

Auburn schools returning to normal



Workers prepare an area behind the Edward Little High School for a new building to replace the current school. When completed in 2023, the existing building will be demolished to make room for athletic fields. (Tsukroff photo)

By Nathan Tsukroff

AUBURN – Auburn Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Cornelia Brown expects schools in the district to return to normal classes next school year, after more than 15 months under pandemic restrictions.

As COVID-19 vaccinations have been completed for many adults and older children across Maine, the Maine Center for Disease Control has eased restrictions for indoor and outdoor gatherings.

The Maine Department of Education has applied the CDC restrictions in a set of guidelines to be followed by schools. Under those guidelines, the Auburn schools were able to allow more students back into classrooms starting in April.

When the pandemic was first declared last year, schools across Maine closed temporarily while administrators looked at ways to meet social-distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of the vi-

rus.

The Auburn schools settled on a plan with two cohorts (groups) of students to attend school two days a week and remote from home the remainder of the week. One group attended in person on Mondays and Tuesdays, while the second group attended in person on Thursdays and Fridays. Schools were empty on Wednesdays and over the weekends to allow custodial staff to deep-clean the buildings.

Parents were allowed to opt out of that hybrid system to keep their children completely remote.

Special needs students and students in the alternative education programs attended school in person four days a week, since the smaller numbers of students in those programs allowed the schools to meet CDC and DOE guidelines for social-distancing.

Students and staff were required to wear masks at school.

With the easing of restrictions in

April, and by utilizing space in the school buildings in creative ways, many of the regular students were able to return to school in person all four days, as well, Brown said. About 90 percent of the district students were in school in person by the end of the school year. The guidelines were changed to allow students with masks to be closer together, allowing for more students in a classroom area.

“The school committee in Auburn was adamant that we would bring kids back safely into as much in-person instruction as possible,” Brown said. “In early spring, the school committee wanted a plan that would bring back all the Edward Little (high school) kids, all the middle schools kids, and as many elementary kids as we could do with the space guidelines we had at that time.”

A steering committee, chaired by Assistant Superintendent Michelle McClellan, met all year to and “looked at

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Firework use limited in Lewiston

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - The City of Lewiston has a fireworks ordinance that restricts the use of consumer fireworks to three dates and a specific discharge zone. .

Consumer Fireworks may be used in Lewiston only on July 4 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; on Dec. 31 from 10 a.m.-1 a.m. the next day; and on Jan. 1 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Fireworks may not be used in the downtown and central areas of Lewiston. A map showing areas on the outskirts of Lewiston where fireworks are allowed can be found at: <http://bitly.ws/ecms>

The sale of fireworks in the City of Lewiston is prohibited.

Over 500 dogs for show in Cumberland

CUMBERLAND – More than 500 AKC Pure Bred Dogs are entered to compete at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds in a show that runs from today through Sunday.

Dogs from all over the US are registered to compete in AKC Shows and Obedience Events all 4 days. Breed Confirmation, Obedience, Rallies, and Junior Showmanship will all be examined by AKC Licensed Judges, flying into Maine, from all over the United States.

Beginning at 9 a.m. each day, as many as 137 different Breeds of Pure Bred dogs will enter show rings to compete for the top honors, such as Winners Female and Male, Best of Breed, Group Wins, Best in Show, High in Obedience Trials and Rally Competition.

Over 50 Labrador Retrievers are entered for competition on Sunday!

All judging will be outdoors under tents. Spectators are encouraged to attend. Food and supply vendors will also

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Guest Column

As I talk through the Valley

By Grammar Guy

It's no secret people under a certain age (I'm going to put it as high as 50) throw around the word "like" as if they lived in mid-1980's Beverly Hills. "Like" gets used as much as the word "the," functioning as the filler word of many non-Californians' daily lingo.

While we no longer say phrases like "gag me with a spoon," we do say "totally" like, all the time. Although you won't find

many people uttering "talk to the hand," the word "awesome" is so ubiquitous it might as well mean nothing. Whoever these well-to-do teenage girls were in the '80s and '90s, they left their mark on our American English lexicon.

As I approach the mall kiosk confessional of Valley girl transgressions, I have one I'd like to beg forgiveness for: "for sure," but pronounced more like "fur shur."

When I launched my book in May 2020 (pos-

sibly the worst time in the history of the world to publish a book), I appeared as a guest on a local Indianapolis show to promote my book. I was pleased after the interview, but I received an email from a fellow word nerd chiding me for my pervasive use and pronunciation of "for sure."

Hear me out: it's hard to avoid certain phraseologies and expressions as they creep into everyday use. As an example, I point you to the reunion

episode of season 12 of the Lifetime channel reality series "Married at First Sight." While the show's critical acclaim is on par with the tawdry summer fan-favorite "Bachelor in Paradise," I got sucked into the concept of people getting legally hitched as total strangers.

When the host of the reunion show interviewed each cast member (or are they contestants?), many of the fellow cast members agreed with each other with a confident "For

sure" or the even more confident "Oh for sure." Can I chalk up watching this show to a study of contemporary sociology? For sure. After watching the past three seasons of the show, do I follow a handful of cast members on Instagram? Oh, for sure.

Certain words and phrases rub off on us in the same way a song gets stuck in your head. Sometimes all it takes is someone humming a few notes and a song gets lodged in

every nook and cranny of our gray matter. We absorb what we watch, read, listen to and generally let into our lives. So, as I talk through the valley of the shadow of slang, I will fear no evil. If I do find myself fearing evil, I'll just, like, totally take a chill pill.

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.

Guest Essay

New book on parenting by Maine author

From Sarah MacLaughlin

PORTLAND - Inspired by the Jeree Pawl quote, "How you are is as important as what you do," author Sarah MacLaughlin has taken this thought and written "Raising Humans With Heart", a book that is a loving and valuable missive caregivers everywhere.

Parents are tired, overstimulated, and plain worn out; they just want their kids to behave. But since the grown-ups are the ones in charge—and have the fully formed brains in the family—they are the leaders and emotional tone setters in the home.

Parents and others who care for kids need to know about the developmental phase of the children and teenagers, but they also need to know themselves well—so they can practice what they

preach: self-awareness, good communication skills, nurturing self-care, emotional regulation, kind and effective boundaries, and conflict resolution. Because the good news is, "the kids are always watching us," and the bad news is, "the kids are always watching us."

This short and sassy book distills the latest parenting research and brain science for busy parents. Sarah has written an easy-to-read book that doesn't get bogged down in theory or a ton of how-to. Engaging anecdotes from her strong-willed son's early life offer examples of when she got it right, and when she didn't. There is no such thing as a perfect parent and messing up and then repairing is part of every healthy relationship. Sarah illustrates how to connect—or reconnect—even when you're not sure what

parenting move you should make next. She reminds moms, dads, and other caregivers that they are human beings too, in this real, laugh-out-loud (and maybe weep, too) book.

MacLaughlin is a social worker, parent educator, and author of the award-winning, bestselling book, What Not to Say: Tools for Talking with Young Children. She is a writer, trainer, and content expert for ZERO TO THREE, a national non-profit dedicated to ensuring that all babies and toddlers have a strong start in life. Sarah maintains a blog, writes the "Parenting Toolbox" column for Portland, Maine's Parent & Family, and has been featured many places online, including The Huffington Post. She made many media appearances for her first book and has spoken at local schools, child care centers, and non-



Maine author Sarah MacLaughlin has written a new book on parenting, called "Raising Humans With Heart", that distills the latest parenting research and brain science for busy parents. (Photo courtesy of Sarah MacLaughlin)

profits, as well as national conferences. *With Heart: Not a How-To Manual* by Sarah MacLaughlin. June 2021. Isabella Media. Paperback. 116 pages; \$16.99. ISBN 978-1-7357256-2-8

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Guest Column

Wrapping up a busy legislative session



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

From Sen. Libby

To say that this legislative session was unique would be a drastic understatement.

After our early adjournment amidst the onset and uncertainty of COVID-19 last year, this session brought new challenges many of us could never have foreseen.

Like many other businesses and organizations, we had to get creative and find new ways to continue working for the people of Maine while maintaining social distancing guidelines to limit the spread of the pandemic. Committee work switched to virtual public hearings and work sessions over Zoom, which still granted the public opportunity to join and provide testimony. We met several times at the Augusta Civic

Center for our session days in order to prioritize safety and to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

Within the last few weeks we have been able to make a return to the State House to complete our legislative session.

Like all of you, we faced many new challenges head-on. I am proud to say that by Thursday, June 17, despite the various roadblocks, we accomplished a whole lot for the people of Maine. I wanted to use this space to share with you all some of the highlights of the work we did in the final days of our session.

Prescription Drug Reform

We passed our package of bills on prescription drug reform, something I wrote about here recently. I am pleased to report that these bills passed with strong bipartisan support. This package is made up of five bills that will bring needed change to our health care system.

These bills create an insulin safety net program to help those who need it most, when they need it; provide new oversight of Mainer's right to health care by creating the Office of Affordable Health Care; prohibit needless prescription drug price hikes from drug manufacturers, and

extends our continued effort to increase drug price transparency.

While we all wish that the federal government would step up and remedy these issues, Mainers can't afford to wait. I applaud my colleagues for taking action.

Taxpayer Dollars

We also passed a great bill from Senate President Troy Jackson that keeps Maine taxpayer dollars in Maine. While this concept sounds like common sense, what has been happening in practice has been anything but.

The Buy American Build Maine Act would ensure that Maine businesses get the first shot at a job when it comes to publicly funded projects, and that American-made materials are used for those projects whenever possible.

Work to Continue

This is by no means a complete list of the work we have been doing, but rather a narrow selection of some of our most substantial bills this session. We rolled up our sleeves and put in long hours to pass these bills and protect the rights of Mainers across the state. There is still work to be done, but we all overcame challenges we never could have imagined throughout the past fifteen months. In the Legislature, we were able to overcome

the adversity and find new ways to solve problems. As always, I am honored to represent the city of Lewiston in the Maine Senate and I am looking forward to continue the work we have done.

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

Right to Vote

On Tuesday, my colleagues and I in the Senate overwhelmingly rejected a series of proposals that would make it harder for Maine citizens to exercise their right to vote.

These bills — which were opposed by the Secretary of State, AARP Maine, Maine ACLU, Equality Maine, and the Attorney General — would have put unnecessary barriers between you and your ability to cast your ballot.

Make no mistake: Maine has some of the strongest voting laws in the country. We routinely rank extremely high when it comes to voter turnout. I have no interest in passing any bill to hinder that strong tradition of civic engagement.

Shared Living

On Friday, June 11, Gov. Janet Mills signed my bill, LD 1649, "An Act

To Make the Shared Living Program Accessible for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism," into law. The bill will make it easier for people with intellectual disabilities or autism to have adequate modifications made to their living space.

The new law will require the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the current shared living program for people with intellectual disabilities or autism, and determine if the stipend rates for shared living should vary depending on the needs of the persons served.

This law broadens eligibility for contingency fund expenditures to any adult who qualifies for services under Section 34-B, Chapter 5, adults with intellectual disabilities or autism. Currently, expenditures of funds are limited to adults living in particular settings.

Pride Month

During the month of June, we celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month, which honors the contributions that LGBTQ people make to our communities, and highlights the ongoing fight for equality. I'm so glad to live in Maine, where we honor each person's right to live as their authentic self, free from discrimination, and

love freely.

Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969 in New York City, which was sparked after police raided the Stonewall Inn, one of the few establishments where members of the New York gay community felt safe to gather. This pivotal moment is often credited with igniting the gay liberation movement.

Homeless Youth

Earlier this month, the Senate unanimously voted to support my bill, LD 1076, "An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine." The bill has most recently been sent to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee to determine how it would be funded if signed into law. Currently, the bill would increase state funding for homeless youth shelters from \$2 million annually to \$2.5 million annually, which represents a restoration of the funds shelters received prior to 2005.

LD 1076 works in conjunction with a bill from Rep. Michele Meyer to address other youth homeless shelter concerns. LD 81, "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods,"

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Single-use plastic bag ban is July 1

From Maine DEP vironmental Protection
(DEP) is reminding retail
stores, restaurants, and
shoppers that the statewide
ban on single-use plastic
carry-out bags will go into
effect on July 1.
A ban on single-use
plastic carry-out bags,
which was passed by the
Maine Legislature in 2019,
was scheduled to go into ef-

fect in April last year. However, the ban's enforcement was delayed twice, originally due to concerns regarding potential transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and again in December of 2020 due to concerns regarding a disruption in packing supplies and logistical effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DEP encouraged businesses that provide single-use plastic carry-out bags to take advantage of the additional time provided by enforcement delays to procure alternatives and deplete current stocks of these products.

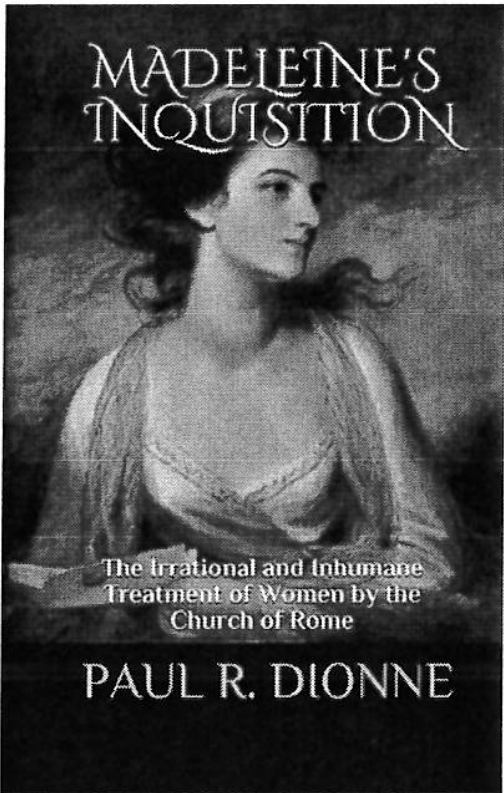
As of July 1, 2021, retail establishments including stores, restaurants, and temporary or pop-up businesses such as farmers' markets, food trucks, or fairs, are prohibited from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags or totes for transporting their goods. Stores may provide recycled paper bags or reusable bags for their customers. Grocery stores, box stores, and other large retail stores that provide carry-out bags must collect a 5-cent fee for each bag except for reusable bags not made of plastic, such as cloth bags with stitched handles, which may be given away at no cost. Restaurants and certain smaller retailers (those with less than 2% of retail sales from food and less than 10,000 square feet of retail area) are not required to collect a 5-cent fee per bag but must comply with the single-use plastic carry-out bag ban and provide only reusable or recycled paper bags.

Retailers may still provide single-use bags in-store for shoppers to collect loose unpackaged goods prior to purchase, such as produce, deli, and bakery items. However, stores that provide bags for this purpose must serve as a public plastic bag recycling drop off location.

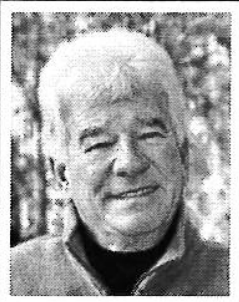
The Maine Legislature passed the legislation to eliminate single-use plastic carry-out bags to reduce usage and encourage the use of reusable bags thereby reducing the amount of plastic in Maine's waste stream and litter. Plastic bags do not decompose and can break-down into microplastics thus creating a major negative impact on the environment.

According to the Centers for Biological Diversity, consumption of single-use plastic bags in the US is estimated to average a bag a day (365) per person per year and the EPA estimates that that in 2018, Americans generated nearly 9 billion pounds of PE films, bags and wraps annually.

For more information regarding the single-use plastic bag ban, please visit DEP's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/recycle/plastic-bag-film.html>.



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.

Maine has 8th-worst economy

From Wallethub

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With certain state economies hurt more than others during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as Hawaii, which has a 9% unemployment rate, the personal-finance website WalletHub last week released its report on 2021's Best & Worst State Economies, as well as accompanying videos.

In order to determine America's top economic performers, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 29 key indicators of economic performance and strength. The data set ranges from change in GDP to startup activity to the share of jobs in high-tech industries.

Economic Performance of Maine (1=Best; 25=Avg.):

- 36th – Change in GDP
- 45th – Exports per Capita
- 38th – Startup Activity
- 40th – % of Jobs in High-Tech Industries
- 50th – Annual Median Household Income
- 27th – Change in Nonfarm Payrolls
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Online CASA training in August

From Maine CASA

Interested in advocating for the best interests of a Maine child?

The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program is conducting its August training online for volunteer advocates on August 24-27.

This four-day training is free and is designed to prepare attendees for certification as volunteer guardians ad litem in the Maine District Courts.

Maine CASAs are community volunteers who are appointed to serve as guardians ad litem (GALs) for children who are involved in child protection cases. The foundation of the CASA's work is learning about the case and then advising the court what the CASA believes is in the child's best interest.

CASAs come from a variety of professional and personal backgrounds and are guided throughout the process by CASA program staff. CASAs bring their own unique perspectives to their work as volunteers.

If you are willing to advocate for a child's best interests, we encourage you to apply to become a CASA volunteer. Those interested in the training must complete an application and, if invited to participate, must also complete criminal and child protection services background checks.

Contact Maine CASA at 207-213-2865 or by e-mail at casa@courts.maine.gov maine.gov

Comedy at Craft Brew on Saturday



Mike Bain brings his comedy to Craft Brew Underground this Saturday night. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event Comedy)

From MEC

AUBURN - Maine Event Comedy presents South Boston's Mike Bain at Craft Brew Underground on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The show will also feature Julie Poulin and Joe Flynn. Bain was a Beantown Comedy Riot finalist, and has performed in the Boston Comedy Festival. He can be seen regularly at Boston area comedy clubs including Giggles, Nick's Comedy Stop, and The Comedy Studio. The show is for ages 21-and-older. Tickets are

\$8 and may be purchased at MaineEventComedy.com. Craft Brew Underground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn. CBU offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine and was named "Maine's Best Beer Bar" by CraftBeer.com.

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Adult Ed students graduate in Turner

From MSAD 52

TURNER - The MSAD 52 Adult Education annual commencement celebration took place on Friday, June 11, with 18 students who completed their studies this year, despite the pandemic.

Razell Ward, the director of the program for the district that includes the towns of Turner, Leeds and Greene, thanked students and staff for their hard work during this unprecedented time.

She said that some of the students and staff did not even meet face-to-face until recently.

She gave a heartfelt “Thank You” to the adult education staff for engaging students, and for their countless hours of hard work. She said, “You are all that I brag about every day, and you have also made getting through this tough time fun!”

To the students, she said, “It is amazing what you have accomplished... You have learned how to be flexible, how to overcome obstacles; you have learned new technologies, and above all, you were successful in doing all of this during a global pandemic...You remained dedicated in the hardest times, and that is what makes you special, and that is what

makes you shine!”

MSAD 52 Superintendent Kimberly Brandt was the keynote speaker at the commencement ceremony. She told the graduates, “You are at your graduation right now because you have demonstrated the most important trait a human can possess, and that is perseverance.”

She said perseverance matters “because you do not give up, and you continue to follow your dreams no matter what obstacles come your way... You learn from your failures, but they never define you. You are here today because you persevered and did not give up. Perseverance is a lifetime of never giving up.” She left the graduates with this quote from Nelson Mandela: “Do not judge me by my successes; judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

A student speech was presented by graduate Brooke Thenor, who told the audience of family and friends, and those attending via livestream, how at the age of 16, she left school due to pregnancy and then worked as a CNA until she was 22. When employers started requiring a diploma, she had to stop working.

Thenor said, “After years of being a stay-



Eighteen students received diplomas at the MSAD 52 Adult Ed graduation ceremony at Leavitt Area High School on June 11. (Photo courtesy of MSAD 52)

at-home mom with four children, I realized that I wanted better for myself, and I wanted my kids to see me do better things!” She made the decision to come to the adult education program and receive her high school equivalency credential by earning a HiSET certificate. She said she wanted to thank everyone for helping her along the way.

At the ceremony in the Leavitt Area High School Auditorium, several student awards were presented and celebrated. National Adult Education Honor Society inductees for 2021 include Isaiah

Bowmaster, Gabrielle Castonguay, Tina Cote, Savannah Harris, Brooke Thenor and Mohamed Mohamed. Inductees were recognized with pins and certificates.

The annual HAIL MARY Award - for a student who enters the program within the last two months and completes in time for graduation - went to Gabrielle Castonguay for finishing her HiSET requirements in only a few weeks time.

Teacher Melanie North presented HiSET highest scoring awards to Hannah McNeil, Isaiah Bowmaster, and Raimi

Colbert. HiSET Honors scores ranged from 92 to 96 (out of 100), and all HiSET Honors students earned College Ready scores in each subject area.

A special award, named the Winston Award, was also presented to Tina Cote, for never giving up on her goal of high school completion.

The Central Maine Community College Courage to Grow Award was presented to Mohamed Mohamed for his perseverance and dedication to his academic pursuits. This scholarship award includes a free college course of his choosing to continue his

education.

If someone would like to complete their high school diploma, gain skills to go on to college, or earn a work credential, they can visit www.msad52adult-ed.org or call 225-1010 to learn more.

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From SONIC

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As part of SONIC’s ongoing Limeades for Learning initiative, the \$1.5 million donation helped fund more than 7,000 teacher requests across the country in need of critical resources. The donations honor the creative efforts teachers have made to ma-

neuver their ever-shifting learning environments and keep students engaged this past year,

On Teacher Appreciation Day, the brand matched 50 percent of each donation made to all teacher requests on DonorsChoose.

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

In Bath, Ms. Hardman, a teacher at Dike-New-

ell School, received a total donation of \$55.00 for the project Books for Enthusiastic Fans of Author Kate Messner.

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

“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 mar-

keting 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.”

SONIC is committed to helping teachers now in this time of need, and all year long. Through Limeades for Learning, SONIC has donated more than \$19 million to public school

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Fridays on the farm with UMaine 4-H



UMaine Cooperative Extension 4-H is hosting a series of hands-on summer learning events at local farms, starting in July. (Photo courtesy of UMaine)

from UMaine

ORONO - University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H is offering a new hands-on summer learning series focused on Maine agriculture for ages 12–18.

Participants in the four-session “4-H Fridays on the Farm” program will

take a tour of each participating farm’s operations, gain hands-on experience and learn what different farms across the state contribute to the Maine food system. This is the first in a planned series of educational programs from the Maine 4-H Agricultural Leadership Ambassador Program.

The first session will be 9 a.m.–noon on July 16 at Mulberry Farms, 96 North Raymond Road, Raymond.

MOFGA-certified Mulberry Farms specializes in organic fruits and vegetables. All sessions are scheduled 9 a.m.–noon.

Others visits include: Sustainable vegetable grower Rustic Roots Farm, 120 Vipah Lane,

Farmington on July 23.

Seed potato developer Seed Pro Inc., 21 ME-159, Crystal on July 30.

Tenth-generation dairy farm Brigeen Farms, 278 Upper Street, Turner on Aug. 6.

The series is free and includes materials; current 4-H enrollment is not required. Register for individual sessions on the program webpage. At <http://bitly.ws/emNQ>.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sara Conant, 207.781.6099; sara.conant@maine.edu.

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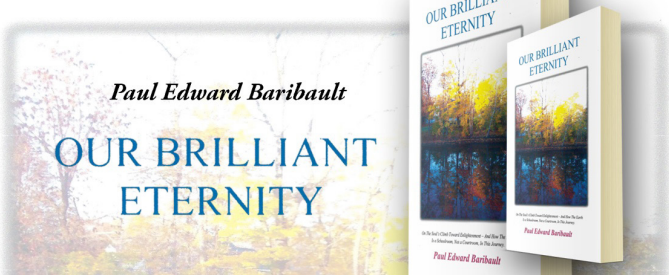
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Northeast Bank to sponsor YMCA events

LEWISTON - Northeast Bank recently presented the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston with \$5,000 to support family events in 2021.

During summer and fall, the events take place at the Outdoor Learning and Education Center located at 151 Stetson Road in Auburn.

“Northeast Bank is proud to partner with the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston and support their family programming,” said Robert T. Banaski, Senior Vice President, Director of Community Banking. “We

share the YMCA’s goal of building strong communities and are impressed with the team’s dedication to enhancing the quality of life for Auburn and Lewiston residents.”

According to Chief Advancement Officer Jason Buchanan, “Generous corporate sponsors such as Northeast Bank allow us to provide programming, information, and most importantly a sense of ‘togetherness’ across all members of the LA community.”

In addition to its fitness centers on Turn-



Allison Coombs (second from left), Marketing Manager at Northeast Bank, presents a donation to team members at the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston, including Jason Buchanan (left), Chief Advancement Officer at the YMCA; Marcie Hird, Membership Director at the YMCA; Ashley Gagnon; and Wil Libby, Land Steward at the YMCA. (Photo courtesy of Northeast Bank)

er Street and at Central
Maine Medical Center, the

YMCA of Auburn-Lewis-
ton provides youth sports,

summer camp and child-care opportunities for area families focused on getting children active and curious about the natural world around them. The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston also works with other local groups from scout troops to veterans to provide unique outdoor programming and volunteer opportunities.

Northeast Bank (NASDAQ: NBN) is a full-service bank head-

quartered in Portland, Maine. It offers personal and business banking services to the Maine market via ten branches.

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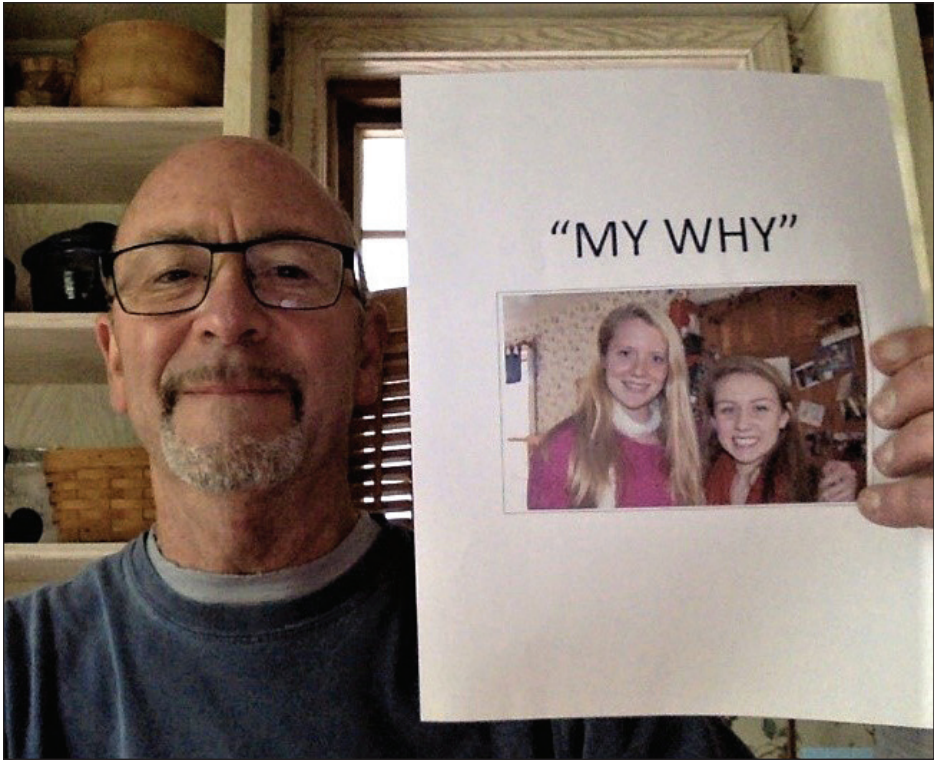
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Why did you choose to be vaccinated?



A Lewiston resident shows his “My Why” reason for getting the COVID-19 vaccination. (Photo courtesy of City of Lewiston)

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - The Lewiston Area Public Health Committee (LAPHC) is grateful that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Maine have significantly declined.

However, COVID-19 is still impacting the lives of Mainers and others throughout the nation.

The LAPHC believes that vaccinating as many members of our community as possible is crucially important.

To promote vaccination, the LAPHC is seeking pictures of Lewiston residents holding up a sign that says or shows WHY they personally chose to be vaccinated, in words or pictures.

If you would like to submit such a sign to be part of a “My Why” vaccination slideshow for public circulation, please send your submission to dottie@lewistonmaine.gov, and include your name, address, and contact phone/email. Your name and contact information will be kept private.

The deadline is July 1.

By submitting a sign, each participant agrees that their submission may be shared on social media, Lewiston’s web site, and in efforts to encourage vaccination. Such submissions are on a volunteer basis for no monetary gain.

Submission selection will be at the discretion of the LAPHC, and participants are asked to be sensitive in their wording, respecting the fact that people have different viewpoints.

Auburn celebrates bicentennial with art

From City of Auburn

AUBURN – Saturday, Aug. 21, will be a busy and beautiful day in downtown Auburn as the city’s 2nd Annual Art in the Park takes place on the same day as the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade presented by Poland Spring.

Art in the Park will take place at the corner of Main and Academy Streets in downtown Auburn, adjacent to Community Little Theater, and will include a juried show with a cash prize.

There will be a vendor area where artists from near and far will display their work during the parade festivities. Artists are invited to participate, and

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LEWISTON ME

City of Lewiston 2021 Fireworks Informational

To Report a Fireworks Use Violation, Please Call (207) 784-6421, Option #1

With the July 4th holiday fast approaching, the City of Lewiston is reminding residents about its fireworks ordinance.

Details are below & here is a direct link to online information.
<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/fireworksinfo>

The City of Lewiston has a fireworks ordinance that restricts the use of consumer fireworks to **THREE DATES** and also to **WITHIN A SPECIFIC DISCHARGE ZONE.**

Listed below are the dates and times fireworks are allowed to be used.

In addition, please note that **Zone 1** of the City’s *Firearms Discharge Map* is where fireworks can be discharged within the City of Lewiston.

Discharge Map – See Zone 1

(enlarge map on your screen to best view)
<http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/fireworksdischargezone>

Consumer Fireworks May be Utilized in Lewiston on These Dates:

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Lewiston, Portland students win art competition



Passport Photo by Elwen Barnard of Baxter Academy took first place in Maine’s first congressional district in the annual Congressional Art Competition. (Image courtesy of State of Maine)

From State of Maine

AUGUSTA - In an academic year that was largely defined by remote learning and minimal social gatherings, twelve high school art students were honored for their work in a national art competition.

Baxter Academy senior Elwen Barnard of Maine’s First Congressional

District, and Lewiston High School sophomore Whitney Perkins of Maine’s Second Congressional District were the winners of this year’s Congressional Art Competition.

Benard’s illustration *Passport Photo*, and Perkins’ photograph *Curiosity*, will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for the entire

year, alongside winning artists from districts across the country. The winners are flown to Washington, D.C. in June for the official opening of the show.

“Every year, the sheer talent of Maine student artists blows me away, and this year’s Congressional Art Competition was no exception. Art offers a great outlet through tough times. I’m thrilled to see that students are still connected with their artistic processes after a year of unknowns and immense change,” said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME 1st District). “Elwen’s piece is poignant and stunning, and I’m sure that it will stand out when it’s on display at the Capitol. My thanks to all the students who participated this year—it is an honor to view your work.”

“I had high hopes for the submissions we’d receive for this year’s Congressional Art Competition, but the students really went above and beyond,” said Congressman Jaren Golden (D-ME 2nd District). “This contest is a great showcase of the insight and skill of Maine students, and it’s an annual reminder of how fortunate we are to have so many talented young artists in our state. Congratulations

to all of our winners and thank you for making our district proud.”

The submitted artwork was judged by a panel of jurors selected by the Maine Arts Commission. Jurors Juliet Karelsen and Breehan James judged the First District competition.

The jurors noted in Benard’s *Passport Photo*, “we encounter a real person whose strength, warmth, honesty, vulnerability and soul come through the finely layered and textured colored pencil markings.... It exudes an inner life and an unassuming presence. It speaks loudly in its quiet expressiveness and subtly.”

Jurors Carolyn Wallace-Zani and Teddi-Jann Covell judged the Second District competition.

In Perkins’ *Curiosity*, the jurors noted the variety and repetition of lines, shapes, tones, and values repeatedly directing the viewer through the nearly empty bus and back again to the young child while confirming her feelings of isolation, uncertainty, and curiosity. “This piece has a strong composition, is well presented and timely. Her backwards glance caught us looking into the now common life of all students around the world during this pandemic. Even though the mask hides a smile, it cannot mask the inquisitiveness of youngsters.”

The judges honored the works of twelve Maine students in total.

First District: Winner: Elwen Benard of Baxter Academy. First Runner Up: Fiona Jason of Baxter Academy, Second Runner Up: Kaitlyn Sawicki of Freeport High School. Honorable Mention: Della Huntley of Baxter Academy. Honorable Mention: Alexis Milem of Thornton Academy. Honorable Mention: Kaylee Demers of Falmouth High School.

Second District: Win-



Lewiston High School sophomore Whitney Perkins captured first place in Maine’s second congressional district in the annual Congressional Art Competition with her photograph, *Curiosity*. (Photo courtesy of State of Maine)

ner: Whitney Perkins. First Runner Up: Sophia Carson of Edward Little High School, Second Runner Up: Ella Shaffer of Rangeley Lakes Regional School. Honorable Mention: Lexi Bachelder. Rangeley Lakes Regional School. Honorable Mention: Ruoxuan Zhang of Lee Academy, Honorable Mention: Addaline Hemmingway of Rangeley Lakes Regional School.

To view the student’s artwork in a virtual gallery visit: <http://www.mainearts.com>.

The Congressional Arts Competition was started in 1982 to honor the arts and talents of students nationwide. The Maine Arts Commission works closely with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree’s and Congressman Jared Golden’s offices to administer the program. The Arts Commission also partners with the Maine College of Art (MECA) and the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards to help with the process of selecting the

artwork. Two art professionals from each district are chosen to jury artwork from that district. It is “blind” jurying in which the judges only see the title, size and medium of each piece. This year they convened online to review and discuss digital images to decide. Placements are first, second, third and then three honorable mentions.

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Schools

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things like health and safety requirements, student’s social/emotional learning, what equipment we needed. We have a lot of PPE – personal protective equipment,” Brown said.

“I have to say, the kids and staff were great, all year!” she said. “We had reservations about whether kids would mask – they did it across the board, little kids all the way up to the high school kids. No issues! They wore their masks.”

Even during sports events, players wore their masks, Brown said.

Under the pandemic restrictions, the staff at the schools “was amazing,” she said. “They made these accommodations – they had to rearrange lunches, they had to rearrange spacing, they had to rearrange class rooms, but they made it work!”

Auburn schools played some winter sports, including basketball and skiing, but “We did not allow spectators,” Brown said. “That was hard for kids.” Games were live-streamed for parents to

watch remotely.

In the spring, as restrictions were eased for outdoor events, spectators were allowed at track events and baseball and softball games.

The DOE has removed all requirements for the next school year, Brown said, although schools will have the option of requiring masks as they see fit.

The Auburn school committee has made tentative plans for the upcoming year, but won’t announce a final decision until later in the summer, as pandemic conditions continue to evolve, Brown said. It is not clear at this time whether masks will be required for Auburn students in the fall.

The expectation is that students will be in school five days a week in the fall, she said.

With children under 12 not yet being vaccinated, the school district will continue to monitor students for illness. However, COVID-19 is just one of several illnesses that children can catch, so staff members will be looking for students with symp-

toms of any kind. As children inevitably fall ill, they will be tested to determine the cause of that illness, and schools will make decisions on how to address the needs of those sick students and their classmates.

New High School

The school district recently broke ground for a new building to replace the current building at Edward Little High School.

The \$105-million project will take about two years to complete, and is expected to open for students in the fall of 2023..

The new building is being placed on space behind the high school, and the current building will eventually be demolished to be replaced by athletic fields. Those fields will be created starting in 2023 and finished in 2024.

The high school was built on a 56.25-acre site at 77 Harris St. in 1961. The school committee considered 47 locations in the city before settling on the same site in 2018.

AC Dudley Contractors of Standish won the contract for the construction, with only one other bid submitted.

Libby

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carries a provision that would expand the amount of time a minor can spend at an emergency shelter from 30 days to 90 days, which would give shelters more time to find safe and stable housing for the minor

Workforce Training

A \$535,000 grant from Ascendium Education Group to The Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges is seeding a \$1.2 million Remote Work for ME project at Maine’s community colleges. The project provides rural Maine residents with free training so they can pursue remote work opportunities.

The grant — supplemented with \$400,000 from the Maine Community College System, \$208,000 from the Foundation and \$75,000 from John T. Gorman Foundation — will provide training for more than 700 people over the next three years.

Remote Work for ME courses begin in January 2022.

All training is free for participants, with scholarships available for computers, related software, and internet connectivity on an as-needed basis.

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

Guest Essay

A season without a live play

From Public Theatre

LEWISTON - Although we think of ourselves as creative people, none of us were able to imagine what a season without producing a live play would look like.

Instead of producing shows, we wrote grants, helped keep the Arts alive in schools by teaching free ZOOM theatre classes for students from Rangely to Scarborough, used our actors to create videos of children’s books to share with our libraries, and a year later, negotiated permission to show you the video we captured of I AND YOU after having to cancel the production.

It’s been a year of dancing with uncertainty, learning new skills, and discovering unexpected blessings such as the outpouring of support from people like you who sustained our spirits and our organization during this challenging time.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We cannot say this enough.

As we begin to make

plans to reopen in the fall, we continue to rely on your support and commitment to The Public Theatre. There is much to do as we make upgrades to our HVAC system and address the various protocols that will ensure the safety of our actors, volunteers, staff, and patrons.

As our fiscal year comes to an end, we ask you to please consider making a one-time or recurring donation of any size.

We are confident that as we emerge from isolation the theatre will play an important role in reminding us all how to connect, how to laugh, and how to celebrate our shared humanity.

We look forward to announcing our plans for the new season and seeing you once again at the Theatre.

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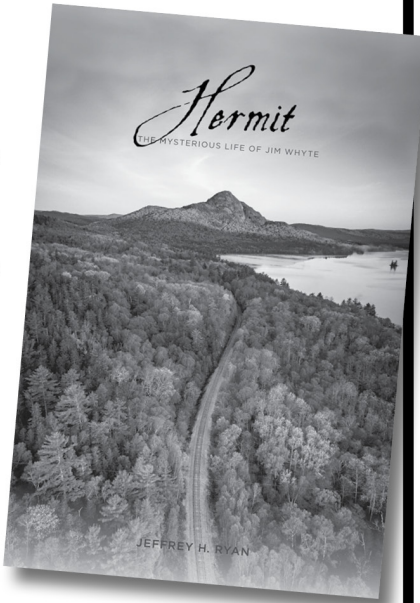
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Students graduate and on Deans' Lists

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Auburn students named to the Dean's List are Zachary Gagne, International Studies, son of Lori-Ann Gagne and William Gagne; and Piper Norcross, Libl Studies/Education, daughter of Kristi Huard-Norcross and Craig Norcross.

Lewiston students named to the Dean's List are Shannon O'Malley, Exercise Science, daughter of Joni O'Malley and Brian O'Malley; and Lexi Poulin, Interior Architecture, daughter of Alicia Poulin and Mitch Poulin.

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Fairfield University Dean's List
FAIRFIELD, CT - Fairfield University awarded Deans List Honors for

the Spring 2021 semester to Eisa Lee of Lewiston.

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

Endicott College Graduate
BEVERLY, MA - Endicott College's undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students participated in a commencement ceremony on May 22 at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly.

The commencement speaker was Dana Bash, CNN's Chief Political Correspondent and Co-Author of State of the Union

with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, who provided a virtual address. Bash received an honorary Doctor of Journalism, which was accepted on her behalf by Melissa Hempstead '69, Chair of the Endicott College Board of Trustees.

Shannon O'Malley of Lewiston received her Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science.

Lehigh University Graduates
BETHLEHEM, PA - During Commencement ceremonies on May 24, Lehigh University conferred 1,295 Bachelor's degrees, 549 Master's degrees and 104 Doctoral degrees.

Of the nearly 2,000 graduates, degree recipients came from 45 states and 36 countries outside of the United States.

Nathan Osgood of Lewiston received a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics degree with a major in Accounting.

Jakob Donoghue of Kittery Point received a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Humanities/Engineering degree with Honors.

Marley O'Neil of Lincolnville received a Bachelor of Science in Earth & Environmental Science.

Elijah Kropp of Wales received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provides opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

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Roger Williams
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Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Named to the Dean's List were Isabella Blessington of Harpswell, Courtney Caouette of Greene, Takara McDermott of Wells, Olivia Mora of Windham, Dana Nichols of Windham, Molly Obrien of N Waterboro, David Ouellette of Wells, Ashley Pollock of Berwick, Molly Sweet of Westbrook, and Brenden Whitten of Kennebunk.


Recent graduates from Roger Williams include Madyson Ljunggren of Standish with a B.S. in Architecture; Takara McDermott of Wells, Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in International Business; Michael Moore of Gorham, Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Cybersecurity & Networking; Olivia Mora of Windham, Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Architecture; Dana Nichols of Windham, Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Construction Mgmt.; David Ouellette of Wells, Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Finance; Ashley Pollock of Berwick, Cum Laude with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and B.S. in Cybersecurity & Networking; and Tyler Richman of Gorham with a B.A. in Environmental Science.

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Dean College spring Dean's List
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Named to the Dean's list were Adam Canfield of Fryeburg, Margaret Christie of Rockport, Kalen Darney of Thomaston, Madeline Fenlason of Winthrop, Madison Grass of Vassalboro, Elisha Lasure of Bowdoinham, Makenzie Margerison of Durham, Hannah Ranco of Bridgton, Sarah Tajonera of New Gloucester, and Emily Thompson of New Gloucester.



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1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS
11:30 a.m.
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a 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 and ready to hand you your

Calendar

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.

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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 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 – Art in the Park – Baxter Memorial Library. 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 outdoor programming, 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.
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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.
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AUBURN - Cable TV Advisory Board Meeting
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FRIDAY
July 2
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
GORHAM - Shaw Park- Nature Bingo. Join Mr. Jeff for Nature Walks throughout the summer. He will be leading these programs in different parks throughout Greater Gorham. Each one will begin at 10:30am. We plan on spending 45 minutes per excursion. All ages
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Rain date: July 9-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY
July 5
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TUESDAY
July 6
5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community

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

THURSDAY
July 8
10:30 a.m.-Noon
GORHAM - Art in the Park - Baxter Memorial Library. 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 outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. All ages.
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MONDAY
July 12
9:30-9:50 a.m.
GORHAM - Babies on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. 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.
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