC) will continue to strongly recommend, but not require, that unvaccinated people – including those under 12 years of age who are not yet eligible for a COVID vaccine – wear face coverings indoors.

The required health

and safety measures within the Framework for Schools will become recommendations on July 1. The guidance continues to reflect best practice for keeping students and staff safe, and while the emergency will be over, the presence of COVID-19 remains. School administrative units and childcare settings may choose to adopt their own mask or other health and safety requirements, as some businesses have done.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Responding to a Positive Case in Schools remains in effect, and therefore all eligible staff and students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinated people who are deemed a close contact to a positive case and who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) continues to encourage schools to participate in its free pooled testing program. Those individuals who participate in pooled testing are also exempt from quarantining as a close contact, thereby reducing education disruptions and exclusion from extracurricular activities.

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As always, the Maine Department of Education team will remain available to support with updated information and resources as these become available

# **BJ's adds buy-now-pay-later option**

### From BJWC

### WESTBOROUGH,

MA - BJ's Wholesale Club (NYSE: BJ), a leading operator of membership warehouse clubs in the Eastern United States, announced Friday that it now offers Citizens Pay, a flexible, buy-now-paylater payment option that allows members to finance purchases over \$99.

The new payment option is available for purchases made on BJs.com for delivery and with buy online, pick up in-club and members and Citizens Pay will help create more flexi-

"We offer members unbeatable value and convenience on everything they need in a one-stop shop. We're thrilled to offer Citizens Pay to provide our members with a simple, affordable way to pay for large purchases alongside everyday items," said Chris DeSantis, senior vice president, GMM, sundries and services, BJ's Wholesale Club. "We're committed to delivering outstanding service to our

members and Citizens Pay will help create more flexibility for them to purchase what they need, when they need it."

Members can use Citizens Pay to finance a wide assortment of items from major appliances and televisions to furniture and everyday essentials. With Citizens Pay, BJ's members can apply for a monthly flat rate installment loan on purchases over \$99 and select terms for 3, 6, 12 or 24 months depending on the purchase amount. Citizens Pay is easy to use for members shopping on BJs.com. For purchases over \$99, members can select Citizens Pay as their payment at checkout. Once they input their information and are approved for the buy-now-pay-later option, they can choose their payment terms and submit their order.

"We're excited to bring Citizens Pay to BJ's members. Citizens Pay brings convenient and flexible payment options to consumers and allows us to offer affordable solutions through a transparent and easy-to-use experience," said Andrew Rostami, President of Citizens Pay. "BJ's members will now have access to modern, monthly installment plans that works for them so that they can make large purchases responsibly."

The addition of Citizens Pay further exemplifies BJ's commitment to offering unbeatable value and convenience in a one-stop shop. BJ's also recently launched an enhanced mobile app, buy online, pick up in-club for fresh and frozen items, contactless curbside pickup, and more.

Shoppers can learn more about BJ's Wholesale Club by visiting BJs.com.

Headquartered in Westborough, Massachusetts, BJ's Wholesale Club is a leading operator of membership warehouse clubs in the Eastern United States. The company currently operates 221 clubs and 151 BJ's Gas® locations in 17 states.

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# **2021 Summer Reading at Lewiston Public Library**

#### From Lewiston Library

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LEWISTON - The 2021 Summer Reading theme for Lewiston Public Library is "Tails and Tales," and the program will run through Aug. 7, with reading programs for children, teens, and adults.

See the Lewiston Library website for more information and calendars:

KIDS programing features weekly themes, LIVE performers, staff virtual programs, take & make kits, and book & prize giveaways

TEEN programming features Discord gatherings, virtual book groups and games, and book and prize giveaways

ADULT programming features virtual Read ME discussions, author talks, and end-of-summer prizes

This year, children, teen, and adults are using a PASSPORT system to track reading and activities for prizes. Pick up a passport (Kids on the 3rd floor, Teen on the 2nd floor, Adult on the 1st floor — or print your own from our website using the links above), complete any 4 activities, and turn it in to be entered into prize drawings! Children and Teens also get to choose a free book for every passport completed. All ages can complete as many passports they want during the eight weeks of summer reading.

Questions? Please call 207-513-3134 or email us at lplreference@lewistonmaine.gov

### **Children/Family**

Mr. Drew and His Animals Too LIVE in Kennedy Park. June 19 @ 10:30am–No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Fun Run LIVE in Kennedy Park. June 25 @ 5:00pm–No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Join Ms. Penny LIVE in Kennedy Park for a Hands-On Butterfly Activity! June 28 @ 10:30am-No reservations required.

Sparks' Ark LIVE in Kennedy Park. July 16 @ 5:00pm–No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Judy Pancoast LIVE in Kennedy Park. July 31 (a) 10:30am–No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Face-

book from the library.

Stargazing in Kennedy Park. August 6 @ 8:00pm–No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Every Tuesday 10:30-11:15—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.

Teen All Summer Long: Visit the Virtual Teen Library on Discord. Join the LPL Teen Discord server to connect with other young adults online & participate in our virtual teen programming!

Are you looking for serve your seat.

Wednesday, June 23 @ 4:30pm - Kahoot (Trivia)

Wednesday, July 7 @ 4:30pm – Jackbox Games Wednesday, July

21 @ 4:30pm - Scribbl. io (Pictionary)

Wednesday, August 4 @ 4:30pm – TBD

Wednesday, August 18 @ 4:30pm - TBD

#### Adult

Maine author Josh Gauthier will be speaking about his new book. "Land of Outcasts", at an event hosted by the Lewiston Public Library on Thursday, June 17th. This free, public program will take place from 6 - 7 PM virtually via Zoom.

For more information, contact the LPL Adult & Teen Services desk at 513-3135 or lplreference (a)lewistonmaine.gov.

# **Lewiston Lifts State of Emergency**

#### From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - Lewiston Mayor Mark A. Cayer and City Administrator Denis D'Auteuil announced last week that "State of Emergenthe cy' surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic in Lewiston is lifted, effective immediately.

"The City of Lewis-

an unprecedented public health emergency. With the help of our community, we have followed CDC guidelines, practiced social distancing, worn masks, utilized sanitization, and continue to be vaccinated. Thankfully, here in Lewiston and throughout the state & nation, we have turned a corner with signif-

ton has persevered through icant reductions in COVID cases and hospitalizations, and Lewiston is experiencing rejuvenation as it heads towards more normalcy," Cayer said.

"Although the State of Emergency is being lifted, we encourage community members to further safeguard public health by increasing Lewiston vaccination rates." He said.

"We urge residents to take advantage of the various local, accessible vaccinations sites, and unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to discuss vaccination with their primary care doctor, friends, and family members. COVID is still a very dangerous virus that has affected many community members, and we have lost many of our neighbors

to this deadly virus."

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throughout the summer,

including Among Us, Jack-

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message on our @lplonline

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with Teen Library staff on

our Discord server to re-

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gust.

The City of Lewiston first declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020. The public health action was taken under the authority of the City Charter. 37-B M.R.S.A. §§ 703 and 783, and section 30-29 of the Code of Ordinances, which was deemed in effect until rescinded by the Mayor and City Ad-

ministrator. As such, Lewiston's elected officials and staff rallied to adopt restrictions, protections, procedures, and guidelines to combat transmission of the virus.

Mayor Cayer, on behalf of the Lewiston City Council, said, "Our ever-changing pandemic response could not have See Emergency, page 16

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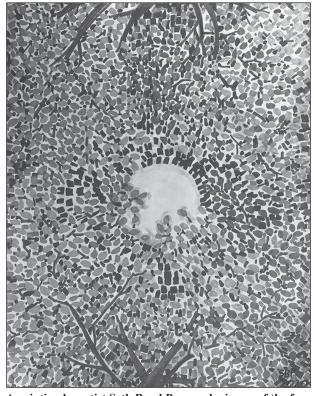
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# **Wiscasset Pop-Up Gallery Hosts Working Artist**



A painting by artist Seth Bond Perry, who is one of the featured artists at the Wiscasset Art Walk next Thursday. (Image courtesy of Wiscasset Art Walk...

#### From WAW

WISCASSET - Wiscasset Art Walk's pop-up Hasenfus Gallery, 64 Main St., will be hosting emerg-

ing artist Seth Bond Perry from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. The artist will be

drawing and painting in the gallery, visitors are

### Letter to the Editor **Religious leaders should** deal with gun violence

Dear Editor,

Now and again, one finds a priest, pastor, or rabbi who works in the area of gun violence prevention and counseling. There is a reason for this.

Moses gave us the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," and Jesus told Peter to put his sword away.

Something little known about the ancient world is that high priests, in addition to handling national sacrifices, doubled as law enforcement officers. This reflected the general view that people of faith, who kept their promises and agreements, were actively interested in

all aspects of life, including good citizenship, equal justice, and competent policing.

Moses had his Levite brethren put down an unlawful rebellion, and Jesus counseled against tax revolt and revolutionary Zealot activity.

Also, the church has always been the champion of "conscience," or truthful reporting. We need more of that in all areas of the community.

Religious people and their leaders need to mimic the authors of the faith and take an active part in dealing with gun violence.

**Kimball Shinkoskev** Woods Cross, Utah welcome to stop in and say hello.

Perry, who lives in Saco, has worked as a professional graphic designer for almost 20 years, and recently left his job "and decided to move forward as an artist with faith that people will connect with my work," he said. To help with that transition, Perry works mostly freehand and stays away from computer programs almost entirely. "I can draw a canoe paddle once and could reproduce it endlessly and make clipart, but I don't want to do that," he explains. "I've done that so much; I'm done with that." Instead, Perry is reveling in a more emotionally-based approach to his work, feeling freer to create images that express his own vision.

When not drawing and painting prolifically, Perry spends a lot of time looking at the world around him and searching inward for responses to that world. While experimenting with styles and materials, he describes his art as sometimes impetuous, often fearless, and frequently humorous. But what would you expect, explains Perry, from a guy who spent eight years as a stand-up comic making the comedy club circuit all around New England? In the end, he decided to stick with graphic design and leave the exhausting comedy career behind. "I wasn't willing to take the risk of leaving my graphic design work for comedy, but I am willing to take that risk for art."

Connecting with his viewers is important to Perry. "I want to give people 'the happy'. I really want people to enjoy themselves when they are looking at my work." In addition to Perry's art-making during WAW, he'll be exhibiting and selling completed work in the gallery.

During the Wiscasset Art Walk 2021 season, any state mandated Covid-19 precautions will be in effect as well as safety precautions requested by individual shops and galleries. So please bring a mask.

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Artist Seth Bond Perry will be drawing and painting in the pop-up Hasenfus Gallery on Main Street, Wiscasset, next Thursday, June 24, during the Wiscasset Art Walk. (Image courtesy of Wiscasset Art Walk)

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#### Adult Ed Continued from page 1

while the Adult Learning Center Coordinator Laurianne Champagne told of each one's accomplishments. Student Kerigan Graham graduated despite a busy work schedule and COVID-19 restrictions in classes and testing.

Another student, Rebecca Berry, wrote an essay on how education is a lifelong process. "To support her conviction of this statement, she plans to continue her education by going to college to pursue a career in the field of medicine. We wish her well," Champagne said.

Carlos Marquez-Teruel was the last student at graduation to receive his diploma. He was also one of several high-achieving High School Equivalency Test takers.

"In 2021, Carlos got the highest HiSET scores at Lewiston Adult Education, including two perfect scores in math and science. Congratulations on a job well done!" Champagne said.

The HiSET has replaced the General Educational Development test as the exam used to determine if a student has achieved high school equivalency in subject areas. Once the five exams are completed with passing scores, students receive the Maine State Equivalency Diploma.



Carlos Maquez-Teruel got the highest HiSET scores in the 2021 Lewiston Adult Education program. He graduated with his fellow students at ceremony last week at the Longley Multi-Purpose Building. (Photo courtesy of Lewiston Schools)



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

"This graduation cel-

ebration was especially

poignant for me because

of how COVID changed

how education was deliv-

ered and accomplishments

were celebrated over the

past year and a half. Our

graduates persisted despite

class and testing restric-

tions due to the pandemic.

Truly an amazing group of

students," Champagne said

### Senior Center opens for the summer

Road - first opened fol-

lowing renovations in No-

vember of 2019, during

Auburn's year-long Sesqui-

centennial celebration. The

popular facility has been

used nearly every day since

then, booked solid with

programming, meetings,

events, and rentals, until

the doors were closed in

March of 2020 in response

to the pandemic. "We went

from thriving to surviving

as we quickly transitioned

the facility and staff to our

'Grab & Go' community

food distribution program,"

alike are looking forward

Staff and residents

said Best.

### From City of Auburn

AUBURN – The City of Auburn is officially reopening the Auburn Senior Community Center for in-person programming – just in time for summer!

"Our team has been working hard to offer a variety of take-home and outdoor programming throughout the pandemic," said Sabrina Best, Recreation Director. "We're just so excited to welcome our community back to the center."

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Some small group programming started back up in May as CDC guidelines allowed, but the facility and staff are fully prepared to welcome larger local senior groups and clubs this summer. "In addition to our fun programming for ages 50-plus, we host local senior groups who use the space for their weekly/monthly meetings and bingo," said Recreation Specialist Jamie Longley.

New Auburn Seniors will meet on Monday July 12, doors open at 9:30am, meeting starts at 11:00am.

Robin Dow Seniors will meet on Wednesday July 14, doors open at 9:30am, meeting starts at 11:00am.

Bingo to follow each meeting.

For more information about this facility, to register for a program, or to find the monthly calendar please visit www.auburnmaine.gov, call the Auburn Recreation Department at 333-6611, or email auburnrec@auburnmaine.gov.

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# Art Walk L/A is June 25



The work of artist Libby Sike from Topsham will be displayed at Kimball Street Studios on Lisbon Street, Lewiston, as part of the Art Walk L/A in June. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

#### **From LA Arts**

LEWISTON - The next Art Walk L/A happens Friday, June 25.

There will be lots of art to see downtown this month, plus a live concert at the Simard-Payne amphitheater from 7-10 p.m. featuring four local music acts.

#### Art Downtown

This month, artists will be returning to the sidewalks of Lisbon Street and Dufresne Plaza. Artwork can be found at:

- The Studio, 291 Lisbon St. Artist Grayling

Cunningham and friends are back with a show of work at this anchor of the Lewiston arts district.

- LA Arts Gallery, 221 Lisbon St. "Echoes and Loops, New Paintings by Kate Cargile"

- Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon St. "I Wish My Teacher Knew ..." works by Lewiston High School students, curated by LHS art teacher Deanna Ehrhardt

- Kimball Street Studios, 191 Lisbon St. Topsham artist Libby Sipe

- 110 Lisbon St. Artist Angie Lafrance of Ramble

- Craft Brew Underground, 34 Court St., Auburn. Artist Iris Scott - Gritty McDuff's, 68

Main St., Auburn. Artist Amanda Retus Music in the Park

From 7-10 p.m., enjoy live music at Simard-Payne amphitheater performed by these local artists: - Emily & The Zeal-

ous

- Secondhand Clams - MOJO

- DJ Bernarzo

**Arts Online** 

Can't make it downtown? You can also check out these great online features at www.laarts.org/ artwalk/,

YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram:

- Artist Libby Sipe takes us on a tour of her current show at Kimball Street Studios

- Local Writers Read welcomes 2020 Maine Literary Award poetry category finalist Jefferson

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- "Dreams," an a cappella performance by Bates College graduating seniors - Dance performance

by Bates College graduating seniors

- "Just in Time," performance by pianist Tom Snow

LA Arts and the Art Walk LA Committee continue to present the 2021 Art Walk Artists online gallery. Artists and artisans included on this page each have works for sale; please support them with your purchases! Visual artists and

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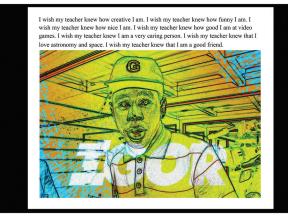
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Foundation. Since 1973, LA Arts, the arts agency for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn Maine, has pursued a mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. The agency works with governments, businesses, schools and local 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, sup-



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Local band Emily & The Zealous will perform live at Simard-Payne amphitheater on the evening of June 25 as part Art Walk L/A for June. (Todd Zelasko Photography)



Lewiston Public Library on Lisbon St will host. "I Wish My Teacher Knew ..." works by Lewiston High School students, curated by LHS art teacher Deanna Ehrhardt as part of Art Walk L/A at the end of June. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

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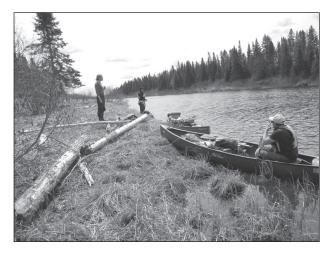
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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age A Canoe Expedition: Part II – Big Black and St. John Rivers



Paddlers take a break on Big Black River. (Ron Chase photo)

#### By Ron Chase

On the third day of our expedition from Depot Lake to Allagash Village, we awoke in our tents under a protective carpet of tarps to cool sunny weather. Situated on the remnants of an ancient logging road at the site of a washed out bridge on remote Depot Stream, we were about nine miles downstream from Depot Lake. As a result of effective tarp installation, our tents and gear had remained relatively dry despite heavy rains the night before. More important, based on a tiny island in the stream I had observed when we arrived the previous day, the water level had risen about three inches as a result of the storm. The additional flow was much needed as our crew of five canoes and two kayaks had thirteen more miles to paddle on the shallow Depot Stream before arriving at the more substantial Big Black River.

After breaking camp, we began our foray down Depot Stream. The benefits of the storm were immediately apparent as the continuous steep Class II rapids were difficult to navigate despite the added depth. As had been true the day before, the only tandem team in the group had more difficulties maneuvering the narrow passages as a result of the added weight of two paddlers. Despite boat scratching and a couple of rock collisions, we successfully completed Depot Stream and joined Big Black River early afternoon.

One thing was obvious when entering Big Black; it was a much larger body of water. Strong winds and occasional rain drops were experienced during our afternoon of paddling. My old Appalachian Mountain Club guidebook indicated there was a potential campsite at the bottom of a long rapid called Connors Sluice. That was our hopeful destination.

After a few of miles of flatwater, we passed Connors Brook on the right. Shortly beyond, the 2.5 mile Class II Connors Sluice Rapid began. The added volume in Big Black provided an exhilarating whitewater escapade.

A meadow on the right below Connors Sluice appeared to be the only camping option. Completely exposed to any wind or rain, we had misgivings. Fortuitously, the skies cleared and the winds diminished. Cloudless skies that night ush-



Eggman DeCoster canoes a section of Connors Sluice on Big Black River. (Ron Chase photo)



ered in sub-freezing temperatures and by morning there was a layer of ice in our canteens and the tents were covered with frost.

The cold weather quickly warmed as we embarked on a section of river called Ninemile Deadwater. While the extensive flatwater was a bit mundane, it ended with the most exciting whitewater yet encountered on the trip beginning at the site of a washed out dam. Sporadic rapids continued as the search for a potential campsite ensued. Several prospective locations ended in disappointment. A collective decision was made to push on and gamble we could find open space on Big Black Campsite, a popular stopover on the busy St. John River.

The river gods smiled on us as we arrived at the luxurious campsite just a few minutes ahead of a group descending the St. John. Since the site included a wooden canopy over a picnic table and an outhouse, we were living large! We shared tent space with the latecomers but not the deluxe picnic table.

The character of the trip changed dramatically on the St. John. Wider, steeper, and higher volume, the frequent rapids and powerful flow propelled us along at a much faster pace. On the fifth day of the journey, we traveled over twenty miles in less than four hours to another exceptional campsite at Fox Brook. An early arrival and unusually warm weather provided an opportunity for some of us to refresh ourselves in the chilly river. A cold water sissy, I tiptoed along the shore.

The highlight of our final day was Big Rapid. A two mile Class III stretch of whitewater, it was a challenge with gear laden canoes and kayaks. Everyone successfully negotiated through the surging waves and around potentially boat busting boulders in the daunting falls. The eleven mile paddle to Allagash was finished midday.

Thanks to organizer Captain Al Gaskell's vision and persistence, we had experienced one of Maine's most unique canoe undertakings. More remarkably, it hadn't seemed possible only a week before.

For me, it was the culmination of an inspiration that originated with my late friend Terry Tzovarras thirty-one years ago.

And, it was a black-fly-free voyage!

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England," Ron Chase resides 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.



Canoeists paddle one of the many fast rapids on the St. John River. (Ron Chase photo)

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# **Comedy at Craft Brew Underground Saturday**



The comedy duo Dennis & Tuck will be featured in a show Saturday evening at Craft Brew Underground in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event Comedy)

#### **From Maine Event** Comedy

AUBURN - Maine Event Comedy presents the hilarious comedy of Dennis & Tuck at Craft Brew Underground at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The show will also feature two of Maine's funniest stand-ups, Dawn Hartill and Mike Gray.

Dennis Hunt has been performing and teaching improvisational comedy in the Portland

area for over 20 years. He's also a talented actor and stand-up comedian who has opened for national acts throughout New England

Tuck Tucker is a founding member of Running With Scissors Improv. He brings over 15 years of stand-up comedy experience, including an appearance on HBO's Lucky 21 Stand-Up Comedy Contest in NYC

The show is for ages

21-and-older. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at MaineEventComedy. com.

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# **Global Dempsey Challenge in 2021**

#### **From Dempsey Center**

Lewiston. ME – In a video message to supporters, Dempsey Center founder Patrick Dempsey announced plans for this year's Dempsey Challenge on Sept. 25 and 26, with the introduction of the first Global Dempsey Challenge.

Presented by Amgen Oncology, the Dempsey Challenge is the primary fundraising event for the Dempsey Center.

Since its inception in 2009, the event has raised over \$16 million for the Dempsey Center, with 100% of donations supporting the

Center's programs and services. The Dempsey Center helps make life better for people impacted by cancer by providing a haven of support for cancer patients, their loved ones, and care partners-all at no cost.

Registration for the Dempsey Challenge 2021 opened in April. Participants are offered a local in-person event in Lewiston, with an emphasis on implementing industry-leading COVID-19 safety protocols, and a global option, allowing participants to complete the Challenge wherever they are in the world

The weekend's activ-

ities will include run, walk, and ride events. On Saturday, Sept. 25, participants will complete the 5K/10K run and walk presented by Poland Spring® Brand 100% Natural Spring Water.

Sunday, Sept. 26 will see riders take on one of the 25, 50, 65, and 100 mile rides presented by Specialized.

COVID-19 "When forced us to close the doors of our two, physical centers in Lewiston and South Portland, Maine last year, we reimagined how we offer our services, and launched our third, virtual center; Dempsey Connects," said Wendy Tardif, Executive

Director. "This not only expanded our reach in the state of Maine, but also meant that select services could now be provided beyond the borders of Maine, for anyone who needs it."

In 2020, the Dempsey Challenge was reimagined due to COVID-19, and shifted from an in-person experience to a fully virtual event as people from around the world came together to participate and support the Dempsey Center's mission to make life better for people impacted by cancer.

"We learned so much

over the course of the last year," says Deneka Deletetsky, Event Manager, "and what stands out most is that the power of a community of passionate, dedicated, fearless folks who work tirelessly to help ease someone's cancer journey is unstoppable.'

With that same unifying and relentless spirit described by Deletetsky, founder Patrick Dempsey announced the launch of "...a new Dempsey Challenge in a new world; a Global Dempsey Challenge where we come together on one powerful weekend

of celebration and remembrance." Deletetsky added, "Wherever and however you choose to participate, you'll be supported every step-or pedal-of the way,'

This year's goal will be to raise \$1.5 million that will go directly to providing services to people impacted by cancer at no cost. "It is an ambitious goal," says Deletetsky, "but we know our community is up for the Challenge."

For more information about Dempsey Challenge 2021, visit DempseyChallenge.org.

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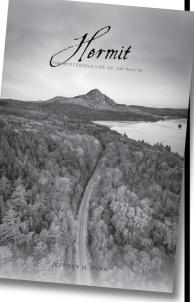


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# Page 12 Senate passes bills to study rail lines

#### **From Maine Senate**

AUGUSTA — Early last week, the Maine State Senate passed two bills from Senator Ben Chipman, D-Portland, and Senator Joe Baldacci, D-Bangor, to conduct feasibility studies to determine if a passenger rail from Portland to Lewiston and Brunswick to Bangor are possible.

The bills, LD 991, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area," and LD 227, "Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study

for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor" both passed unanimously in the Senate.

"Maine once had statewide rail service, but today only a small portion remains. It's hard to imagine what we lost when many of these railroads closed. It's time we made a substantial investment to figure out how to return rail to Maine," said Senator Chipman. "Railroads provide an economically efficient movement of people and are dramatically better for the environment than individual travel. These feasibility assessments are a direct investment in our environment and local

economy. It's commonsense policy, a win-win for everyone to invest in these studies and thus in railroad."

"Passenger rail in Maine is long overdue. Proposals like this give a necessary and in-depth look into how we can make rail service affordable and sensible," said Senator Baldacci. "This feasibility study lets us explore possibilities and opportunities for growth and development and connects our whole state. We'd be using existing infrastructure to invest directly in our people. With a U.S. Department of Transportation ready to invest in passenger rail, the time to act is now.'

"This bill continues the effort to expand critical rail service to Lewiston and Auburn. Giving more Mainers and visitors to our great state more options for easy, safe transportation will give our economic a much-needed boost and help us move away from car and car pollution," said Tony Donovan of the Maine Rail Transit Coalition. "Because of funding currently being offered by the federal government, time is of the essence for us to pass this bill. We have the opportunity to be in a good position to make real investments in Maine's future."

"This would be great for the city of Waterville. We currently have a housing crisis here, a passenger rail would allow people to access our businesses to work and to shop which would be incredible," said Jay Coelho, mayor of Waterville, in testimony supporting LD 227. "We also have two colleges here, so it's very important to me to have our students be able to travel across the state to visit home or make a day trip to Bangor or Portland." The feasibility anal-

yses would examine potential station locations, market demand for rail, potential economic benefits, the environmental impact, funding options, necessary capital investments, and the possibility of expanding service to Montreal and Boston. The feasibility analysis will provide a passenger service development plan as well.

Both bills now face further votes in the Legislature.



### **Divers recover two** drowned swimmers



A Maine Warden Service dive boat searches Messalonskee Lake last Monday night using the sidescan sonar attached to the bow. The bodies of two missing swimmers were located with the sonar. (Photo courtesy of Maine DIFW)

#### From Maine DIFW

SIDNEY, Maine -Maine Game Warden Divers recovered the bodies two young men who drowned while swimming on Messalonskee Lake early last week.

Through Monday night last week, game wardens searched an 80-acre area utilizing the sidescan sonar on the Warden Service dive boat. At about 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, game wardens with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife located a first and then a second likely object on the lake bottom and marked the areas in order to return with divers at daylight.

At approximately 8:00 Game Warden divers entered the water and at 8:15 a.m. recovered Brandon Breton, age 21 of Vassalboro and at 8:30 a.m. recovered Joseph Mayo, 19 of Rome. Divers recovered the two men in about 35 feet of water, approximately 200 feet apart in an area northwest of Greeley Island on Messalonskee Lake.

of Messalonskee Lake near Greely Island early yesterday afternoon. A strong gust of wind pushed the pontoon boat away from the swimmers, and two of the males were able to swim to the drifting boat, but Breton and Mayo went under and never resurfaced.

"While the air temperatures may seem like summer, water temperatures are still cold, and they can impact your ability to swim," said Game Warden Lieutenant Dan Menard. "Boater should wear their life jackets and swimmers should know their ability, and swim in areas appropriate for their experience."

The initial search included the Maine Wardens Service using boats and an airplane. Assisting in that initial search was a Maine Forest Service helicopter, and the Belgrade, Sidney and Oakland Fire Departments. The Maine Warden Service Dive Team is one of the specialty teams of the Maine Warden Service. It was created in 1962 to carry out the complex and technically difficult statutory responsibility of searching for persons presumed to be drowned in Maine's inland waters. The dive team is comprised of nine Maine Game Wardens, including a Corporal who oversees the team, and a dive team trainer.



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Game wardens had focused the search on an 80acre area of the 3,500 acre lake based upon the GPS location of the 911 call, and interviews with the two surviving men.

Breton and Mayo were swimming with two other male friends off of a pontoon boat at the southern end

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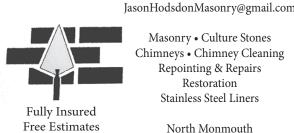
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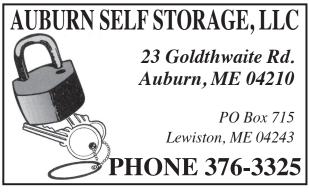
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# **CONTACT US TODAY FOR POSSIBLE OPENINGS** FOR YOUR AD IN OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY!

### **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 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.

#### FRIDAY June 18 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

GORHAM - Baxter Public Library - Curbside Summer Reading Signups. Pick up everything you need to get started for Summer Reading! You will find library staff on the front lawn of the library (South Street) in costume



Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

game sheet to record your reading! Happy Reading!

### MONDAY

#### June 21 9:30-9:50 a.m.

GORHAM - Baxter Public Library - Babies on the Lawn. Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0-18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

### 10-10:30 a.m.

GORHAM - Baxter Memorial Library - Toddlers on the Lawn. Join Ms. Dani on the lawn as she uses stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Mask will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

### 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 Administrator>s Conference Room.

### TUESDAY

June 22 10-11 a.m. GORHAM - Baxter Memorial Library - Hula

and ready to hand you your Hoop Workshop. Hoop there it is! Visit the library lawn to make and take a custom hula hoop! We will have all the supplies to help you make a cool hoop. We will use math, science, art and lots of tubing to make these amazing creations. During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. Ages 6-16.

Rain date: June 23, 10 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY June 23

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN - Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting. 6 p.m. AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

### THURSDAY June 24

10:30 a.m.-Noon GORHAM - Baxter

Memorial Library - Art in the Park. Art in the park is an opportunity to paint outside on the lawn. We provide paint, brushes, and paper; you supply the imagination. Bring your lunch to eat while your creation dries. This is a popular family activity. During programming, outdoor masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. All ages

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> MONDAY June 28 9:30-9:50 a.m. GORHAM – Baxter

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Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

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celed in the event of inclement weather.

### 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 29 10-11 a.m.

GORHAM - Baxter Memorial Library - Summer Smoothies. Chill on the lawn while Learning tips and tricks on how to make your own summer smoothies. These healthy smoothies will surprise you with their sweet taste and amazing fresh flavour. Make sure to bring the whole family so they can sample these delicious fruit and veggie smoothies. #SneakyVegetables During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.



All ages. Rain date: June 30, 10

> THURSDAY July 1

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

5:30 p.m. **AUBURN** - Au-

burn-Lewiston Airport **Board Meeting** 

#### MONDAY July 5

All municipal offices and facilities closed for Independence Day.

#### TUESDAY July 6

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

Committee. 6 p.m. GORHAM - Regular Town Council meeting.

### MONDAY July 12 5:30 p.m.

LEWISTON - Plan-

ning Board Meeting via Zoom video conference. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

### 5:30 p.m.

AUBURN \_ City Council workshop and meeting.

5:30-6:30 p.m. LEWISTON - Finance Committee meeting @ City Hall Adminis-

trator's Conference Room 7 p.m. GORHAM - Plan-

ning Board meeting.

#### TUESDAY July 13

6 p.m. AUBURN – Planning Board meeting

6 p.m.

LEWISTON - City Council meeting. VIA ZOOM: Due to necessary COVID19 precautions, the meeting will be broadcast via ZOOM - http://www. lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc Also, public comment will be possible at publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov The meeting will be archived on the City's You-Tube channel http://www. lewistonmaine.gov/You-Tube by the next day.

#### 7 p.m.

GORHAM - Conservation Commission meeting.

### WEDNESDAY July 14

4:30 p.m.

AUBURN - Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) Meeting 6:30 p.m.

AUBURN - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.





# **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 Casev Bell: www.authorcaseybell. com.

### BUSINESSES FOR SALE

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

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### CEMETERY **PLOTS**

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### **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. Toy kero manu tent room \$40. \$50. exer 782-4

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## **MEDICAL** EQUIPMENT

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### SALE Large Rummage Sale

May 1st At the VFW Hall 58 E. Main St. So. Paris 8-3PM The VFW Auxiliarv will use the proceeds to help veterans in the community and Togus.

# SENIORS

### In Home Care

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

LEWISTON SENIOR CITIZENS TRAVEL TRIPS POSTPONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE:

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

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

### WANTED

Odd jobs and Gig work Retired teacher & counselor looking for odd jobs and Gig work. Trained and experienced in babysitting, Petsitting, senior/adult care and cleaning.Contact: Missy 207-253-9762 or allinoneservices1@yahoo.

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Classifieds \$10

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### Emergency

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# Help Wanted - Help Wanted



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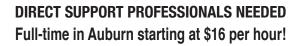
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