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It's better to both live and work in L-A



Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shanna Cox, left, with new Chamber members Dave Foster and Michelle Gosselin of the Fontaine Family – The Real Estate Leader, who were introduced by Betsy Sibley of Community Credit Union at the Chamber's July breakfast meeting. (Tsukroff photo)

By Nathan Tsukroff

Working for a company in Lewiston or Auburn is great. And both living and working in the Lewiston-Auburn area is even better.

That's the message from Katy Sperl, Chief Administrative Officer at Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice in Auburn.

Speaking to members of the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of

Commerce at the group's July breakfast meeting at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, Sperl said moving to the L-A area some years ago meant, "I could now work in the community. I could be a part of the com-

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T-Acadie featured at Sunset Concert



The cajun band T-Acadie played to a small crowd last week at the second of the Sunset Concert Series events at Poland Spring Resort. (Tsukroff photo)

From PSPA

The three-person band T-Acadie entertained a small crowd at the second of the Sunset Concert Series events at the gazebo at Poland Spring Resort last week.

T-Acadie (pron. TEE-ah-kah-DEE) is a dance band and folk trio from Maine, part of the region including the Canadian maritime provinces known as Acadia. The band's name is Cajun slang for "a little Acadia".

The Sunset Concert Series is hosted by the Poland Spring Preservation Society, and will feature various Maine Bands at the gazebo on the main campus of the resort on Monday nights through the end of August.

T-Acadie band members are Pam Weeks on fiddle, mountain dulcimer, guitar, and singing; Jim Joseph on button accordion, 5-string banjo, mandolin, fiddle, jaw harp, percussion, feet, and singing; and Bill Olson on guitar, bass, singing, calling. This versatile group is equally at home playing for concerts, contradances, or Cajun dances.

They play a variety of music including traditional French Canadian and New England dance tunes; Cajun waltzes, two steps, Cajun blues, and Zydeco tunes; old time southern tunes and songs often sung a Capella in 3 part harmony.

Original tunes are written by band "tune smith", Weeks, which range from

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Comedy fundraiser for Make-A-Wish



Casey Crawford is one of the comics at the comedy fundraiser tonight at the Gendron Franco Center to benefit Make-A-Wish Maine. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event)

From Maine Event

LEWISTON - Uncle Andy's Digest and Maine Event Comedy have once again partnered to present a night of stand-up comedy to benefit Make-A-Wish Maine.

The show is 7 p.m. today at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. All proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish.

The lineup includes Casey Crawford, who has appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live and Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival, Mark Turcotte (World Series Comedy), Ryan Gartley (Comix at Foxwoods), Dawn Hartill (International Lady Laughs Festival), and Nic Dufault, who has opened for comedy legend Gilbert Gottfried.

"Uncle Andy's Digest owner Jim Marston ran this idea by me two years ago and I jumped at the chance," said Maine Event Comedy founder Mark Turcotte. "We sold out our first show in 2019, last year was called off due to the pandemic, and I couldn't be more excited to be back, partnering with Jimbo for this wonderful cause. The Franco Center's Heritage Hall is a perfect comedy venue and the lineup is outstanding."

"Partnering with Mark and Maine Event Comedy has been truly awesome.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Guest Column

Spelling and expelling demonyms

By Grammar Guy

Beelzebub. Mammon. Legion. These are demon names. But today we're talking about demonyms, which are different from demon names.

The devil is in the details, I suppose.

Demonyms are the words we use for groups of people from different places. We get the word "demonym" from the Greek words "demos" (people, citizens, tribespeople) and "nym" (name). Think about the words "democracy" and "demographic," for example. These words both have to do with people in a certain region or group. For example, we call people from Greece (referred to as "the birthplace of democracy") "Greeks." That's a demonym.

Let's start global. By global, I mean planetary. People from Earth are called Earthlings. If sentient life existed on Mars, those beings would be called Martians. I suppose an alien from Neptune would be referred to as a Neptunian. I don't want to get started about aliens, or my friend Byron will chime in and send me

all his wild conspiracy theories. Editor, feel free to omit this paragraph altogether. Actually, go ahead and selectively black it out like a CIA document. That would drive Byron crazy.

Back to demonyms. On a country-by-country basis, some nationalities have predictable demonyms while others are quite surprising. People from Ireland are called "Irish." Citizens of Ghana are "Ghanaians." This all makes perfect sense. On the funky side of country demonyms, folks in New Zealand are called "Kiwis" (referring to the wingless bird). People in Ivory Coast (or Côte d'Ivoire) are referred to as "Ivorians." Locals of the Principality of Monaco call themselves "Monegasques."

When it comes to our fifty nifty United States, we also see a combination of expected and odd demonyms. I'm from Oklahoma, so I consider myself an "Okie." I live in Indiana, so now I'm a naturalized "Hoosier." While these are probably the most unique state demonyms, I really like the "-er" state demonyms including "Connecticut-

er," "Marylander" and "Mainer," although some Mainers prefer to be called "Maineiacs."

One of the state demonyms always makes me yawn. Are you ready? "Utahn." It's hard not to read or say "Utahn" without yawning shortly afterward.

Around the world, there are some fantastic demonyms for international cities, but I'd like to zoom in on some U.S. city demonyms. Did you know that someone in Albany is considered "Albanian"? Likewise, someone in Albuquerque is called a "Burqueño." Do you want fries with that? A person from Pittsburgh is called a — you guessed it — "Pittsburgher." Believe it or not, people in Salem, Massachusetts like to be called "Salemanders." Of course, this list isn't complete without noting that folks in Los Angeles go by "Angelinos." That's quite the heavenly demonym.

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.

Major gift for Children's Center

From Children's CTR

AUGUSTA — Children's Center, an early childhood intervention and family support services organization for children with special needs, has announced a \$250,000 gift toward the center's plans to expand its Augusta facility.

Peter and Sandra Prescott, and TEAM EJP in Gardiner, made the gift in part to help more families in Central Maine access vital services for their children.

"Giving back to our community and lending a hand when it's needed is an essential part of the culture of EJP," said Prescott. "We have seen the effects of the work done at the Children's Center, and it is critical for kids with special needs. Knowing that there is a waiting list of about 100 kids just in the Greater Augusta Area is heartbreaking. We know we can help eliminate that waiting list by helping to fund this expansion, and that's exactly what we're going to do."

"The Children's Center literally changes lives," Sandra Prescott added. "Children who aren't expected to walk learn to do so; non-verbal children learn to communicate; children who need a little extra help to discover themselves and develop the abilities needed to achieve independence get that help at the Children's Center. Making these kids a priority says a lot about who we are as a community and I believe we're the kind of community these children deserve."

Children's Center announced its plans earlier in the year to expand its primary location in Augusta to meet demand.

The organization provides center-based services for children ages six weeks to five years old and outpatient services, including occupational therapy, speech therapy, outpatient

mental health for children and families, and case management support to kids up to age 21. Annually, the Center serves more than 250 children between its four sites: Augusta, Farmington, Skowhegan and Waterville. All sites have waiting lists with Augusta's being the largest at nearly 100 children in the Augusta area in need of center-based or outpatient services at any given time. The Children's Center also is home to a recently-opened special purpose private school, extending services to kids up to age 7.

"We are all very thankful for the gift from the Prescott family, although I can't say we are surprised," said Jeff Johnson, Children's Center Executive Director. "During his more than six decades at EJP, Peter Prescott has consistently gone above and beyond to help this community he loves so dearly. His passion for Gardiner and Central Maine comes through not just in his words, but in his actions and how he works every day. This area is lucky to have Peter and Sandra as advocates and supporters."

More details on the campaign to expand the Children's Center can be found at www.AChampionInEveryChild.org.

Children's Center will expand its current Augusta facility by 14,000 square feet, while renovating 5,000 square feet of existing space. The expansion will more than double the space and provide additional classrooms, specialized service areas and administrative space. The expansion will also create additional gross motor space, a stimulation-sensitive entrance and lobby, solar installation for improved energy efficiency and a reduced carbon footprint, and the state's only Snoezelen Room. The entire project is expected to cost about \$5 million, with Children's Center

more than halfway to its fundraising goal, mostly through large donations.

Children's Center offerings cover a wide range of services, including specialized programming for children with autism, complex medical needs and global delays; behavioral day treatment for children with a history of trauma, emotional regulation and mental health needs; and a recently established fully accredited Special Purpose Private School, allowing children in need of a specialized environment to continue learning at Children's Center for their kindergarten year.

Children's Center has served the Greater Augusta Area since 1967 as Mid-State United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. After several moves, the doors to the current building opened in December of 1978. The building, located on the corner of Alden Avenue and Worcester Street in Augusta, was expanded in 2001, increasing its capacity to 60 center-based children.

More details about Children's Center can be found at www.ChildrensCTR.org.

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Wright Joins Maine Source Homes & Realty



Lindsay Wright, from the Lewiston/Auburn area, recently joined Maine Source Homes & Realty as a Listing and Buyer Specialist. (Photo courtesy of Maine Source Homes & Realty)

AUBURN - Lindsay Wright, a long-time Lewiston-Auburn-area resident who previously worked on the service and hospitality industries, has joined Auburn-based Maine Source Homes & Realty as a Listing and Buyer Specialist.

Having moved several times in her life—buying and selling houses of her own—Ms. Wright has developed home remodeling, design, and creativity skills that she particularly enjoys sharing with clients. Communicative, thorough, and

hard-working, she offers a sharp attention to detail that will help buyers engage in a highly focused search, and help sellers get the highest-possible price for their home.

“From my own personal journey, I understand that buying and selling a home is one of the most important decisions in a person’s life,” Ms. Wright says. “For me, the opportunity to represent buyers and sellers at that critical time is a true privilege.”

When not assisting clients with their real estate needs, Ms. Wright enjoys being at her small homestead with her husband, three daughters, chickens, ducks, and French Bulldogs.

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St. Mary’s expands nursing team

From St. Mary’s Health

LEWISTON - St. Mary’s Health System, a member of Covenant Health, recently welcomed four seasoned veterans to its Nursing Leadership team: Lisa Burrell, Katie Graffam, Michelle Sanborn, and Denise White.

“I’m thrilled to welcome these four experienced professionals to the St. Mary’s team,” said Patricia Scherle, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Mary’s. “The breadth of their nursing experience and their many years of compassionate service elevates our already-high bar of patient-centered care.”

Lisa Burrell, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, NPD-BC, joins as the Director of Clinical Education and Professional Practice. Most recently, she was the Director of Education at Doctors Community Hospital in Laurel, Maryland. Burrell earned her PhD from Capella University and her MSN from Queens University of Charlotte. She is accredited in Nursing Professional Development and a Certified Nurse Executive and holds adjunct faculty roles at both Washington Adventist University and Grand Canyon University.

Katie Graffam, MSN, RN, joins as the Director of the Medical Surgical Telemetry unit. Her experience includes working at Maine

General Medical Center where she held the position of Nurse Manager, Rehabilitation and Central Maine Medical Center where she was the Nurse Manager of Medical, Surgical and Oncology. Graffam earned her BSN from Colby-Sawyer College and her MSN from Purdue University Global.

Michelle Sanborn, MBA, BSN, ACM-RN, joins as the Director of Care Coordination. She most recently worked at Patient Advocates as an Advocacy Manager. At Central Maine Medical Center, she held roles as the System Director of Care Management and the System Director of Capacity Management. Sanborn earned her BSN from

the University of Southern Maine and her MBA for Southern New Hampshire University. She is also an accredited Case Manager.

Denise White, DNP, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, CCRN, joins as the interim Director of the Intensive Care Unit. She has more than 20 years of Critical Care experience and most recently served as Director, Critical Care at Lawrence General Hospital in Massachusetts. White earned her DNP from Fairfield University, her MHA from Western CT State University, and her BSN from the University of Southern Maine. She is also accredited as a Nurse Executive Advanced, and Criti-

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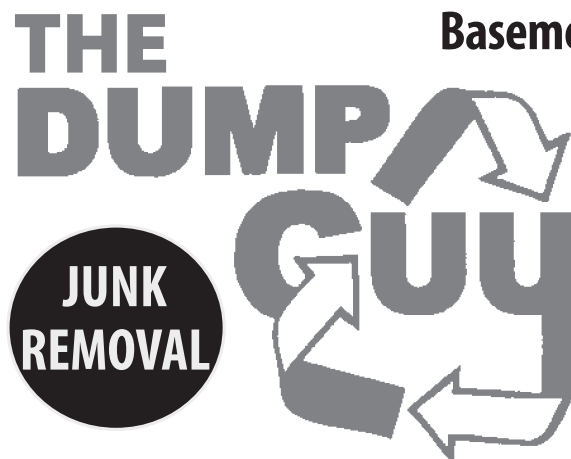
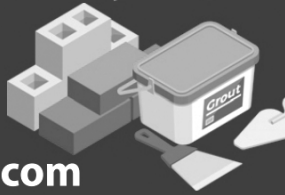
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Guest Essay

First American female Olympic champ never knew it

By Tom Emery

She broke barriers in an era when few noticed. And she went to her grave never knowing that she was an Olympic champion.

Margaret Abbott of Chicago was the first American woman to win an Olympic event, capturing first place in women's golf at the second of the modern Games, in Paris in 1900. Incredibly, she thought she was competing in a local amateur event, and not in the Olympics.

The scenario may be attributed to the incompetence of the organizers, as the Paris Games were a resounding failure. In addition, the traditional medals for the top three Olympic finishers – gold, silver, and bronze – were not awarded until the next Games, in St. Louis in 1904.

Dr. Paula Welch, professor emerita in Health and Human Performance at the University of Florida, has extensively researched and written on Abbott's life. She notes that many of the winners at Paris were presented with works of art, not medals.

"At the first modern Olympics, in Athens in 1896, a few medals were given," said Welch, who has also extensively studied Olympic history. "But I'm not aware of any medals at Paris."

Like many women golfers of her era, Abbott came from a privileged background. Born in Calcutta on June 15, 1878, she lived in Boston before moving to Chicago with her mother, Mary Perkins Ives Abbott, an accomplished author and essayist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Mary Abbott rubbed

elbows with the cream of Chicago society, including Charles Blair MacDonald, considered by some the father of amateur golf in the United States. MacDonald was the first President and designer of the Chicago Golf Club, the first 18-hole course in America, and introduced Mary and Margaret to the game.

"People who knew Margaret describe her as quiet, kind of shy," commented Welch. "But she was very confident in her golf game. Peers called her a fierce competitor."

In October 1899, the Abbotts journeyed to Paris, where Margaret was to study art under Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin. The following year, the World Exposition captivated Paris, and the Olympics were relegated to a sideshow. Sprinkled throughout the long run of the Exposition, the Games opened on May 20 and closed on October 28.

The secondary status disheartened the Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the French founder of the modern Games, though he had been pushed out in a power coup with the government. The ignominious exit may have been a blessing in disguise for Abbott.

"de Coubertin was clear in his disapproval of female competitors," remarked Welch. "Once he was gone, it opened the door for some women to compete. But the organizers hadn't done anything like the Games before, and really didn't know how, which caused some of the problems."

Thanks largely to de Coubertin, no female athletes were permitted to compete in the 1896

Games at Athens. Of the 1,225 athletes at the 1900 version, only nineteen were women. Golf was one of the debut sports in Paris, and the competition was held at Compiègne Golf Club, thirty miles north of the city.

Ten women from two nations – the United States and France – showed up for the nine-hole tournament on October 3. Abbott's future husband, Chicago satirist Finley Peter Dunne, later said that the other players "apparently misunderstood the nature of the game scheduled for the day and turned up to play in high heels and tight skirts."

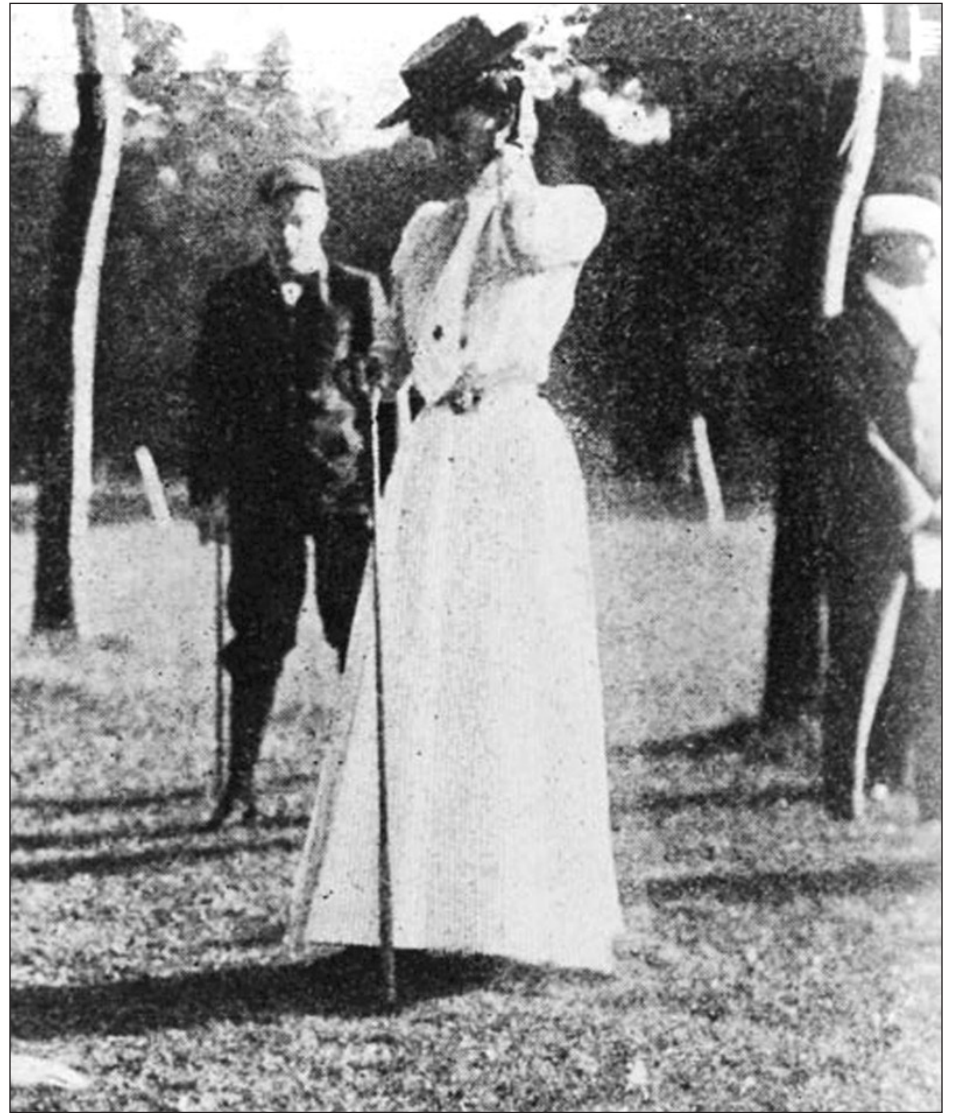
However, organizers did not bother to explain the event they were playing in. Believing the outing to be some sort of local amateur event, Abbott carded a nine-hole total of 47 to win by two strokes over fellow American Pauline Whittier, a descendant of poet John Greenleaf Whittier who was studying in Switzerland at the time.

In third place with a 53 was another American, Daria Huger Pratt, who was on vacation in France that fall. Soon after the Olympics, she divorced her husband and married a Serbian prince.

Tying for seventh, eighteen strokes off the pace, was Abbott's mother, Mary. It was the only time in Olympic history that a mother and daughter competed in the same event.

"Accounts in world newspapers indicate fairly good crowds saw that event," said Welch. "Some of the spectators were in so close that the golfers had to alter their shots."

For her victory, Margaret received a commem-



Margaret Abbott of Chicago captured first place in women's golf at the second the modern Games, in Paris in 1900, to become the first American woman to win an Olympic event. She thought she was competing in a local amateur event, and never learned she had actually won in the Olympics. (Photo courtesy of Tom Emery)

orative porcelain bowl, trimmed in gold. She also won the French championship around that time, but never was aware that she was an Olympic champion at any time in her life.

Two years later, she married Dunne. She died in Greenwich, Conn. five days short of her seventy-seventh birthday in 1955.

"In later years, she told family and friends that she thought the competition was more important

than the French championship," said Welch. "But she never knew she had won an Olympic event."

Neither did her children. "I spent ten years – not every day, of course – tracking down her golf and Olympic involvement, and searching for her relatives," said Welch. "This was in the days before the Internet."

"One of her sons, Phillip Dunne, was a screenwriter for Twentieth Century Fox," continued

Welch. "I asked him, 'do you know what your mother did?' and he was just amazed. He had no idea whatsoever."

Golf returned once more to the Olympics in 1904, but only as a men's event. The sport made a much ballyhooed-return to the Games in 2016 in Rio.

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Maine abolishes civil forfeiture



Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor) sponsored LD 1521, which abolishes civil forfeiture in Maine. It became law last week without the signature of the governor. (Photo courtesy of Rep. Faulkingham)

From Maine Republicans

AUGUSTA – Maine has become only the fourth state in the US to abolish civil forfeiture.

Civil forfeiture enables law enforcement to confiscate millions of dollars of property without ever filing criminal charges.

Sponsored by Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor), LD 1521, repeals Maine's civil forfeiture laws, and bolsters its criminal forfeiture process. Under the new law, which took effect last week without the governor's signature, civil forfeiture is only authorized after a criminal conviction, with some narrow exceptions, such as death or deportation.

"It's a very simple concept; you don't lose your property unless you used it in the commission of a crime, or knowingly allowed someone else to use it in the commission of a crime," Faulkingham said. "This new law provides due process protection to property owners and helps ensure that only convicted criminals, not innocent Mainers, lose their property to forfeiture."

Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham serves Maine House District 136, which includes part of East Hancock, Fletchers Landing Township, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Mariaville, Osborn, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Waltham & Winter Harbor.

Franco-American podcast from L-A College

From L-A College

LEWISTON - The Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College is proud to present Franco-American Pathways (Chemins Franco-Américains), a podcast dedicated to celebrating the history and culture of the Franco-Americans of Maine.

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As the show evolves, we hope to connect with bilingual members of the Franco-American community to help us realize our dream of having every episode available entirely in French as well as English, especially French as it is spoken by Francos and Canadian-Americans. Please reach out to us (julia.rhinelander@maine.edu), if you would like to help make this dream of creating a truly bilingual podcast a reality.

Merci, et très bonne écoute !

Fourth world record for ultra endurance athlete



Ohio native Katie Spotz recently broke the female world record for the most ultra-marathon runs in a row, finishing 11 consecutive runs of 31 miles. (Photo courtesy of Katie Spotz)

From Katie Spotz, a clean water activist and adventurer, recently broke the female world record for the most ultra-marathon runs in a row as she raised money to fund clean water projects in Uganda.

She began her latest ultra-endurance challenge and fundraising initiative on June 21 in her home state of Ohio. She achieved

her record-breaking goal for the most runs in a row with 11 consecutive ultra-marathons - 31-mile runs - to raise \$38,931 for H2O for Life.

Spotz ran across the entire state of Ohio, along the Ohio to Erie Trail from Cincinnati to Cleveland to complete her 341-mile journey on July 1. The challenge raised funds for non-profit H2O for Life in their global mission to en-

sure every child has safe water.

In 2020, Spotz became the first woman to run 62-miles nonstop across the state of New Hampshire in 11 hours, and later that year, Spotz became the first woman to run 74-miles nonstop across Vermont in 13 hours in preparation for the run across Maine.

She completed the 130-mile run across the entire state of Maine over a weekend in early September, 2020, in 33 hours and 46 minutes.

Run4Water marks Spotz's 10th endurance challenge to raise money for clean water projects in developing communities around the world.

Spotz came into the public spotlight during her 2010 campaign, Row For Water, where she set records by rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 70 days.

Her work has impacted individuals all over the world, including Haiti, the Dominican Republic, India, Honduras, Guatemala and Nigeria. To date, 25,000 people have gained access to clean water from her efforts.

For this recent challenge, Spotz partnered with H2O for Life. She said the organization "does amazing work both locally and globally, de-

livering water and sanitation to schools all over the world. While also helping students in the US gain leadership skills, civic action experience, and see the power and ability they have to make a positive impact."

H2O for Life Director Steve Hall said, "Partners like Katie are helping unlock the opportunity for children around the world to live better, healthier lives. Because of her efforts, students are able to focus on learning, rather than wasting time walking and collecting water. Access to clean water, a place to wash hands and a safe place to use the bathroom leads to a remarkable improvement in health and learning and gives hope for the future!"

Spotz, born in 1987, is the youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean and was the first person to have swum the entire length of the Allegheny River. Katie's story has been featured on CBS Morning Show, CBS Evening News, World News with Diane Sawyer, Anderson Cooper 360, New York Times, NPR, and other media outlets.

For more informa-



Katie Spotz runs along a road in her native Ohio at the beginning of July on her way to her 11th-consecutive ultra marathon run, setting a world record for female runners. Spotz ran 130 miles across Maine in September, 2020, as part of her efforts to raise money for H2O for Life to provide fresh water for youth in poor countries around the world. (Photo courtesy of Katie Spotz)

tion, please visit: www.KatieSpotz.com.

H2O for Life offers a service-learning opportunity designed to engage, educate and inspire youth to take action to solve the global water crisis by raising awareness and funds to support implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene education projects

for global partner schools. Since 2007, nearly 1 million students from H2O for Life schools have supported water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects for partner schools in the developing world.

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Arts & Entertainment

Comedy at CBU on Saturday



Detroit's Jay Hunter is the featured comedian at Craft Brew Underground on Saturday evening. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event)

from Maine Event

AUBURN - Maine Event Comedy presents Detroit's Jay Hunter at Craft Brew Underground at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The show will also feature Adam Hatch and Chris Justice.

Hunter joined the Navy to see the world. After returning to civilian life, he began sharing his unique perspective throughout the

midwest and beyond. His energetic, organic style led to him opening for nationally touring comedians Mat Alano-Martin and Carlos "Spanky" Hayes from Nick Cannon's Wild 'N Out. He's performed at Hilarities in Cleveland and is a member of NewsFlash Writers Table of Grand Rapids, MI.

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.

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

Museum L-A admission waived on Saturday

From Museum L-A

LEWISTON — The gallery admission fee for the Museum L-A "Our Working Waterway" exhibit that presents multiple facets of the Androscoggin River, will be waived during the Androscoggin Riverfest from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Donations are vital to the museum's continued success and are welcomed.

The family-oriented activities of the festival will take place on the riverfront near Museum L-A's future home in the Camden Yarns Mill on Beech Street, opposite Sismard-Payne Park in Lewiston.

The day of free admission to the museum occurs during the festival's exhibition regatta.

Peter Rubins, chairman of the Grow L+A's River Working Group, said he "encourages everyone who lives near the Androscoggin River to see Museum L-A's exhibit. The historical perspective gives one a view of how far we have come from being one of the top 10 polluted rivers in the country, up to the current proposed reclassification to Class B." Rubins will



A group of visitors to the museum recently played its giant-size floor game featuring the Androscoggin River. The backdrop to this game is Museum L-A's gallery exhibit, "Our Working Waterway," (Photo courtesy of Museum L-A)

be on hand at the museum to provide additional information.

The museum is popular with the community as well as tourists.

Since re-opening its doors to the public at the beginning of July, visitors to the museum have comprised multiple demographics. Recently, a group of eight visitors enjoyed the museum's gallery exhibit and some of that group played the giant-size board game on the floor in a section of the exhibit surrounded by local artwork and river information.

"Museum L-A's river exhibit fits perfectly

into Riverfest weekend. This is the ultimate river experience—both outside and inside! Many thanks to AndroAlive for spearheading this creative effort," said Audrey Thomson, executive director of Museum L-A.

GPS sometimes brings visitors to Museum L-A, at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, to the parking garage on Canal Street, but the entrance to the Bates Mill Complex, where the museum is located, is at 36 Chestnut Street.

Masks are required of everyone in the gallery.

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Sunday Music Festival at Court Street Baptist



Ken Medema is the featured artist a New England Summer Music Festival concert on Aug 1 at Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Court St. Baptist)

From Court St. Baptist

AUBURN - Ken Medema will be the featured artist at a New England Summer Music Festival on Sunday evening, Aug. 1, at Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn.

Medema is a widely-known, much-loved musician and singer-songwriter. His lyrics provide social commentary on themes such as justice, hunger, poverty, homelessness, and relevant Christian charity.

Medema earned a degree in music therapy at Michigan State University. He has been described as "one of the most creative and authentic artists performing today." Blind since birth, he has enthralled music lovers in congregations and on campuses, at corporate con-

ventions, youth gatherings and other venues.

He has performed in 49 states and more than 15 countries on four continents. His keyboard and vocal abilities, improvisation skills, and humor both uplift and entertain.

This public event also features a choir of singers from southern Maine.

Several other musicians will accompany Medema with flute, saxophone, piano, and the church's historic Hook and Hastings organ. Mary Carol Kennedy is a professional flutist and saxophonist, a teacher of woodwind instruments, and staff musician at North Saco Congregational Christian Church and Hillside Chapel in Arundel. Ryan Slocum, a student at USM, is an up-and-coming musician currently the organist at the

West Auburn Church.

The Mark Thallander Foundation is the event sponsor. The foundation produces music festivals throughout the United States, grows faith and connects communities through the power of music.

For 18 years, Mark Thallander was organist at Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. He lost his left arm in an accident on the Maine Turnpike while vacationing here. Since then, he has rearranged music in order to perform successfully at concert level. He returns to Maine often.

This concert also celebrates the 160th anniversary of the founding of Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn.

Having been postponed by the pandemic, the free musical program is at 6 p.m. at the church, 129 Court Street, although donations are accepted.

Face masks are optional for individuals who are fully vaccinated.

All are welcome.

The Butterfly Guy on July 30



Jerry Schneider, The Butterfly Guy. (Photo courtesy of APL)

From APL

AUBURN - Learn all about local butterflies, including our largest group of butterflies, the swallowtails, presented by Jerry Schneider, creator of the award-winning Butterfly Game.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 30, at the Au-

burn Public Library at 49 Spring Street, Auburn.

The audience will also learn about the monarch butterfly and its amazing migration to Mexico, in addition to interesting butterfly characteristics.

Schneider, known as The Butterfly Guy, often brings displays of butterflies and moths, cocoons,

and sometimes caterpillars, to these events.

The second half of the program is a splendid t-shirt craft. Please bring a solid, light colored t-shirt if you have one.

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community.”
“I wasn’t having to leave in the middle of the day to go to a board meeting, or race after work to get to an activity, because I was right here,” she said. “And I also felt that I could support local businesses with my dollars.”

Sperl and RJ Gagnon, the Chief Financial Officer at Androscoggin, were the featured speakers at the recent L-A Metro breakfast, which was a relaxed in-person event for the organization after more than a year of remote or hybrid meetings under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Vaccinated members were not required to wear masks, following recent Maine CDC guidelines.

Chamber members meet on a Thursday morning each month, usually seeing several hundred members mingling for breakfast. The group moved to the remote and hybrid events early in 2020. This breakfast was a return to the pre-pandemic style of breakfast meetings, although with a live video feed that still allowed members to attend remotely.

Sperl and Gagnon were part of a question and answer session for the July breakfast, after new Chamber members were welcomed to the group.

Moving back from

Bridgton to live and work in the same area means Sperl “can go to lunch anywhere in the community, and, it just feels right! I don’t feel like I have a foot in two buckets,” she said. “It just feels like everything comes together.”

Gagnon grew up in Presque Isle and said he met his wife, a Lewiston-Auburn native, while attending Thomas College in Waterville. They moved to the L-A area, and “It was very clear, that the support system, her system that she had . . . her knowledge of the Lewiston-Auburn area, really helped me to understand that there’s something here that’s really kind of special,” he said.

As their two sons were growing up, and “we started to do things in the Lewiston-Auburn area, it became very clear there’s so much of value here,” Sperl said. They could find events locally without a lot of travel, which “made me feel I could see my kids kind of growing up like my wife and her family did, in the Lewiston-Auburn area.”

Sperl said living locally allowed her connect with the women at Sophia’s House, a residential community that opened in Lewiston in 2019 for women who have experienced trauma and imprisonment from drug addiction, abuse and human trafficking. Sperl is on the steering



Peter Ouellette of Oldcastle APG, center, is welcomed to the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce by Chamber President and CEO Shanna Cox and Stephanie Gelinas, with Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services, at the Chamber’s July breakfast meeting. (Tsukroff photo)

committee and operations team for that facility. “If I had stayed in Bridgton, I know for sure I would not have been able to have as much interaction with the women that are living there, with the center, and with the hard work that went into building” the center.

Gagnon said he sees people “wanting to move to Maine,” and he recently spoke with a woman who had researched the L-A area as part of her moving plans. “When we had that conversation about ‘What did you see, and what did you like, and what do you like, and what does this area have to offer you,’ we quickly talked about the restaurants (and) we talked about specific areas that are really great to be part of.”

He said he pointed out the variety of activities in the area, such as the annual Balloon Festival and

local hiking trails, and “she was really surprised about the things that the area and the region that’s really doing within the community, that are very unique, (which) she did not realize or understand.”

New Chamber Members

Michelle Gosselin and Dave Foster with Fontaine Family – The Real Estate Leader were welcomed as new members of the Chamber at the meeting. The Fontaine Family consists of a highly-skilled team of real estate professionals who are nationally recognized for results and high quality service.

Also coming on board as a Chamber member was Peter Ouellette with Oldcastle APG, a company that manufactures and delivers quality mulch, soil, decorative stone, and lime products throughout the United States.



L-A Metro Chamber President and CEO Shanna Cox, left, welcomed Ralf Andersson of Transcendia Inc, as a new member of the Chamber after an introduction by Matthew Shaw, with Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch, at the Chamber’s recent July breakfast meeting. (Tsukroff photo)



Cameron Shorey with The Breakwater Group at Morgan Stanley, center, was welcomed as a new member of the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce by Chamber President and CEO Shanna Cox and John Rice of Schooner Estates at the Chamber’s July breakfast meeting. (Tsukroff photo)

Cameron Shorey with The Breakwater Group at Morgan Stanley joined the Chamber as a new member. The Breakwater Group provides modern wealth planning and investment advisory resources.

Ralf Andersson with Transcendia Inc. was also introduced as a new member. Transcendia manufactures antistatic, conductive, static shielding, and non-chemical natural anti-corrosive flexible films.

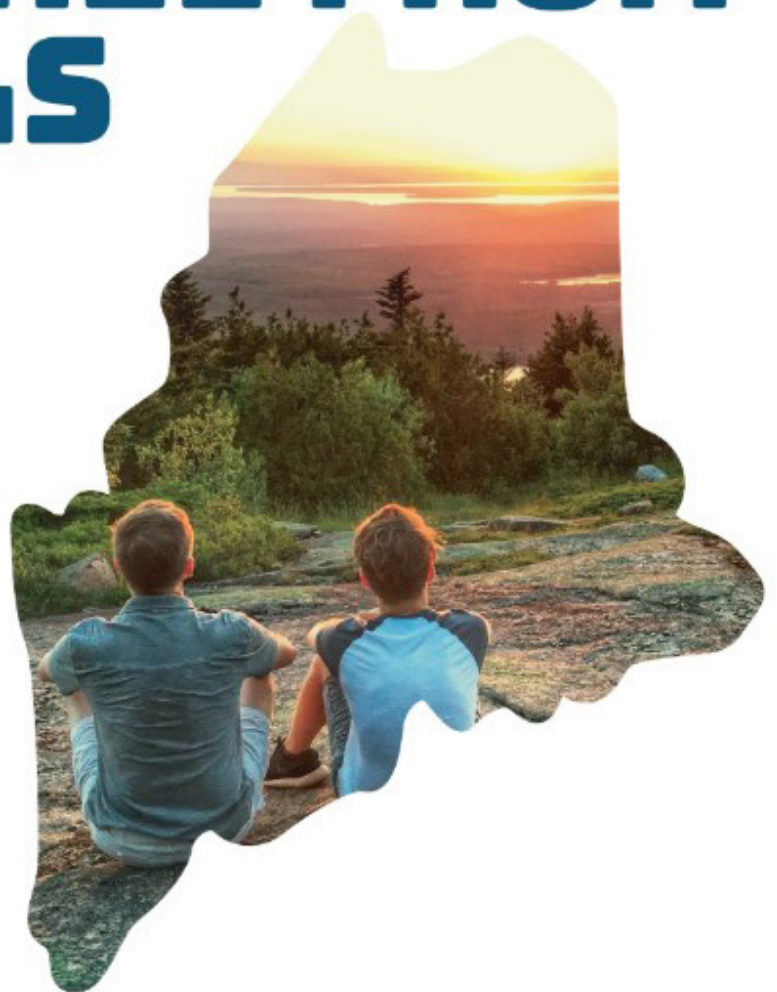
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In a contra dance setting, they will get everyone moving to the beat with Quebecois reels and

old timey southern “hoe-downs”, but the evening will often be punctuated by Weeks singing a Cajun waltz, or by a contra dance done to a set of old time Cajun reels started off with just fiddle and ti’ fer (triangle).



Pam Weeks, with the band, T-Acadie, plays the fiddle in the gazebo at Poland Spring Resort last week in the second concert of the Poland Spring Preservation Society’s Summer Concert Series. Various Maine bands will be featured at the event on Monday nights through the end of August. (Tsukroff photo)



Jim Joseph works a button accordion during a concert featuring the band T-Acadie last week as part of the Summer Concert Series hosted by the Poland Spring Preservation Society at Poland Spring Resort. The band is from the Acadia region of Maine. (Tsukroff photo)

Comedy

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For those comedians to donate their time for such a worthy cause is really incredible. We are excited and look forward to this upcoming comedy show, and we want to see you there,” said Jimbo from Uncle Andy’s Digest.

Make-A-Wish Maine started in 1992 and has granted more than 1,600 life-changing wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Wishes that give families hope through dark times, strength to persevere, and experiences that forever change their lives.

The show will contain adult language and content and is intended for ages 18-and-over. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and may be purchased at uncleandys.com.

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WAA has several races for 2021

From WAA

COLUMBIA FALLS, ME - Wreaths Across America (WAA) is continuing its 2021 Race Program with in-person and hybrid races this summer and fall.

The Stem To Stone Remembrance Run on July 24 from the Tip-lands in Columbia Falls Maine will also have a virtual option, so runners can stay out of the heat and run from the comfort of air-conditioning.

Starting Sept. 11, another virtual race, called RUNNING FOR WREATHS, will take place nationwide with both 5K and 10K races.

The third event is the The Escort To Arlington Challenge, a 737-mile long virtual race that follows the route taken by the WAA annual convoy that delivers wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to honor our nation's heroes.

One of this year's participants, Emily Kraines, is looking forward to the Escort to Arlington Challenge as a way to honor her husband, Peter, who died in a military training accident in October, 2019.

As fate would have it, this year, Wreaths Across

America Day will take place this year on, Dec. 18, Peter's 36th birthday. In addition, that date is significance as it is the last day of Wreaths Across America Escort of remembrance wreaths being delivered to Arlington National Cemetery where Peter is interred.

Emily Kraines and her husband began dating her senior year at Virginia Tech. Upon finishing school, Peter enlisted in the Air Force and Emily developed a passion for running while he went through the pipeline to become a paramedic.

After their marriage, Emily used running as a form of meditation to help her through periods of deployment, pregnancy, and even a car accident. Peter would support Emily's passion by making waffles after long runs, gifting running gear for birthdays, Face-timing support, and occasionally running races with her. One of Peter's proudest moments was watching Emily complete her first marathon.

Now, for the first time in a long while, Kraines said she is excited to be training for a goal again. She feels that Peter would have encouraged her to "be

together in community." In that spirit, she has created the largest team of runners for this challenge and is presently occupying first place in miles run.

Kraines said, "This year, I will get to visit his grave with an accomplishment of finishing another race. I know he would be so proud of ALL who have signed on to complete the Escort to Arlington." Her team is Krainesness, Peloton owners can join the team by following #escorttoarlington.

The complete list of the race options and open registrations can be found at competitorme.com/wreaths-across-america,

For the Stem to Stone Remembrance Run On July 24., there is an open invitation to register, travel, and participate on the tip lands in Maine where balsam is grown and harvested each year to make the veterans' wreaths placed on the headstones of our nation's heroes. A virtual option is available for this race.

Running for Wreaths (5K & 10K) Virtual Race from Sept. 11-25 is completely virtual. Participants have the flexibility to run/walk/ruck/bike on the course of their choosing while raising funds to

sponsor veterans' wreaths for Participating Locations or local WAA Sponsorship Groups in your area.

The Escort to Arlington Challenge is a virtual 737-mile course that starts in Columbia Falls, Maine, home of Wreaths Across America, and travels down the East Coast to Arlington, Virginia, following the same route traveled by the annual escort of wreaths to Arlington each December.

Clicking on the individual event will bring a user to the official Run-SignUp registration page which have all the pertinent information, such as event dates, pricing, course maps, and donation opportunities.

Each individual race registration sponsors a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero on Dec. 18 as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Group or individual fundraising tools and capabilities are available for all of the races and there is a TEAM option for the Escort to Arlington Challenge.

During check out, registrants can designate the Sponsorship Group or participating Wreaths Across America Location they want their sponsored wreath allocated to. Registrants will receive personalized racing bibs and commemorative finisher medallions, with event

t-shirts. There is also a free RaceJoy app available for download by registrants to listen while they participate to learn more about the mission, hear stories of those who have served and the names of those that have sacrificed for our freedom.

This year's race program is the result of an expanded partnership with event-management and timing company CompetitorME, after a successful inaugural year in 2020 where eight virtual road races were conducted across the country. The variety of options for supporters provides an opportunity to build community awareness and understanding of WAA's yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

"After the success of last year's inaugural Stem to Stone Race Program, which ultimately was executed completely virtual aside from one race in Maine, we saw a great opportunity to try new and creative ways to get the running community involved in the mission," said Jonathan Kelley, owner CompetitorME. "Through our own team's personal involvement with the WAA escort to Arlington, we've seen what the mission means to our Nation's Gold Star Families and how important it is to Remember, Honor, Teach, every day of the year, and want to bring that experience to more

people." Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org.

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CMCC Athletics open house on Aug. 5

AUBURN – Central Maine Community College is hosting an Athletics Open House on Aug. 5.

The event, which is tailored to high school athletic directors and coaches, as well as recreation and club sport directors, will have two sessions – 9-a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m.

Guests will be able to tour the new athletic facilities at the college which include Turf Fields for soccer, softball

and baseball; the Dave Gonyea Court; a Weight Room; and the Esports Arena.

Guests will also be able to tour the college and meet with CM coaches as well as support personnel.

Interested prospective student-athletes and their families are also invited.

Interested parties can contact Dave Gonyea at, (207) 755-5251 or dgonyea@cmcc.edu



Visitors to the CMCC Athletics open house on Aug. 5 will be able to tour the new Turf Fields for soccer, softball and baseball. (Photo courtesy of CMCC)

‘Running For Any Sport’ sessions

From Sabattus Rec Club

SABATTUS - The Sabattus Rec Club Running Program will host two free, one-hour training sessions designed to help middle and high school-aged students learn how to run better.

The ‘Running For Any Sport’ program will take place Saturday, July 31, on the Oak Hill HS football field in Wales.

The first session will start at 9 a.m. for middle

school students from the Oak Hill area and will be followed at 10 a.m. by the high school students. The sessions are open to both boys and girls.

These will not be specific sport coaching sessions, and no personal training will be offered.

Regardless of the sport, though, there will be helpful information for all athletes. Among other things, participants will learn warm-up and bal-

ance tips, running efficiency, breathing exercises, workout suggestions, and cooldown methods.

In the event of inclement weather, the sessions will be moved to a date in August.

Attendees should wear a good pair of running shoes, bring hydration and a towel or blanket, and be prepared to run.

For more information, email: running@sabattusrec.com

Summer Programs at the Knight House

From AHS

AUBURN - The Androscoggin Historical Society has developed an informative and fun series of experiences scheduled throughout the summer at the Knight House.

Constructed in 1796, this is the oldest house in downtown Auburn. It is located on the Auburn Riverwalk near West Pitch Park.

Programs are free, although donations are gratefully accepted. Masking is required to

enter the house. For more information, please contact the Society at 784-0586.

The Knight House will be open for tours on: **Saturday, June 26**, from 1:00-4:00. Outside activities will involve “Cleaning Chores” using old artifacts.

Wednesday, July 14, from 1:00-4:00. The outside theme will feature textiles and “Needle Tattling” demonstrations.

Saturday, July 31, from 1:00-4:00. The outside activities will feature “Old Fashioned Games.”

Wednesday, August 11, from 1:00-4:00. The outside theme will be “Preserving Foods” and will feature a corn sheller, apple peeler, and butter maker.

Saturday, August 28, from 1:00-4:00. The theme will be “The Herb Garden” and will include samples from The Knight House culinary and medicinal herb garden.

Monday, October 11, from 1:00-4:00. Celebrate Indigenous People’s Day by viewing the Ne-Do-Ba collection of artifacts donated to AHS.

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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.

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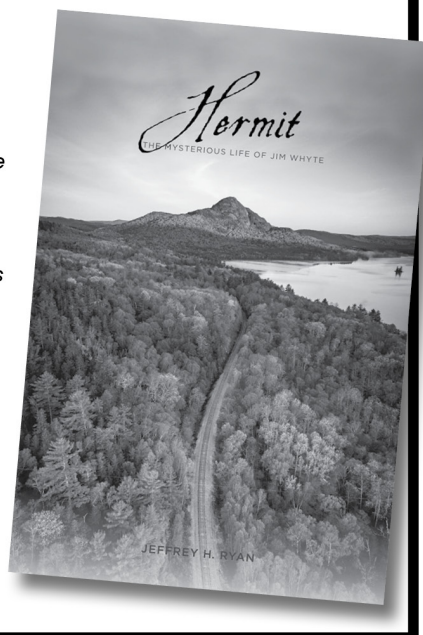
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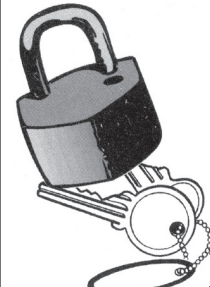
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1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS

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

July 22

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.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

MONDAY

July 26

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

Calendar

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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.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting @ City Hall Administrator's Conference Room

6:30 p.m.

POLAND – At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Ernie Gagne.

the cavities) with our bodies as the pieces and use the lawn as our game board. Navigate through Tomato Tunnel! Oh no, don't get stuck in Squash Swamp! Game finishers will receive their choice of fresh produce from our very own Gorham Famers Market. SNAP-Ed will be on hand with handouts, recipes, incentives, and a special family food activity. This is an all ages event.

Rain date: July 27 – 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

July 28

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

FRIDAY

July 30

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

GORHAM - Fraizer Preserve Trailhead – Scavenger Hunt. 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 10:30 a.m. We plan on spending 45 minutes per excursion. All ages.

Join Mr. Jeff at the Fraizer Preserve Trailhead by the High School athletic fields. We will walk up and down the trail to hunt for different colors, shapes, trees, textures, and more!

Rain date: Aug. 6-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

Aug. 2

9:30-9:50 a.m.

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5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

6:30 p.m.

POLAND – At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Sruli Dresdner.

7 p.m.

GORHAM – Planning Board meeting.

TUESDAY

Aug. 3

10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

GORHAM – Zentangle – Baxter Memorial Library. Join Ms. Becky for Zentangle on the lawn. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. All ages.

Raindate: Aug. 4 – 10 a.m.

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AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee meeting.

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LEWISTON – City Council meeting, at City

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6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting.

THURSDAY

Aug. 5

10:30 a.m.-Noon

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AUBURN – Cable TV Advisory Board meeting.

5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board meeting.

MONDAY

Aug. 9

9:30-9:50 a.m.

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