

Lewiston and Auburn celebrate our Liberty



By Nathan Tsukroff

LEWISTON/AUBURN – Sister cities Lewiston and Auburn celebrated the Fourth of July with the Liberty Festival, finishing off the weekend with a fireworks

display over Great Falls on Monday night.

Lewiston shut down Court Street and Maine Street by Veterans Memorial Park, and residents from both cities filled the park and all four lanes of the bridge over the Androscoggin River.

There was not a Liberty Festival last year, due to the pandemic, and this year's festival did not include vendors, music or other events.

Central Maine Pyrotechnics put on
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Del Mar at Craft Brew on Saturday



Zenobia Del Mar will make her way from Boston to Craft Brew Underground on Court Street in Auburn on Saturday for a comedy show that also features Jeff Medoff and April O'Connor. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event Comedy)

From Maine Event

AUBURN (July 2, 2021) - Maine Event Comedy presents Boston's Zenobia Del Mar at Craft Brew Underground at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The show will also feature Jeff Medoff and April O'Connor.

As honest as she is funny, Del Mar started her comedy career in 2012 and has since taken the stage at some of the best clubs in the country. She's performed everywhere from Caroline's in New York City to the World Famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles. Her debut album "Reckless with the Truth" received rave reviews and is available for download on all major platforms.

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.

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

Business leaders receive LA Metro awards



Theresa Samson (left) is shown with Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus, recipient of the 2021 Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award. (Photo by Kait Gallagher, Ginger-Snap Rentals)

LEWISTON - At its Annual Awards Celebration the last week of June, the LA Metro Chamber presented Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus, with the 2021 Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award.

Sawyer-Manter has been the President and CEO of SeniorsPlus since 2009. During her tenure, the nonprofit's annual budget has grown from \$19 million to \$34 million as SeniorsPlus added new services including Fiscal Intermediary services, Veterans Independence Program, Dementia Capable Maine, Money Minders, and enhanced Education Center offerings.

Sawyer-Manter is a founding member of the Maine Council on Aging and is active in many committees and work groups at the state level.

The Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award honors a successful woman business owner or primary manager for her business success, career achievements and contributions to the community. Businesses led by women are, and will continue to have, a noticeable impact on the economy. This annual award helps inspire the continued growth of women leading businesses in our community.

The LA Metro Chamber serves the greater Lewiston-Auburn metropolitan area. The Annual Awards Celebration took place at the Poland Spring Resort and was attended by more than 200 people.

Established in 1972 and headquartered in Lewiston, SeniorsPlus is the West-

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Guest Column

Legislature finishing work for the summer



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

From Sen. Nate Libby

Dear Friend,

After a string of long days and nights, the Legislature wrapped the bulk of its work for the summer. We still have a few tasks to finish, including voting on a supplemental budget proposal, which we'll do on June 30. But for now, it's

nice to have some time off to breathe and spend time in the community.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, my colleagues and I were able to accomplish a lot for the people of Maine, including my bill, LD 1649, designed to help make it easier for people with intellectual disabilities or autism to have adequate modifications made to their living space. I want to thank everyone who shared their thoughts, perspective and expertise over the last few months. Without your input, I'd truly be flying blind. Hearing from you helps me represent your best interests in the State House.

As always, if you need anything or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me at nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov or 207-287-1515.

Price transparency

Two bills sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic,

and Sen. Cathy Breen, D-Falmouth, that sought to improve prescription drug price transparency and create an emergency insulin program, were signed into law by Gov. Janet Mills yesterday. The two bills — LDs 686 and 673 — were part of our Making Health Care Work for Maine package designed to reduce health care costs and rein in the price of prescription medication.

The new law from Sen. Vitelli builds on her previous efforts to strengthen drug price transparency laws, allowing lawmakers to close loopholes, rein in costs and identify bad actors. The new law from Sen. Cathy Breen would make an emergency 30-day supply of insulin available to eligible Mainers at any pharmacy for less than \$35. This bill will save lives. However, our work to combat rising prescription drug prices is not over.

Two bills remain on the governor's desk await-

ing her signature. These bills aim to clamp down on price gouging and unsupported drug price increases. Maine seniors and working families are counting on the entire Making Health Care Work for Maine package to become law.

Child tax credit

For households with children, the American Rescue Plan increased the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child for children over the age of 6, and from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6, and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. All working families will get the full credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent.

If you've filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020, or if you signed up to receive a stimulus check from the IRS, you'll get this tax relief automatically. If you didn't make enough to file taxes in 2020 or 2019, you can still get these benefits.

Go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/child-tax-credit/sign-up/> to sign up. You can receive this tax relief directly to your bank account, or mailed to you as a check.

Riverfest

On July 24 and 25, the Androscoggin Riverfest is coming to the Lewiston-Auburn area, with two full days of river-based activities.

Last summer, the L/A Metro Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Androscoggin Land Trust (ALT) for the ALT RiverRace. Unfortunately, the race never happened as a result of the pandemic.

This summer, however, members of the community can look forward to two different events on Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25: the Riverfest Regatta and the 2021 RiverRace.

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

Business Contest with over \$70K Prize

From LA Metro Chamber

LEWISTON - The Downtown Lewiston Association along with the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce last week launched JumpstartME, a competition to attract high quality, viable businesses to the Lewiston Downtown Business District.

Aimed at businesses in the food and beverage industry, the competition is open to established and startup businesses alike

that contribute to and draw from foot traffic.

"The Lewiston Downtown Business District is a vibrant place, dotted with shops and eateries. We are looking for our newest neighbor to continue the momentum and add to the options in the district" said Michael Dostie, President of the Downtown Lewiston Association.

"This competition makes it easy for a business to get established in a new location, with free base rent for a year, marketing, and

more included in the prize package!"

The winner will receive free base rent at 120 Lisbon Street for a year, \$50,000 in marketing and branding from national firm Rinck Advertising, legal services for a year from Skelton, Taintor & Abbott, \$2,500 of financial systems establishment from Austin Associates, and a year's membership with the Downtown Lewiston Association, LA Metro Chamber, and Androscoggin Network Builders, a total value of about \$70,000..

"Businesses that are considering an added location take risks to expand. This competition removes most of the risks involved and makes a move to Lewiston's Lisbon street both feasible and attractive", said LA Metro Chamber President and CEO Shanna Cox. "The downtowns of Auburn and Lewiston are vibrant, walkable, active areas, and the Downtown Lewiston Association's commitment to this contest will encourage folks to


take a second look at Lisbon Street — an area great for businesses and customers alike!"

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through Aug. 15. Applicants meeting the criteria will be invited to apply to the second phase, which has a Sept. 3 deadline.

Questions may be directed to info@lametrochamber.com. The full application, overview, criteria, and FAQ's are available at <https://lametrochamber.com/jumpstartme/>


An organization of community-minded businesses that serves Lewiston, Auburn, and surrounding communities, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is an engine for economic vitality and enhanced quality of life. Through issues advocacy, workforce development, and professional networking, the LA Metro Chamber helps business and community build, lead, and thrive. Learn more at www.lametrochamber.com

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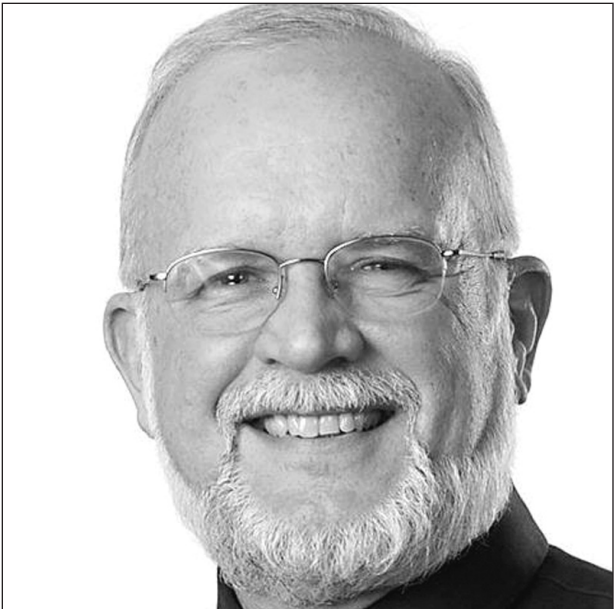
From Sen. Ned Claxton

Sometimes it's easy to lose faith in government. Seemingly endless bickering, petty disagreements and stalemates can get in the way of good work. It's why when I ran for office, I committed myself to doing things differently. I promised myself and my constituents that I would work with Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike; listen to all opinions; and work together to compromise so we can make real progress for all Maine people. This isn't always the easiest path, but to me, this strategy produces the best results. A great example of this is in our recent budget deal, which we passed on the last day of June. It passed with a unanimous, bipartisan vote in the Appropriations Committee, and a 32-2 vote in the Senate. This budget is a tremendous achievement that's going to do a lot of good for folks across the state. The budget gets at

some of the most pressing issues Mainers are facing today. One of those, which I hear about frequently from constituents, is rising property taxes. To address this problem, the budget takes the crucial step to restore revenue sharing to 4.5 percent in 2022 and 5 percent in 2023. This means more state revenue will be flowing back to municipalities so they can fund their essential services without the need to raise revenue through increased taxes. We also increased the Homestead Exemption, so now homeowners can take \$25,000 off the value of their property and only pay taxes on the remaining value. We also expanded the Property Tax Fairness Credit to an additional 83,000 Mainers and increased the amount seniors can claim. High property taxes are a huge issue, and this budget delivers needed relief. This budget also supports our senior citizens and the folks who care for them. We put \$20 million toward our senior living facilities and nursing homes, which will then be

matched by \$70 million in federal funds. This will do a lot to support these critical facilities that are there for our most vulnerable population. The budget also raises the MaineCare reimbursement rate for those in the essential support and direct care profession, a point I am particularly proud of. These are some of the hardest-working and caring individuals; dedicating themselves to the lives of those they care for. They have been long overdue for a raise, and I'm proud that we could deliver. We also made sure to recognize the everyday, hardworking Mainers who kept our state running throughout the pandemic. Individuals who made \$75,000 or less and joint filers who made \$150,000 or less will receive a one-time, \$300 "hazard payment." I know there are many in our state who had to empty their savings because of the pandemic, and I know this will help. Finally, we reached a historic landmark and will finally fund 55 percent of the cost of our public K-12

education. The state has failed to meet this requirement since it was first established by referendum in 2004. Seventeen years later, this is finally changing, and will help ensure our students have ample resources in school and that our teachers are paid what they deserve. These are just a few of the highlights from the budget agreement that we reached. I am very proud of all the work that went into this, and know it will do a lot of good for folks across Maine. We have shown that when we put our heads down, work together and have those tough conversations, we can deliver real results for Mainers. I intend to continue working this way throughout my time serving you in the Maine Senate. Don't hesitate to contact me 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.



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

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Lewiston Library events this summer

From Lewiston Library continues with its series of events for families, adults and children throughout the summer.

This year's theme is "Tails and Tales," for the 2021 Summer Reading program at Lewiston Public Library. The program runs through August 7, with reading programs for children, teens, and adults.

See the library website for more information and calendars:

KIDS programming 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

Call 207-513-3134 or email lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov with any questions.

CHILDREN/FAMILY

Sparks' Ark LIVE in Kennedy Park - July 16 at 5 p.m. 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 at 10:30 a.m. No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Stargazing in Kennedy Park - August 6 at 8 p.m. No reservations required. In case of rain, program will be streamed LIVE on Facebook from the library.

Every Tuesday 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Lewiston Public Library - Virtual

al 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!

All You Can Game, an ongoing, online game night. Try a little of everything as we test out a sampling of different games throughout the summer, including Among Us, Jackbox Games, and more. Hop on Discord for a new multiplayer game every other week, June through August.

Because of max player limits, we request that interested players give us a heads up in advance. Email us at lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov, send us a message on our [atplonline](https://www.instagram.com/atplonline) Instagram, or get in touch with Teen Library staff on our Discord server to reserve your seat.

Wednesday, July 21 at 4:30 p.m. - Scribbl.io (Pictionary)

Wednesday, August 4 at 4:30 p.m. - TBD

Wednesday, August 18 at 4:30 p.m. - TBD

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From Job Corps

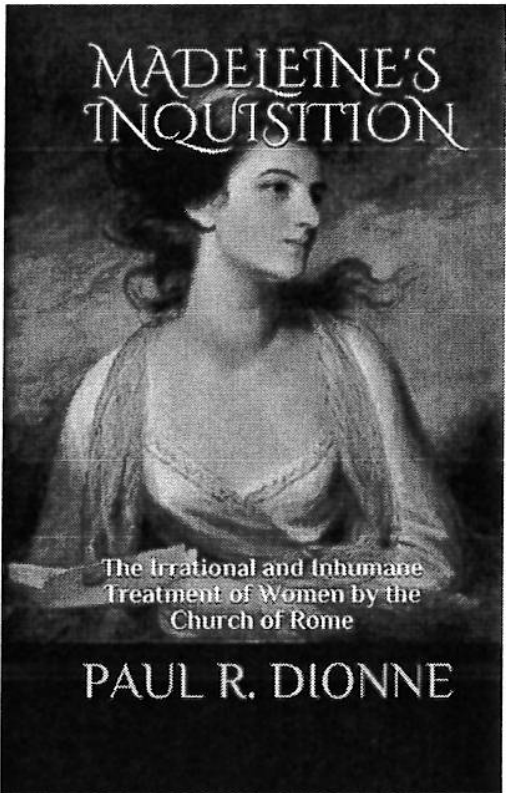
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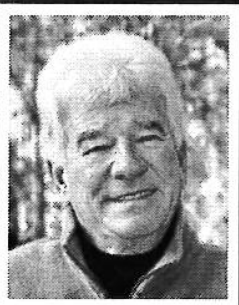
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Job Corps members will have help with job placement when they complete the program.

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A New Novel by Paul Dionne



About the book:

Madeleine Moreau, poverty stricken and alone, struggles to provide for herself and her children, her future bleak, foreboding and empty. She draws strength in her darkest hour when the Monsignor of Paris charges her with witchcraft and threatens to tear her family apart. The novel follows the lives of Madeleine Moreau and her antagonist, the Monsignor of Paris... Marc Moreau, Madeleine's husband, and his journey home from Russia following Napoleon's defeat... Madame Leblanc and her disavowal of aristocracy for the cause of liberty... Michel Bois, a popular French sculptor, who forsakes Madeleine for the salvation of France... and the two young priests, whose lives are changed by the chronicles of witchcraft, the vestiges of the Inquisition and the inhumane treatment of women by the Church - bringing them to moral crossroads where each must choose his or her own destiny. Influenced by the enlightened philosophers of the times, these characters uncover the bigotry of the Church, suffer religious persecution and experience the horrors of war.

Background:

As an avocation, for over twenty years, the author has researched the role of women in the Early Church and the scandal of their subordination in the rise of Christianity. This resulted in his first work entitled *The Priestess and the Pope*. *Madeleine's Inquisition*, a sequel, bolsters the already persuasive case of the leadership role of women and sets forth the injustice, superstition and the inhumanity of the Church towards women. As a decorated combat veteran, the author felt compelled to deal with the horrors and the aftermath of war in an era plagued by constant wars.

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Women’s barbershop chorus fundraiser

From Maine-ly Harmony

B R U N S W I C K - Good news from the Maine-ly Harmony women’s barbershop chorus! We are singing together again and eager to share our music in the near future with all the wonderful folks in Maine - especially the elderly in nursing homes and residential housing. The best we could do during the worst of the pandemic was send them videos of our members singing

holiday songs at Christmas and Valentine’s Day. In order to accomplish these goals and meet expenses, we are hosting our annual yard sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. The outdoor sale will again take place at Hill Gardens owned by Fred and Linda Davis on Rt. 3 in Palermo. Chorus members contribute a variety of items, and they most likely will be singing during the event.

And ladies, it’s a good opportunity to sing with us and share our love of harmony! Call Jenny Clair at 207-441-2816 or Lea Davis at 207-512-0232 for more information. Maine-ly Harmony is an a cappella women’s chorus directed by Kathy Greason of Brunswick. Members hail from several counties around the state, singing the barbershop style of four-part harmony. The chorus was chartered

in 1989 and is a chapter of Harmony Inc., an international organization encompassing the United States and Canada that offers competitions, coaching and educational classes. The group has been honored to open the Legislative session at the State House in Augusta with the National Anthem, as well as the Portland Sea Dogs. They have enthusiastically helped numerous organizations to fundraise, including the Maine Autism

Society, the Westport Fire Department and Lisbon Area Christian Outreach Food Pantry, and have contributed to special events such as Senior Spectrum’s Lifestyle Expo at the Augusta Civic Center and the Togus Veterans Administration’s 9/11 commemorative services. They have performed at the Marsh River Summer Theater in Brooks, the Waterville Opera House, Jewett Hall on the UMA campus, and the Sawyer

Foundation in Greene. We offer our musical programs at church and civic group organizations, and for the residents of retirement, veterans’ and nursing homes throughout the state. The group is presently rehearsing at the Randolph United Methodist Church, 16 Asbury St., Randolph, from 6 to 8 p.m. but hope to soon move to the Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, 209 Eastern Ave., Augusta in order to rehearse on risers.

Oregon ALS widow riding bike in 50 states



Tami Garner from Oregon will be riding her bike in South Portland on July 14 as part of a national fundraising tour for ALS, in honor of her husband, who died from complications of ALS in March. (Photo courtesy of Tami Garner)

From Team Gary 2021
SCAPPOOSE, OR - Gary Garner, a Navy veteran, died on March 20, two years after his ALS diagnosis. Within days of his death, his wife Tami Garner, 53, set forth an ambitious plan to fulfill his bucket list wish, to ride her bike in all 50 states in his honor. Garner will be riding the South Portland Greenbelt on July 14, and welcomes all who would join her, or would like to meet her. “So often we put limitations on ourselves, and I want to show that whatever contribution we can

make to our world is valuable, and possible,” she said. “I’ve learned in this last two years that sometimes you have to persevere through the rain to find the beauty within.” Her mission is to heighten awareness for the disease, and funding not only for the OR/WAAs-sociation, but for research for a cure for the disease to benefit patients worldwide. Garner commemo-

rated May ALS Awareness month by launching the self-funded solo trip on May 1 in her home state of Oregon. Her Chrysler Pacifica van that was equipped with a wheelchair lift for her husband now serves as her tour van. She meets with community organizations and their staff across the USA, many who are interested in her journey for this cause, brainstorming,

exchanging perspective, celebrating victories small and large. She has been a guest speaker at private ALS fundraisers, and has met people in every state whose lives have been drastically affected by the disease. Garner’s goal is to raise \$50K for Research for a Cure for ALS, and for the Oregon/SW Washington Chapter of ALS Association.

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Thanks to the generous support of our Community Partner Norway Savings Bank, scholarship opportunities are available. For more information, email staff@CelebrationBarn.com.

All classes take place at Celebration Barn Theater. Space is limited to 10 students per class. COVID-19 precautions will be in place.

To purchase tickets or register for events, visit www.CelebrationBarn.com. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris, Maine.

Celebration Barn Theater is Maine’s center for physical theater training, creation, and performance. The Barn’s mission is to inspire creativity and community by harnessing the power of live performance. www.CelebrationBarn.com

From Celebration Barn

SOUTH PARIS - Celebration Barn Theater presents Brent McCoy’s The Real McCoy Show on the Barn’s outdoor open-air stage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 17.

Featuring original comedy, diablo, juggling, breakdancing and participation from the audience, the show is an entertainment experience for all ages.

Brent McCoy has been on the prestigious Faneuil Hall Street Performers roster since 2009.

A native of Northeast Kingdom, Vermont, he studied fine arts and juggling at Bates College, trained at Celebration Barn Theater, and has traveled and performed around the world.

Tickets to The Real McCoy Show are available for \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors (60+), and \$8 for kids (17 and under). Bring your own chair, or purchase tickets early for limited reserved seating. Tickets are general admission. Box office and concessions open at 6:30 PM. Purchasing tickets in advance is

strongly recommended.

Early in the day, young performers have a chance to explore the stage with two special camps with the Barn’s Executive Artistic Director, Amanda Huotari.

“Circus Fun” runs 10-11:15 a.m. for ages 6-8. It offers a chance to play, circus-style. Students will learn balancing tricks, scarf juggling, and fun ways to delight their audience at home! Tuition includes a Circus-to-Go kit and portrait photo.

“Theater and Improv: Make Your Own

CMCC Open House on July 13

From CMCC

AUBURN - Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will host its annual Summer Open House for prospective students and their families next Tuesday, July 13, from 2-6 p.m. at its lake-side campus at 1250 Turner Street in Auburn.

This summer’s open house will provide an exciting opportunity to learn about the College’s new degree programs in Social Science, Conservation Law Enforcement, and Exercise Science. In addition to having all academic programs, student organizations, and athletics represented, staff members and students will be ready to assist with the admissions and financial aid application processes.

All who attend the open house can take a

guided tour of the campus or simply visit certain programs, services, or housing facilities.

Light refreshments will be provided.

CMCC offers more than 40 degree programs and certificates that prepare graduates for immediate employment, or to transfer to a four-year institution. In addition to on-campus housing and a large number of student clubs and activities, the College offers competitive athletic teams in basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, track and cross-country for women, and in basketball, baseball, soccer, cross-country, track and ice hockey for men.

For more information about CMCC, the open house, or for directions to the campus, please contact the College at (207) 755-5273, enroll@cmcc.edu, or visit www.cmcc.edu.

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From Husson U.

BANGOR - Hannaford Supermarkets and Husson University are working together to help Hannaford's employees earn professional certificates, undergraduate degrees and graduate degrees.

Students have the choice of taking courses online or attending classes at Husson University's Bangor, Maine campus.

"With more than 180 stores and nearly 30,000 associates located in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, Hannaford employees are spread out over a sizeable geographic area," said Marie Hansen, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP, dean of the College of Business and the New England School of Communications (NE-SCom) at Husson University. "Our robust online capabilities and our Bangor, Maine campus are ideally suited to help these busy professionals successfully access the kinds of advanced education that can lead to career success."

Any Hannaford employee who meets the company's employment requirements, and who then successfully applies to Husson University and is enrolled in a non-capped undergraduate or graduate degree program, can receive a 15% discount on tuition. This includes Husson University's popular Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. More students in Maine choose to get their MBA from Husson University than any other college or university in the state.

Husson University's online undergraduate degree offerings include programs in accounting, business administration, marketing, psychology, legal studies, and criminal justice, to name a few. The University also offers a variety of graduate degree programs online. These degree programs include master's degrees in business administration with concentrations in risk management, entrepreneurship, healthcare and business analytics. For a full list of Husson University's on-line degree programs visit <http://bitly.ws/fimm>

"Husson University is helping Hannaford provide a cost-effective option for our associates to pursue higher education and skill development," said Matthew Rothman, manager of early talent development at Hannaford. "Partnering locally and extending advancement opportunities to our associates is another example of how Hannaford shows care for our associates and our community."

Hannaford employees who are interested in earning a pharmacy graduate degree will be eligible to receive a 10% discount, provided they meet Hannaford's employment requirements and are accepted into the program, after successfully applying to Husson University.

In addition to these discounts, Hannaford employees will be eligible to have their application fee waived if they follow Husson's admission procedures and agree to become a continuing education undergraduate or graduate student at the University.

Those Hannaford employees who have already completed a bachelor's degree from a recognized, accredited institution are welcome to apply to Husson's graduate degree programs. As an added benefit to students pursuing an MBA, Husson University will offer a leveling course that can be taken online.

Hannaford employees that have completed some college coursework have the opportunity to reduce the cost of their education further by applying for transfer credit. Individuals interested in applying for undergraduate transfer credits should contact Transfer Admissions by calling 207.941.7024 or emailing Stephanie Cadwell, the associate director of transfer admissions at cadwells@husson.edu.

"Husson University is the home of Maine's largest College of Business, with over 1,400 students enrolled in our business programs. We've been providing business education for over 123 years," continued Hansen. "In addition to offering a high quality education, Husson University degrees are affordable. That's makes Husson University an incredible value and the smart choice for business education."

Qualifying Hannaford employees can also enroll in any of Husson's 48 undergraduate degree and 45 certificate programs available at the University's Bangor, Maine campus. This includes all of the programs offered through Husson's College of Business, College of Health and Pharmacy, College of Science and Humanities and the New England School of Communications (NE-SCom). A complete list of Husson University's undergraduate and graduate degree programs can be found at <http://bitly.ws/fimm>

Hannaford Supermarkets, based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 184 stores in the Northeast. Stores are located in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Hannaford employs nearly 30,000 associates. Additional information can be found at Hannaford.com.

For more than 120 years, Husson University has shown its adaptability and strength in delivering educational programs that prepare future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees.. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

Maine Oyster Trail kicks off

From Maine Aqua

HALLOWELL - The Maine Oyster Trail, a new interactive guide to oyster experiences in Maine, was launched in mid-June.

The Maine Oyster Trail is the first interactive, incentive-based oyster trail in the U.S., and features 75 Maine businesses which offer authentic and unique oyster experiences.

It is being spearheaded by the Maine Aquaculture Association with generous support from Maine Sea Grant, the Maine Office of Tourism, and the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center.

The Trail connects visitors and locals to oyster farm tours, raw bars and mobile shuck trucks, charter tours and kayak excursions, and opportunities to buy oysters directly from farmers along the Maine coast.

There are two distinct features on the Trail website that make it interactive, fun, and easy to use. The Trail's interactive Trip Planner allows users to build their own custom trail based on the types of experiences and coastal regions they're interested in.

While traveling the Trail, visitors can use the digital Oyster Passport to check-in at participating businesses, track visits, complete challenges, and redeem check-ins for Maine Oyster Trail swag. Check out the new Trail at maineoystertrail.com.

There will be a public launch event in July.

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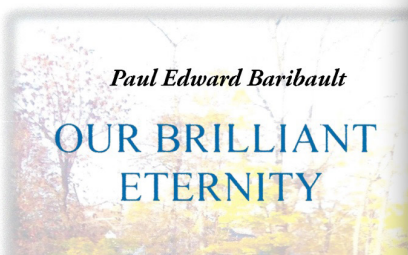
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Liberty Festival
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the fireworks from the Auburn side of the falls, near the railway track that crosses the top of the falls.

Hundreds of people filled the park on the Lewiston side of the river, with others standing on the bridge and watching from the Riverwalk trail on the Auburn side.

The fireworks had been scheduled for Friday night, and were postponed to Monday because of a passing storm.



Families in Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston enjoy the fireworks display over Great Falls on Monday night at then of the Liberty Festival in Lewiston and Auburn. (Tsukroff photo)



Families sat on blankets and lawn chairs watch the Liberty Festival fireworks display over Great Falls on the Androscoggin River on Monday night. (Tsukroff photo)



Emma Pollard of Lewiston enjoys the Liberty Festival fireworks Monday night in Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston along with family friend Monica Field and her father, Tony Pollard. Families filled the park and the Court Street bridge, as well as streets and the Riverwalk on the Auburn side of the Androscoggin River to enjoy the display. The fireworks were moved from Friday to Monday, due to a passing storm. (Tsukroff photo)



The cities of Auburn and Lewiston shut down the Court Street bridge over the Androscoggin River so families could view the Liberty Festival fireworks over Great Falls on Monday evening. (Tsukroff photo)




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ern Maine designated Area Agency on Aging covering Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties.

Chamber Champion

Jennifer Hogan of Community Credit Union received the Chamber’s highest honor as the recipient of the Ray Geiger-Chamber Champion award.

The Ray Geiger Award is the highest honor given to a member by the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. It is the chamber’s most prestigious award. It is given to an individual who has proven to be a champion of and for the Chamber. The award is presented to an individual who has invested a great deal of time, energy, and resources into furthering the chamber’s mission and working toward bettering our communities.

Hogan served two terms as Board Chair of the Chamber, and has mentored new Board Members and Committee Chairs throughout her years of volunteer work for the Chamber.

Leading Through Change

John Alexander, MD, from Central Maine Healthcare, was awarded the Chamber’s new Leading Through Change Award.

That new award is for a Chamber member whose leadership excelled at navigating the uncertainty and unpredictability of 2020,

who displayed adaptive qualities and acted nimbly to respond to the needs of their team and/or community, and who led with both confidence and vulnerability.

In nominating Dr. Alexander, CMHC Senior Vice-President Steven Littelson said that even before Maine’s first COVID-19 case arrived on the doorstep of Central Maine Medical Center last March, Dr. Alexander was a passionate champion in leading the fight against the virus. He led the health system’s efforts to care for patients with the virus while making sure the system could continue providing critical healthcare services for other patients during a very stressful and confusing time.

In addition, Dr. Alexander became the point of contact for the Lewiston-Auburn community, giving generously of his time and expertise to educate and reassure elected officials, first responders and business leaders. In the first months of the pandemic, Dr. Alexander led CMHC’s Incident Command, bringing together the senior leadership team and activating readiness and response efforts.

Community Service

Roger Philippon, with the Community Little Theatre, received the Community Service Award.

He has been a member of CLT for more than 25 years, helping with publicity, chairing CLT’s By-Laws Committee and serving on the board of di-

rectors for CLT.

The Community Service Award honors outstanding individuals or organizations that give their time and expertise to the community, above and beyond their own field of endeavor, and demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in all they do. The recipient is an inspiration to the community, both in their profession and in their efforts to make the LA region a better place to live, work and play.

Business Leadership

Jules Paltry received the Business Leadership Award as the owner of DaVinci’s Eatery, located in the historic Bates Mill Complex on Mill Street in Lewiston.

The award is presented to A business, agency, organization, community or non-profit corporation which has helped invigorate the economic health of the area while also contributing to the social, cultural, intellectual or physical well-being of the LA region.

In nominating Paltry, Michael Dostie said, “Jules exemplifies the type of developer the city of Lewiston desperately needs. He is a man of the community supporting many of our local nonprofits and events but more than that he is a community minded developer. His recent project at 199 Lisbon street reignites a long stagnant property in the heart of our downtown.”

President’s Award

Alex McMahan and

Allison Carmen from The Healing Community MEDCo received the President’s Award, which is given by the LA Metro Chamber president to an individual or organization for an outstanding achievement or recognizable contribution.

Shann Cox, President and CEO of the Chamber, said she nominated the two because MEDCo became a regional leader in 2020, and even as a new member sought to dedicate themselves to the communities they are in, and to the Chamber and our mission. “As the pandemic bore down upon the people in our area, MEDCo created The Healing Community Food Challenge. MEDCo would commit gift cards to grocery stores near people who had been affected by shutdowns, pairing up with case workers, local employers and the Chamber. The Chamber challenged our members to donate, with MEDCo matching dollar for dollar. We raised over \$5,000 in a few short weeks, with MEDCo’s \$5,000 match, we put \$10,000+ of groceries onto peoples dinner tables when they needed it most.”

Small Business Advocacy

Polylabs was awarded the Ken Addition-Small Business Advocacy award, which goes

to an individual who has demonstrated commitment to small-business advocacy above and beyond policies that specifically impact their own business or industry and a proven history of volunteer efforts to advance and improve the overall small-business community. In addition, success in advocating for pro-small business policies and success and growth as a small-business.

According to the anonymous nomination, in late summer 2020 Anania Associates learned that long time manufacturer Jones and Vining had announced they were closing their Lewiston facility, gave notice to customers to place their last orders, and informed local workers they were going to be laid off.

Anania & Associates saw value where J & V did not and quickly moved to line up the financing needed to acquire the real estate and equipment. In approx-

imately 2 months they lined up the financing with FAME, South Park Development Corporation, and private investors and closed on a \$5.5 million deal They reached out to staff asking them to stay, and to customers, letting them know the plant would remain operational under new ownership. Customer and staff responded well. Employment since the change of ownership in November 2020 has doubled (from mid 20 to over 50 employees) and continues to grow. Trust was re-established with existing customers and new markets are being opened. Anania & Associates followed a similar playbook with Elmet Technologies, saving it from bank liquidation, empowering a local management team, and providing guidance and support as the company found new markets needing its expertise manufacturing with tungsten and molybdenum.

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Donors asked to Give Blood to Give Time

From Red Cross

PORTLAND – The American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to encourage people across the country to Give Blood to Give Time and ensure loved ones have the strength and support needed as they undergo cancer treatment.

According to the American Cancer Society, many patient visits and procedures were forced to delay or cancel early in the pandemic to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

With procedures resuming, blood donations are critical for cancer treatments. Unfortunately, the Red Cross is seeing fewer blood and platelet donors give as the nation begins to climb out of this pandemic. This downturn comes at a time when the Red Cross continues to see strong demand for blood products including platelets by hospitals, causing concern for the sufficiency of the blood supply this month and throughout the summer.

The Red Cross currently has an emergency need for eligible donors in the Portland area to make an appointment now to give platelets to ensure critical patient needs are met. Platelets, the clotting portion of blood primarily given to cancer patients during treatment, must be transfused within five days of donation and, therefore, are always in great demand.

“Many cancer patients, especially those going through chemotherapy,

will have a need for blood products during treatment,” said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross. “When someone donates blood or platelets, they may not only help prevent life-threatening bleeding that can cause stroke or relieve some symptoms, like shortness of breath and headaches, but also give patients and their families the time and hope they need to fight back.”

Some types of chemotherapy can damage bone marrow, reducing red blood cell and platelet production. Other times, the cancer itself or surgical procedures cause the need for blood products. About six blood products are needed every minute to help someone going through cancer treatment.

Yet only 3% of people in the U.S. give blood. It is vital that more people donate blood and platelets regularly to meet that need.

To schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment, visit GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

“The need for blood in cancer treatments is an important and untold story,” said Howard Byck, senior vice president of corporate and sports alliances, American Cancer Society. “The American Cancer Society is excited to be working with the Red Cross on Give Blood to Give Time. Through this partnership, we want people to know there are multiple ways they can help and make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families.”

Guest Column May I have a word?

By Grammar Guy

The Oxford English Dictionary is at it again, welcoming a fresh batch of words into its hallowed halls. In all, 700 words and meanings (senses) got added to the OED in June. Here are some of the highlights.

Amirite: a colloquial interjection that is a variant of “am I right?” At first glance, I thought this was one of the groups who fought against the Israelites in the Bible.

Cardstock: the stuff that always jams the printer. No, I did not want to print my expense report on 24 lb. salmon cardstock.

Festie: a person who enjoys attending festivals. Many festies were duped when they bought tickets for the Fyre Festival back in 2017.

Glitter bomb: a shower of glitter thrown onto someone, as a prank or protest. You can also mail someone a glitter bomb by simply filling the envelope with glitter.

Slow clap: a steady clap to indicate a sort of sarcastic acknowledgment. During the virtual meeting, our entire office slow-clapped to the point of a standing slow clap ovation when Debbie finally figured out how to unmute herself.

Social distance: to keep distance from another person in order to avoid catching or transmitting an infectious disease. My friends have been socially distancing themselves from me for years.

Staycation: a vacation where you don’t go anywhere. Because people haven’t been traveling up until recently, staycations have helped many people keep their sanity. You can only stay in your house for so long.

Unmute: this has been a musical term up until the recent popularity of meetings over video conference programs such as Zoom. When you’re “on mute,” no one can hear you even though you are talking. When you “unmute” yourself, people can hear your great ideas again (for better or for worse).

Voice assistant: voice-activated program or device that responds to queries and commands. Is it just me, or has Alexa gotten way smarter than Siri?

Vote-by-mail: this method of casting a ballot in an election has been around for a while, but it’s just now showing up in the OED. In the 2020 presidential election, 46% of the votes were cast by mail or absentee ballot. In 2016, about 24% of the ballots were vote-by-mail ballots.

Wildland: a region or area in an uncultivated, natural state. Sadly, these areas are shrinking rapidly as humans continue to build more and more mixed-use condos.

Is there a word you’d like to see added to the dictionary? Is there a word you’d like to permanently ban from the dictionary? Feel free to send me an email; just don’t send me a glitter bomb postcard on glossy cardstock from your staycation.

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.

Dunkin’ fundraiser donates \$68K for hospital

From Dunkin’

PORTLAND - The recent Dunkin’ Iced Coffee Day fundraiser in Maine and northern New Hampshire raised \$68,521 for The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

Dunkin’ franchisees throughout Maine and in Coos and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire donated \$1 for every Iced Coffee and Cold Brew sold on May 26 to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH). Maine’s only full-service children’s hospital serves thousands of families from Maine and New Hampshire every year.

The Dunkin’ Iced Coffee Day fundraiser began in 2012 and has contributed more than \$500,000 to the children’s hospital over the past nine years. Funding from Dunkin’ has created an endowment for the hospital-based teacher at BBCH - the only position of its kind at a hospital north of Boston. Dunkin’ funding has also supported the Pediatric Emergency Unit by:

- Increasing Child Life Specialist coverage in the unit to two full-time staff.
- Adding additional sizes of videolaryngoscopes, specialized pediatric intubation equipment, which are especially important in the era of COVID as they limit the risk of exposure to health care workers.
- Adding a new pediatric simulation manikin in the unit for use with pediatric education.
- Providing funding for staff to take a Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse review course.

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Out and About

A banjo player extraordinaire



Peter Mezoian of South Portland presented his Banjo Concert in the Courtyard at Schooner Estates Senior Living Community to a very appreciative audience. Among them were his long-time followers from previous appearances. (Rachel Morin photo)

By Rachel Morin

AUBURN - Peter Mezoian of South Portland, Maine, banjo player extraordinaire, was coming to Schooner Estates in Auburn! He was going to present a live banjo concert in The Courtyard.

We waited for weeks for the good weather to arrive . . .

Dedicated fans from his many banjo concerts over the years waited impatiently for that day. And the perfect day finally arrived on June 24.

Chairs filled quickly as Peter arrived early, setting up his equipment in the Schooner Courtyard.

The assembled audience exchanged tidbits of information they knew about Peter's life and how he arrived at the greatness he had achieved in the banjo-playing musicians' fame. They talked of how he also played for many cruise lines as well as the many concerts across the country.

Peter's life and musical history may be found online, providing almost year-

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This early courtyard audience filled the seats immediately as Peter Mezoian was setting up his equipment for the afternoon Banjo Concert. (Rachel Morin photo)



Anita Taylor and Arlene Cornelio never miss a performance when Peter Mezoian appears with his banjo. (Rachel Morin photo)



Angela Keenan, Susi Warschauer and Georgette Sampson arrived early to get choice seats in the Courtyard. (Rachel Morin photo)



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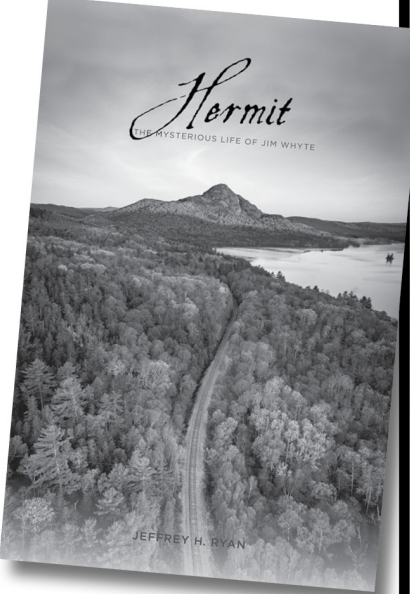
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NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA
ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment
SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the RBS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC. The proposal is for construction of a 2.49-megawatt (MW), ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility (solar farm). NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC has submitted an application to the RBS for funding of the proposal.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Wilson, P.E., Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125, brian.wilson@usda.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC proposes to construct a 2.49-MW solar farm on an approximately 13-acre site which contains cleared and forested areas. Approximately 10 acres of the project site would be disturbed as a result of the construction activities associated with this project. The Proposed Project Area would be located on the north side of Lisbon Road, near the intersection of Lisbon Road and South Lisbon Road in the city of Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine. The Proposed Project would interconnect to the Central Maine Power (CMP) pre-existing electrical distribution system. The power generated from the facility would be sold to CMP through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The Proposed Project would be accessed from Lisbon Road. An interior road would be constructed inside the perimeter and is anticipated to be flat and would match existing grades to minimize earth work. The Proposed Project Area would be secured by a security fence with standard gates for emergency and maintenance vehicle access.
True North Consultants, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RBS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects.
NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, RBS for the construction and operation of a solar farm. The Proposed Project consists of a fixed-tilt solar array installed on ground screws as supports connected to racks of solar panels. The Proposed Project Area is currently undeveloped forestland and agricultural land.
If implemented, the Proposed Project will convert approximately 1,682 ft2 of permanent wetland fill through grubbing for the construction of security fencing and the access road. Additionally, there will be approximately 2,261 ft2 of wetland vegetation removal (i.e., conversion of scrub shrub wetland vegetation to emergent wetland vegetation with no grubbing required). All wetland impact areas, whether conversion or grubbed/fill areas, will be maintained as low growing wet meadow and/or emergent cover types by means of hand trimming or periodic mowing (no more than two times per year) during operations and maintenance in order to keep vegetation from shading the solar array. These wetlands will continue to provide groundwater recharge/discharge, sediment and nutrient removal, wildlife habitat and other valuable functions for the duration of the Proposed Project. Fill associated with the access road, however, will result in permanent loss of wetland function and value. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.
The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767.
For questions regarding this proposal, contact Brian Wilson, P.E., Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125, brian.wilson@usda.gov.
Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by July 15, 2021.
RBS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.
Questions and comments should be sent to RBS at the address provided. RBS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any final action by RBS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.
A general location map of the proposal is shown.

Dated: July 1, 2021



Nomination papers for Lewiston municipal office

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - nomination papers for Lewiston municipal office are available for pick up and circulation by prospective candidates.

Available positions include Mayor, seven City Council seats and eight School Committee seats.

The City Council has one representative from each of the seven city wards serving on the Council.

The School Committee has one representative from each ward as well as one at-large position available. All positions are for a two-year term of office that begins on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

All candidates must be at least 20 years old and must be registered voters of Lewiston.

Candidates for Mayor must submit nomination papers signed by not less than 100 nor more than 200

qualified voters of Lewiston. Persons interested in the at-large seat on the School Committee must submit completed nomination papers signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 qualified voters of Lewiston. Candidates for all other positions must submit nomination papers signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 qualified voters of the respective ward.

Per the City Charter,

all candidates for the position of Mayor must have registered and qualified to vote on or prior to March 3, 2021.

Residents interested in running for the School Committee At Large position must have registered and qualified to vote on or prior to June 3, 2021.

Candidates for all other positions must have registered and qualified to vote in their respective ward on or before June 3, 2021.

Completed nomination papers must be filed with the City Clerk's Office no later than Friday, Sept. 3 by 4:30pm. All candidates are requested to file their nomination papers early in order to provide sufficient time to obtain additional signatures if necessary. The municipal election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Nomination papers may be picked up at the

City Clerk's Office located on the second floor of City Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

More information and the Candidate Instructions are available on the Election page of the City's website at <http://bitly.ws/cNye>.

Questions regarding the procedures for nomination papers or the municipal election process may be directed to the Clerk's Office at 513-3124.

Run for the Cowbells resumes July 10

From Norway Tri

NORWAY - The 14th Annual Norway Triathlon -The Run for the Cowbells - will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 10 at Pennessewassee Park in Norway.

The Tri took place virtually last year due to COVID, and will be adjusted this year to follow Maine CDC guidelines for outdoor sports events and USAT guidelines for multi-sport events.

The field will be limited to 70 bibs (bibs are either for individual or team members).

Sanctioned by the US-ATriathlon, this is a perfect sprint tri for experienced athletes or first-time com-

petitors. The event will include a .75k swim, 18k bike, and 5k run.

Anyone interested in seeing the excitement of a triathlon while assisting the Western Foothills Land Trust, should consider vol-

unteering for the morning. We need helpers on the run and bike courses, and additional kayakers.

To volunteer, please contact sarah@wflmaine.org.


Proceeds will benefit the Western Foothills Land Trust.

Sponsors for this year's event include Norway Savings Bank, New Balance, Cafe Nomad, Evergreen Subaru, Western Maine Health, Oxford Hotel & Casino, Paris Farmers Union, Bancroft Contracting, Black

Dog Timberworks, Healthy Oxford Hills, TruStrength Athletics, Bolster's Decorating, Carter's X-C Ski, Crossway Family Dental, Norway Brewing Company, Oxbow Brewing, True North Adventureware, WJ Wheeler & Co. Inc., Wood's Lawn Company, 290 Main, CEBE, and Fare Share Food Co-op.

Individuals and teams of all abilities are encouraged to compete.


For information or to register for the event go to: www.norwaytri.com.




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The 14th Annual Norway Triathlon – The Run for the Cowbells – will take place on Saturday, July 10, in Norway. (Jesse Cottingham photo)



A swimmer emerges from the water during a previous Norway Triathlon. The 14th annual event – known as The Run for the Cowbells – will take place on July 10. (Jesse Cottingham photo)

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

1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS
11:30 a.m.
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

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,

Calendar

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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.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

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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10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM - Toddlers on the Lawn - Baxter Memorial Library. 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.
LEWISTON - Planning 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 – Planning Board meeting.

TUESDAY
July 13
10-11 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Obstacle Course. Join us on the lawn for an obstacle course that will have you jumping, crawling, running, and spinning. Test yourself! Challenge a friend or sibling! All ages welcome for this Healthy Eating Active Living event!

Rain date: July 14 – 10 a.m.

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 YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/YouTube> 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

THURSDAY
July 15
8 a.m.
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

6:30 p.m.
GORHAM – Board of Appeals meeting.

6:30 p.m.

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GORHAM – Tentative Recurring Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee meeting.

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

FRIDAY
July 16
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

GORHAM - Hawkes Preserve-Sound Walk. 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.

Rain date: July 9-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY
July 19
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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5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

7 p.m.
GORHAM - *Optional* - Planning Board meeting date.

TUESDAY
July 20
8 a.m.
GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting.

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Banjo
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by-year progress of how he learned to play the banjo, and the many musicians he met along the way who be-

came important mentors to him.
Peter is modest about his fame and the stature he has achieved. He gives all the credit to the wonderful

and talented musicians he has met during his journey through life, as well as to the music teachers who taught him from childhood up through his adult years.

Peter had a great rapport with the audience, announcing the different musical styles, playing them and naming who wrote the songs - all so very interesting!

You may hear his musical expertise by going to www.peterbanjo.com for an edited video on the home page. He can play any and all kinds of music. He is not your typical banjo player!

At the concert's end, Schooner Estates residents gathered to exchange greetings and beg Peter to return for more concerts with them.

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