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## Emerald River Opening Recreational Marijauna Store



An artist's rendering of the new recreational marijuana store that Emerald River Maine is building on Lisbon Street in Lewiston, with hopes of opening in December. Recreational sales of marijuana have only recently been approved in Maine. (Image courtesy of Emerald River)

By Nathan Tsukroff

LEWISTON – Emerald River Maine has broken ground for construction of an adult-use recreational cannabis retail store at 1240 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The planned 2,700 square foot store will be built on the site of one of the first McDonald's in Maine, which opened about 50 years ago. The McDonald's moved down the street more than 10 years

ago, with the lot remaining vacant until the purchase by Emerald River Maine in 2020.

Emerald River signed with general contractors Gendron & Gendron of Lewiston in mid-July of this year to begin construction of the planned \$1 million store.

As an adult-use cannabis store, a medical marijuana card will not be required to purchase cannabis, as long as the purchaser is 21 years of age or older.

While possession of marijuana is still illegal under federal law, medical cannabis was legalized in Maine in 1999 for patients suffering from serious health conditions.

Voters passed the Maine Medical Marijuana Act in 2009, which expanded the state's existing program and decriminalized possession of up to 2.5 ounces of cannabis.

In November, 2016, voters approved  
*See Emerald River, page 8*

## Cruise-In & Toys for Tots Saturday

NEW GLOUCESTER - Come on down and see some great classic cars and support the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign!

Local car clubs are sponsoring a Cruise-In and toy collection, for the Marine's Toys for Tots campaign, at Hodgman's Frozen Custard, Route 100 in New Gloucester starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Toy collection and car viewing will continue until 2 p.m.

Cars from Daily Drivers to Classics and Antiques will be on display as we collect unwrapped toys for needy families.

Cash donations will also be accepted. NSRA Safety Inspectors will also be on hand if you would like your classic car inspected.

Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning, hot dogs and burgers in the afternoon, and of course, HODGMAN'S FAMOUS FROZEN CUSTARD!

This is a great opportunity to show off your classic car and/or view some incredible cars while supporting a great local cause. We hope to see you there. For more information, please contact Deb Desjardins at 207-782-7895 or Dave Barret at ddavebe2@gmail.com.

# Maine Sacred Music Conference today



The Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul in Lewiston (Photo courtesy of Portland Diocese)

### From Portland Diocese

LEWISTON - The Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul in Lewiston will host the second annual Maine Sacred Music Conference today and tomorrow.

"Participants will be joining Catholic musicians, religious, and lay people dedicated to the revival of the centuries-old commitment to beauty and reverence in Catholic liturgy as they explore the liturgical forms and practices that have long formed the foundation of Catholic worship," said Scott Vaillancourt,

music director at the Basilica.

The conference will begin this afternoon with a series of sessions that focus on the Novus Ordo and how to appreciate, learn about, and prepare for beautiful Novus Ordo liturgies. There will be a Novus Ordo Mass celebrated at the Basilica to finish the day. Novus Ordo is short for Novus Ordo Missae ("new order of the Mass"). The term distinguishes the Mass promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 from the Traditional Latin Mass promulgated by Pope Pius V in 1570. When Pope Paul VI's new Roman

Missal was released, it replaced the Traditional Latin Mass as the normal form of the Mass in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. The Traditional Latin Mass is still valid and can be celebrated, but the Novus Ordo became the form of the Mass celebrated in most Catholic churches.

Friday's schedule includes a list of sessions that will take a closer look at the history and traditions of the Catholic liturgy. Morning lecture topics feature an introduction to the Catholic liturgical tradition and the spirituality of

*See Conference, page 11*

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Fr. Chouinard memorial dedication Sept. 12

### From Portland Diocese

LISBON FALLS - Current and former parishioners, community members, and others will gather together in Lisbon Falls on Sunday, Sept. 12, to pay tribute and remember Fr. Lionel Chouinard the beloved former pastor of Holy Trinity Church who died in 2019.

A special memorial dedication and celebration will begin with a 10:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Deeley, followed by a light meal,

and the dedication. Distinguished guests from throughout Fr. Chouinard's time in Lisbon Falls are scheduled to participate in the event which will be held at Holy Trinity, located on 67 Frost Hill Avenue.

Born in Lewiston, Fr. Chouinard completed his clerical studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel J. Feehey, on May 22, 1965, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in

Portland.

In over 50 years of active ministry, Fr. Chouinard served in parishes in Augusta, Machias, Madawaska, Mexico, Lewiston, Peaks Island, and Sabbathus, as well as Lisbon Falls, where he spent over 17 years and oversaw the construction of a new parish center.

In addition to his work in parishes, Fr. Chouinard has served as president of the Diocesan Senate of Priests (now known as the Presbyteral Council), a member of

the College of Consultors, Vicar Forane of the then Oxford-Franklin Deanery, chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella, a chaplain at Saint Dominic Academy, and an auxiliary chaplain for the U.S. Air Force Base in Bucks Harbor.

If you plan to attend the gathering on September 12, please call Prince of Peace Parish, of which Holy Trinity is a part, at (207) 777-1200 so the parish can get an idea of the number of meals that will be required.



Fr. Lionel Chouinard, the former pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls (Photo courtesy of Portland Diocese)

## Two businesses sweeten deal for contest

### From LA Metro Chamber

LEWISTON - With just under two weeks remaining before the JumpstartME contest deadline, two businesses have sweetened the prize package for one future Lewiston Downtown Business District operation.

Local architectural firm Platz Associates has offered their services to the contest winner, and Dojo Digital will be contributing a website, domain, hosting and emails for the first year. Platz Associates and Dojo Digital join Rinck Advertising, Skelton, Taintor & Abbott, Austin Associates, the Downtown Lewiston Association, LA Metro Chamber, and Androscoggin Network Builders in a combined grand prize package value of more than \$80,000.

The Downtown Lew-

iston Association along with the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce earlier this year 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 aimed at established and startup businesses alike has a deadline fast approaching.

"This is one of the things about Lewiston that I really love - a commitment of our existing local businesses large and small to bettering our community," said Michael Dostie, President of the Downtown Lewiston Association. "We knew a big challenge with launching this competition was going to be the timing as we slowly emerge from the pandemic; too soon

and businesses wouldn't be confident patrons would be ready, but too late and we'd miss the opportunity. From the interest in applicants and other community businesses coming forward to enhance the grand prize package, I'd say we hit the nail on the head for timing. It's an exciting relief."

Indeed, the contest has more than 20 serious competitors join the two info sessions held to date, with 5 applicants submitting well ahead of the Aug. 15 deadline.

The LA Metro Chamber, who is administering the contest, has already extended 3 invitations to Phase 2, notifying applicants with additional details regarding the location at 120 Lisbon Street. Tours of the open concept, street level location will occur for successful Phase 1 appli-

cants in mid-August.

"We are excited by not only the interest we have seen, but the quality of applicants and diversity of businesses submitting to the contest", said LA Metro Chamber President + CEO, Shanna Cox. "While we won't know the winner for a bit more than a month, the contest has already met the key goals of increasing awareness of the district to businesses and investors alike, as well as building a strong prize package from generous local businesses invested in seeing new businesses in the district succeed. It speaks volumes about what any business owner in the district can expect for local support."

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.

The LA Metro Chamber will host an open support session for phase 1 and 2 applicants at the Chamber, 415 Lisbon Street, Lewiston from 9-11 a.m. this Saturday.

Questions may be directed to [info@lametrochamber.com](mailto: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 devel-


opment, and professional networking, the LA Metro Chamber helps business and community build, lead, and thrive. ([lametrochamber.com](http://lametrochamber.com))

An organization committed to positioning the Downtown Lewiston Commercial Area as the cultural and economic heart of the region, the Downtown Lewiston Association's membership includes the business community, non-profit organizations, residents, and friends of downtown who share a collective vision for a vibrant and dynamic downtown in Lewiston. They achieve their vision through collaborative advocacy efforts, marketing their distinctive assets, fostering economic development, expanding cultural offerings, and promoting community-based events.


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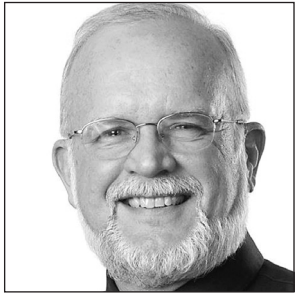
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Guest Column

## Supporting Maine's farmers



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

By Sen. Ned Claxton

One of the reasons Maine is such a wonderful place to live is the abundance of fresh food that is caught, raised, grown and harvested by our neighbors.

Maine farmers work hard every day to put healthy, nutritious food on our plates. It's a lifestyle and work ethic that is deeply embedded in Maine's culture and history, and that drives large parts of our state's economy.

Like most industries, Maine's farmers and food industry were significantly impacted by the pandemic and all the changes that came with it. From the closure of restaurants, to COVID outbreaks in food processing facilities,

to new shopping habits and safety guidelines, the food industry saw massive disruptions in the supply chain over the past year and a half. But Maine farmers did what they've always done: They adapted and found new ways to get their product to market.

Over the duration of our legislative session these past six months, the Legislature made it a priority to support Maine farmers, culminating on July 19, the last day of session. That was the day the Legislature voted on how to distribute nearly \$1 billion in discretionary federal funds provided to the state as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Maine businesses, workers, families, seniors, veterans, health care providers and so many more are in desperate need of additional support to rebuild after the pandemic, and these funds provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give them some extra help.

To support our farmers and agricultural economy, the Legislature voted to allocate \$20 million for immediate investments in Maine's farms and food processors. This funding will allow us to grow our state food economy so

that we don't need to rely as much on food imported from other states – we can feed people with food grown right here while expanding our markets outside of Maine's borders. Growing our food processing infrastructure is critical to making sure that Maine farmers can get their food to market as efficiently as possible, without needing to send their products out-of-state for essential processing.

This investment complements other efforts the Legislature made this session to support farmers, grow their market and ensure that this heritage industry can thrive for generations to come. We prioritized funding for the Mainers Feeding Mainers program in our back-to-basics budget to make sure that this program didn't lapse. Mainers Feeding Mainers is a program operated by Good Shepherd Food Bank that works with over 70 farms to distribute two million pounds of Maine-grown food to hungry Mainers each year. Supporting our farmers while combating Maine's serious hunger problem benefits everyone, and I'm proud we were able to secure funding for Mainers Feeding Mainers so early

in our session.

Another win-win came in the form of a bill from Senate Majority Leader Eloise Vitelli, D-Aroswic. This bill expands an existing program to put more local foods in front of Maine students. The program reimburses schools for money spent on locally produced food, and while it originally only covered fruits and vegetables, this year's expansion means proteins and value-added dairy, including meat, eggs and yogurt, are also eligible. The bill also raised the reimbursement cap and makes it easier for schools to participate by allowing them to purchase food through local food distributors. Expanding this program not only gives Maine farmers a larger market for their goods; it also helps more Maine students get healthy, nutritious food so that they can focus on being kids. The Legislature also ensured that school meals will continue to be free, both breakfast and lunch, for all students even if federal programs expire.

Without Maine's farmers, we wouldn't be the state we know and love. As we continue to address some of the most important challenges of

our time – including food insecurity and threats to our environment – farmers will be critical partners. As your state senator, I'll continue to support policies that make sure our farmers have the tools they need to continue their important work.

Even though the Legislature has officially adjourned for the session, I'm still here to help however I can. Don't hesitate to contact me at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at

287-1515 if I can be of assistance to you.

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

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# New art on display at CMCC



‘West Pitch Winter’, a photograph by Richard Plourde, is on display at Central Maine Medical Center as part of the Woman’s Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery. (Photo courtesy of WHA)

From WHA

LEWISTON - The Woman’s Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying the photography of Richard Plourde and the art of Sarah Martin.

A resident of Lewiston, Plourde has had a lifelong passion for being artistically creative. The former Art Director for the Geiger owned, Lewiston-based publication, “Farmers’ Almanac”, he designed each annual edition. More recently, Richard volunteered his creative skills to create an engaging new web site for the Androscoggin Historical Society, subsequently being awarded “Volunteer of the Year” by the Society for his efforts. He has become locally known for his stunning photos of Lewiston-Auburn highlighting popular locations and iconic

structures; several of his photos can be seen promoting the city, events, and economic development.

Martin’s interest in acrylic painting began four years ago when she found painting lessons on YouTube by Cinnamon Cooney who is often known as the Art Sherpa. This was just before her diagnosis of MS. In painting whimsical scenery and abstract art, “I have used painting as a form of therapy to help me cope with the ups and downs of my illness”.

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. As a result of the hospital safety precautions due to the pandemic, the art gallery is only available for viewing for staff, patients, and their designated visitors at this time. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.



‘Bear’ by Sarah Martin is one of the works on display at Central Maine Medical Center as part of the Woman’s Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery. (Photo courtesy of WHA)

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development

### NextGrid Peppertree, 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 Peppertree, LLC. The proposal is for construction of a 5.665-megawatt (MW), groundmounted solar photovoltaic facility (solar farm). NextGrid Peppertree, 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 Peppertree, LLC proposes to construct a 5.665-MW solar farm on an approximately 20-acre site which contains agricultural land and forestland. Approximately 20 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 north of Lewiston Junction Road, near the intersection of Torrey Road and Lewiston Junction Road in the town of Poland, 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 Lewiston Junction 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 Peppertree, 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 cleared forestland.

If implemented, the Proposed Project will result in approximately 1,930 ft<sup>2</sup> of wetland fill from the construction of an access road, resulting in permanent loss. Additionally, there will be approximately 5,590 ft<sup>2</sup> of wetland vegetation (i.e., conversion of scrub-shrub wetland vegetation to emergent wetland vegetation with no grubbing required). The functions and values of the wetland areas not being grubbed or filled will be maintained as those associated with wet meadow and emergent wetlands. 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.

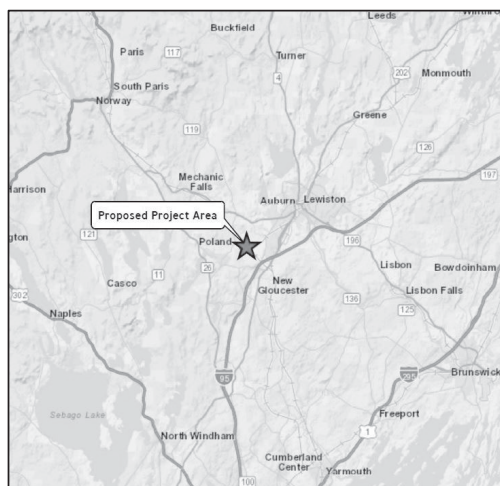
Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by August 19, 2021.

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: August 5, 2021.

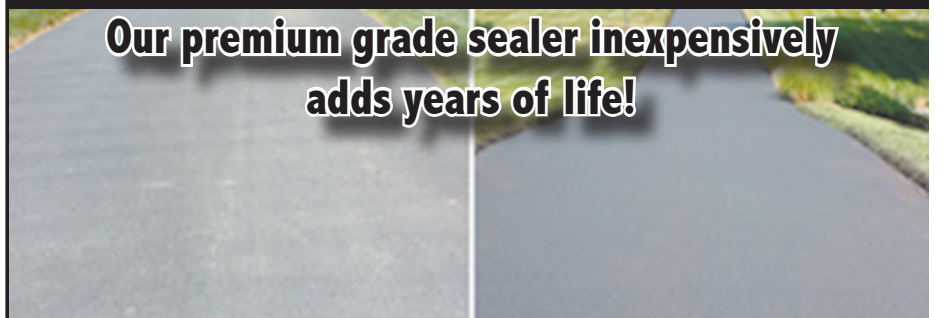


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Guest Essay

# WAA Stem to Stone Weekend Awards



Lee Gentry, Executive Vice President, Bennett Family of Companies, and Donna Padgett, Sr. Director of Financial Planning & Analysis Operations Manager accept the Wreaths Across America annual James Prout Sprit of Giving Award on behalf of Bennett, which is located in Columbia Falls, ME and McDounough, GA. The award was presented at the WAA Stem to Stone Weekend in July. (Photo courtesy of WAA)

By Karen Worcester

As I'm writing today I am doing so coming off an emotion-filled few days.

Wreaths Across America's Stem to Stone Weekend, which took place in July, is designed

to help our volunteers fully understand the mission. Each year, as the event plays out, the team here at WAA learns as much as we teach. All of our volunteers have their own "WHY" but as we spend precious hours together, we are bonded by

our love of Country, community and each other.

Many of our dedicated volunteers who participated in the event took the time to share stories of the effort taking place in their towns and cities to rally around and support

the mission. Everybody truly plays a part (WAA theme in 2019). We heard many examples of people carrying out selfless acts to involve whole towns in honoring the sacrifice of our veterans. People being Americans Worth Fighting For (WAA theme in 2020).

And most importantly we heard how their year-long process of having a WAA event brings kids and veterans together to teach courage and character and the importance of "Living up to their legacy" (WAA theme for 2021). The testimonies of these people and other giving-Americans have inspired our themes in the past, as they have our soon-to-be-announced theme for 2022.

At its annual Stem to Stone event in Maine, Wreaths Across America (WAA) recognized Bennett Family of Companies of Columbia Falls, ME, and McDounough, GA, as the sixth recipient of the organization's annual James Prout Spirit of Giving Award.

PenFed Credit Union of Tysons, VA, the nation's second-largest federal credit union, today proudly announced it earned Wreaths Across America's TEACH Award, given annually to a group or individual who has made a large contribution to teaching the next generation to remember and honor those who serve in our nation's military.

South Portland resident Brayden "Brady" Kirk is the fourth recipient of the organization's LEARN Award. This award given semi-annually to a young individual who has learned, and understands, the Wreaths Across America mission and incorporates it into their young life.

The REMEMBER Award was presented to The Fran Haasch Law Group of Tampa Bay, FL

Although WAA is most known for placing wreaths on veterans graves during the holidays, our year-round mission is an opportunity for commu-

nities to come together to reconnect and share the comfort that that brings. Common ground is found in our respect and love for those who fought for our freedom. Common ground strengthens communities.

I came away from the weekend's events hopeful and excited as I worked with people from all over the country gathered to reboot our commitment to share the stories of heroes from generations before with our children.

Patriotism begins at home, then reaches to community and Country. Without the passion of our dedicated volunteers -- two million strong -- we could not carry out our mission. Our mission, which brings communities together with a common goal.

**With gratitude,  
Karen Worcester  
REMEMBER.  
HONOR. TEACH.**

*Karen Worcest is the Executive Director of Wreaths Across America, based in Columbia Falls, ME*

## Free 'Living Well with Diabetes' Workshop

From HL4ME

AUGUSTA - Healthy Living for ME is offering a free workshop to help individuals with diabetes improve their management of the disease and their overall wellbeing, beginning on Aug. 10.

Topics covered in the workshop include techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes such as fatigue, pain, hyper/hypoglycemia, stress, depression, anger, fear and frustration; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance; healthy eating; appropriate use of medication; and guidance on working with healthcare providers.

"Living Well with Diabetes" is offered via Zoom and is open to adults of any age in Maine dealing with diabetes and its symptoms. Caregivers and/or supports of those living with diabetes are also encouraged to register. Additionally, people who would like to join the workshop but do not have access to the necessary technology may be eligible to borrow a device through Healthy Living for Maine's iPad loaning program in order to participate in the workshop.

"Living Well with Diabetes" is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Aug. 10., and will meet each Tuesday for six weeks. Later in the fall,

Healthy Living for Maine will also be offering "Living Well with Diabetes" for additional six-week sessions, with one beginning on Friday, Oct. 8, and another beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Registration for each of these series is now open.

This series is free for any adult Mainer dealing with diabetes, but advance registration is required. Please contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or info@

healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register.

Attendees can also register at [www.healthylivingforme.org](http://www.healthylivingforme.org).

To learn more about this, and other workshops offered by Healthy Living for ME, visit [www.healthylivingforme.org](http://www.healthylivingforme.org).

Healthy Living for ME is the Network Lead Entity (NLE) of a Community Integrated Health Network (CIHN) which encompasses evidence-based

programs, as well as health and wellness and Community Health services. All scheduled workshops are listed at [\[ingforme.org\]\(http://ingforme.org\). Its mission is to coordinate and align community resources to improve the health and wellness of the people](http://healthyliv-</a></p>
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Music, dance, theater fusion at Celebration Barn

**From CBT**

**SOUTH PARIS** - The Fourth Wall, the award-winning ensemble that is part chamber music group, part devised theater company, and part modern dance troupe, performs its family-friendly variety show *Fruit Flies Like a Banana* on Celebration Barn Theater's outdoor, open-air stage Saturday, Aug. 21..

The Fourth Wall, which earned top marks for their "deft choreography" from the Wall Street Journal, blends music, theater, dance and acrobatics into a new hybrid art form. In their show *Fruit Flies Like a Banana*, the trio of musicians creates new inter-

disciplinary works and reinterprets classic repertoire – all performed in an order chosen by the audience – to create uniquely animated music.

"The Fourth Wall's performance is spectacular and so much fun! They were in residency here at Celebration Barn in June and we are thrilled to share their magic with audiences of all ages," said the Barn's Executive Artistic Director Amanda Huotari.

*Fruit Flies Like a Banana* is performed all across the country and has won numerous Fringe Festival awards. "Their musicianship would be impressive if they just stood still and stared at their music stands and

their acrobatics would impress if they never saw an instrument, but together they make stage magic," said Carl F. Gauze, Archikulture Digest. CBC Manitoba said of *Fruit Flies Like a Banana*, "Serious music by seriously talented musicians in a show that doesn't take itself seriously at all."

The show begins at 7 p.m. and tickets to The Fourth Wall's *Fruit Flies Like a Banana* are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors (60+), and \$8 for kids (17 and under). Purchase tickets early for limited reserved seating, or bring your own chair. Tickets are general admission. Parking and concessions open at 6:15 PM. Purchasing tickets in advance



The Fourth Wall will bring its fusion of music, dance, and theater to the Celebration Barn Theater on Aug. 21. (Photo by Andy Batt)

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# 'Sofonisba' completes Summer Season at Monmouth

From TAM

MONMOUTH - Theater at Monmouth will present Callie Kimball's *Sofonisba*, the final opening of seven shows making up its (R)evolutionary Redux Summer Season.

Michelangelo's 27-year-old apprentice, Sofonisba Anguissola, boards a ship from Italy to become the first female court painter for King Philip II.

Her 20 years at the Spanish Court are one long chess match, played for and against the expectations of King, Bishop, Fool, Knight, and 14-year-old Queen. The negotiations and sacrifices she makes in service to her art and her heart reveal the dangerous waters of court politics for an unmarried, headstrong woman.

Embark on a voyage of discovery with *Sofonisba*, Thursday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, August 21 including matinee and evening performances on both week-

days and weekends.

Playwright Callie Kimball centers the story around the friendship between *Sofonisba* and the young Queen Isabel. Both facing the limits of their gender, and the duty of creation, one with her portraiture, the other for a male heir; the two women find solace and love with one another amidst the tumultuous landscape of the Spanish Court.

Reflecting on why she was first drawn to the play, Director Dawn McAndrews explains, "While there has never been a period in Western history in which women were completely absent in the visual arts, *Sofonisba's* artistry and success blazed a trail (on her own terms) for greater numbers of women to pursue serious careers as artists." McAndrews continues, "*Sofonisba* herself once said, 'Life is full of surprises, I try to capture these precious moments with wide eyes.' Thanks to the brilliance of Kimball's

words, I hope we have captured the quiet brilliance of *Sofonisba* and offered you a glimpse into her world through wide eyes."

Kimball, has been living with *Sofonisba* for some time now," I stumbled across the paintings of Sofonisba Anguissola in college purely by chance. I found her portraits arresting because her subjects seemed to hold so much in reserve. They all had such poise and seemed to carry secrets; their glances were oblique. At the time, I hadn't yet discovered playwriting. I was writing a lot of poetry that was inspired by paintings, but more than ten years went by before I felt ready to try to write about her work. That's how intimidated I was by her art."

She continues, "Her life story, just from what little we know about her, touches on so many fascinating themes—making sacrifices for her art, being transplanted to a new country, navigating court

politics, struggling with a new language, protecting her standing as a woman artist, respecting the role of the Catholic church in terms of her work...it just goes on and on. I also juxtaposed her with the young Queen Isabel, whose work was creating heirs, in contrast to Anguissola's work creating portraits."

*Sofonisba* features Henry Hetz as Bishop/Don Francisco, Amber McNew as Sofonisba, Sophia Mobbs as Isabella, Michael Rosas as Fool and Reece Santos as King Phillip/Orazio. Directed by Dawn McAndrews; Set design by German Cardenas-Alaminos, Costume Design by Michelle Handley, Lighting Design by Jennifer Fok, Sound Design by Rew Tippin, Stage Management by Kailey Pelletier and Asst. Stage Management by Ty Bolduc.

The show opens July 29 with a 7:30 p.m. performance. Additional performances are July 30, and Aug. 8, 7, 11, 17, and 19 at

7:30 p.m., and Aug. 8 and 21 at 1 p.m.

Post-Performance Discussions. For 2021 Post-Performance Discussions will be pre-recorded and audiences will be able to stream the content before or after their selected dates. Discussions with the cast and creative team will cover the critical historical, artistic, and cultural perspectives of the worlds of each individual play.

A TAM subscription offers the greatest savings and exclusive benefits like priority seating and ticket exchanges. Gold, Flex, General, or Senior Passes are available for purchase, so whether you want a ticket for each show or five tickets to one show, there's an available option.

Single tickets for the Summer Repertory and Fall Plays are \$36 for adults, \$31 for senior citizens, and \$22 for students (18 and under). Family Show tickets are \$17 for adults, \$12 for children. Due to limited capacity this year, individ-

ual tickets must be bought at a minimum of two tickets.

Opening Nights are Educator Nights. Educators receive 20% off the general ticket price with a valid photo ID at the Box Office.

To help with capacity limits, Theater at Monmouth is restricting the purchase of one individual ticket to day of show. Please call the Box Office at 207.933.9999 to purchase these tickets.

For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org).

Theater at Monmouth, founded in 1970, was named the Shakespearean Theater of Maine by the State Legislature in 1975. The theatre's mission is to present innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions that enrich the lives of people throughout Maine.

## Maine home sales up in May

From Maine Realtors

AUGUSTA - Sales of single-family existing homes in Maine continued a double-digit increase trend in May.

Statistics released last week by the Maine Association of Realtors show 1,1613 homes changed hands across the state in May 2021—a 28.32 percent increase over May 2020. High buyer demand continues to impact home values.

The statewide median sales price (MSP) increased 28.21 percent to \$305,000 in May 2021 compared to May 2020. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"May 2020 was the low point for Maine's res-

idential real estate market due to the COVID shutdown," says Aaron Bolster, Broker/Owner of Allied Realty in Skowhegan and 2021 President of the Maine Association of Realtors. "Since then, the numbers have rebounded and continue to show strength. These reported numbers reflect a comparison to the May 2020 COVID shutdown statistics. May 2021 sales volume was comparable to pre-pandemic sales volume levels, about one percent above the May 2019 figures."

According to the National Association of Realtors, single-family existing home sales across the country rose 39.2 percent in May 2021 compared to May 2020. The national MSP of \$356,600 rep-

resents a 24.4 percent increase from May of 2020.

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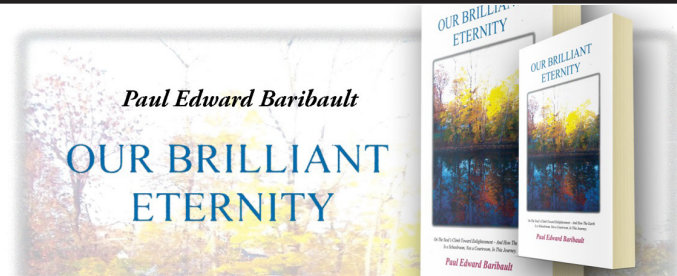
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### Emerald River

*Continued from page 1*

An Act to Legalize Marijuana, allowing adults 21 and older to possess, consume, and cultivate marijuana for personal use. The legislature made a number of changes and compromises to the law over the subsequent years, with the current law allowing recreational users to grow up to three marijuana plants at home.

The revised law, LD 1719, established rules for sales of recreational marijuana and gave Mainers priority for commercial licenses. Originally, only Mainers were going to be allowed to open stores, but lawsuits by out-of-state companies have caused Maine to set aside that requirement.

Emerald River of Maine President Matt Taggart has lived in Maine for six years with his wife and their elementary school-age son.

He said he chose to locate the new store in

Lewiston because the area is “undergoing a massive redevelopment” as the second largest city in Maine. The city leaders along with the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, “are fighting for the city. I love that vibe,” he said. Lewiston has a population of about 36,000, and paired with twin city Auburn at 23,000, the area approaches the population of Portland, Maine’s largest city at about 66,000 residents.

Taggart said that once Lewiston Land Use Planner James Buzzell “saw our brand identity, what we’re doing, and our business plan, I can’t even begin to express to you how welcoming they were to the business and what we’re trying to achieve.”

Located near the Lewiston exit for interstate highway 95, this will be the flagship store for Emerald River Maine, Taggart said, and he is planning for the store to be “very welcoming, very respectful . . .

a very nice shining beacon of ‘Hello, welcome to the city’.”

“So when somebody pulls in here, it’s going to be obvious this is not your everyday experience,” Taggart said. “We definitely want to a part of redevelopment in the city.”

Emerald River’s website talks about “a wandering river that begs for our attention,” and says, “We feel the peace and comfort that the gurgling movements bring to us. This is our adventure, as much as it is nature’s. It’s the wellness, and the strength of community in our neighbors which we wish to lift up. We see your beauty and we want to enhance that beauty. Our journey begins now.”

Taggart said all products that will be sold in the store will be grown, produced, and packaged in Maine.

He hopes to open the store in December, and eventually expects to have 12 to 14 employees, either directly in the store or working remotely.

Taggart is an equal partner in the business with Morriss Partee, and Matthew Moriarty. All three received Maine Office of Marijuana Policy Individual Identification Cards in the first quarter of 2020, after a background review.

Taggart is also the COO/Product Engineer and Partner in EverythingCU.com, where he

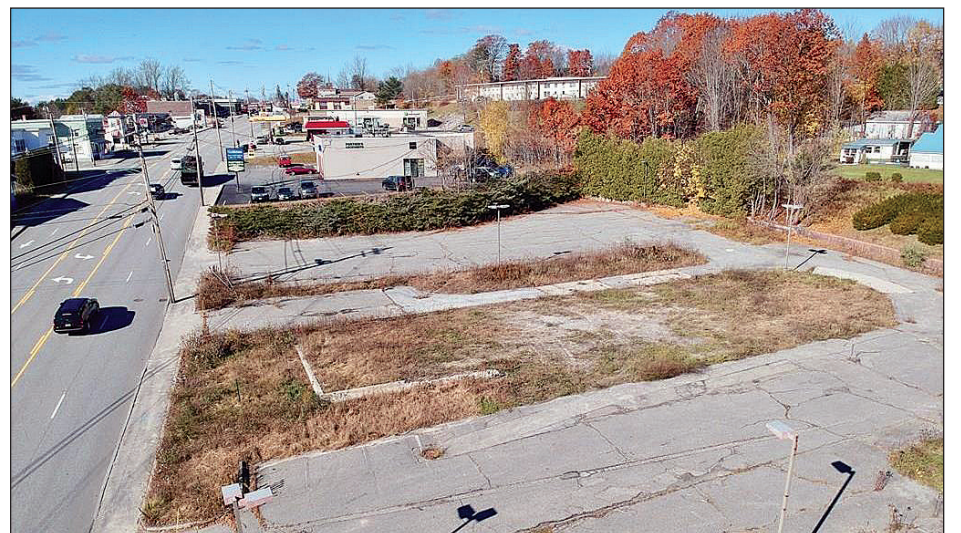
has designed several online products for the credit union industry. Partee

comes from a marketing background, and he and Moriarty will be support-

ing Taggart as the face of Emerald River Maine, Taggart said.



Emerald River Maine President Matthew Taggart in front of the lot on Lisbon Street in Lewiston where he plans to open a 2700 square foot recreational marijuana store as early as December. (Tsukroff photo)



An aerial view shows the lot at 1240 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, that was the site of a McDonald’s store from the 1960’s to 2009. The lot remained empty until Emerald River Maine purchased it last year to build a 2700 square foot recreational marijuana store. (Photo from Emerald River website)

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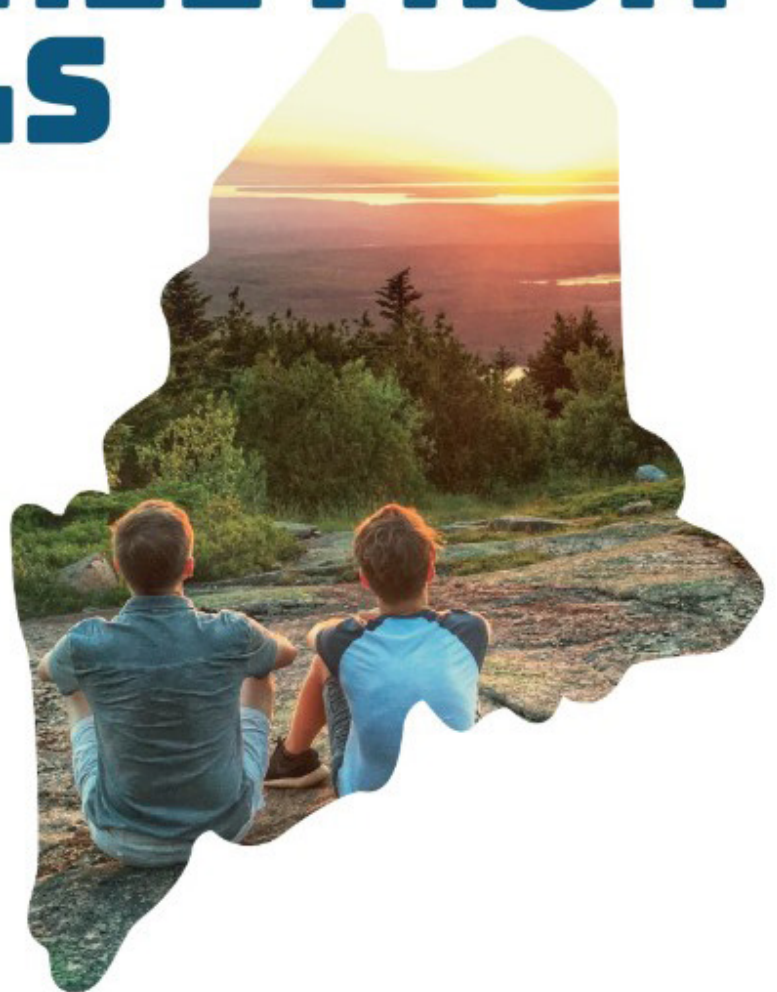
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Out and About

# Music on a summer day!



Donna and Jeff Wells of Farmington are well known in the music world in Maine and Florida, playing in retirement homes, nursing homes, rv parks, class reunions, private parties, restaurants, wherever live music is appreciated. Their repertoire features New and Old Country, Oldies and Doo Wop. (Rachel Morin photo)



Gerry and Claudette Martel found the perfect spot for a clear view of Jeff and Donna Wells on the stage. (Rachel Morin photo)

By Rachel Morin

Jeff and Donna Wells of Farmington, well known musicians in Maine

and Florida, entertained the residents of Schooner Estates Retirement Community in Auburn on one of the prettiest July days of summer in the Courtyard.

After days of rain, the sunny day was so welcomed and appreciated.

The audience was with Jeff and Donna right from the first number they played, singing along and tapping their feet - "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue, Has Anybody Seen my Gal?" Well, you should have heard the crowd, and seen them, singing away,

swaying to and fro, and having a grand old time.

The husband and wife team has played many years together, Jeff on guitar and Donna on keyboard, and both on vocals, featuring New and Old Country, Oldies and Doo Wop.

Jeff and Donna had an instant rapport with the audience with residents joining in, singing along with them.

Jeff had a folksy style, announcing the songs, adding a little history on each song, who wrote it, who sang it and other interesting details. The audience enjoyed his joking banter with his wife, and learned they had been married 52 years! Jeff had acquired a lot of material over the years, and Donna was enjoying it as well.

Many songs followed, all with the same audience enthusiasm. I am sure the readers will know these songs as well and even hear the tunes as they read the titles. Included in the large number of songs were Yes, Sir, That's My Baby, Rockin' Robin, Blue Suede Shoes, Lipstick on your Collar, Country Roads, Fields Back Home, Elvira, Sixteen Tons and Battle of New Orleans.

Hound Dog was the finale.

The Wells have

been traveling throughout Maine and back and forth to Florida for many decades and have created a large following in both

states. They are in demand and have played in senior living communities, nursing homes, private parties, restaurants, class year and

family reunions, parks or wherever live music is appreciated. It is a lifestyle they both enjoy and have no plans to retire.



Romeo Labbe, Sue O'Sullivan and Art Turner are longtime fans of guitar and keyboard with great vocals on new and old country music, the oldies, especially; and sang right along with the Wells. (Rachel Morin photo)

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development

**NextGrid Mangrove, 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 Mangrove, LLC. The proposal is for construction of a 5.55-megawatt (MW), groundmounted solar photovoltaic facility (solar farm). NextGrid Mangrove, 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 Mangrove, LLC proposes to construct a 5.55-MW solar farm on an approximately 213-acre site which contains agricultural land and forestland. Approximately 20 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 west of Main Street near the intersection of Main Street and Merrill 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 Merrill 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 Mangrove, 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 previously used as pastureland.

If implemented, the Proposed Project will convert approximately 2,717 ft<sup>2</sup> of wetland fill from the construction of an access road (permanent loss) and from clearing and grubbing of forested wetland (these wetlands will not be permanently lost and will be maintained as emergent wetland vegetation). Additionally, there will be approximately 754 ft<sup>2</sup> 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 August 12, 2021.

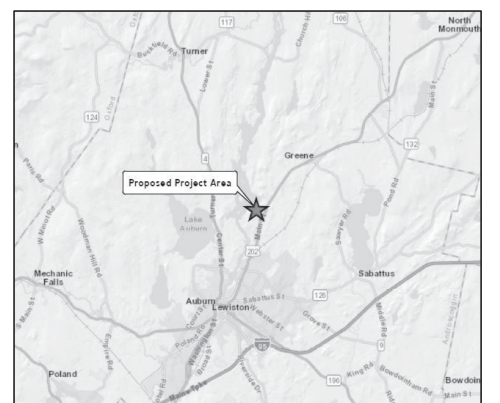
RBS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

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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# Free Child Development Associate credentialing program

From CMCC

AUBURN - The Center for Workforce and Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) is partnering with area employers and service providers to recruit candidates interested in becoming a qualified early childhood educator with a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential.

Successful candidates will be hired as Teacher/Teacher Assistants by employer-partners and take part in free training through CMCC and Lewiston/Auburn Adult Education.

Interested applicants can learn more about job openings, the program, and requirements during an information session on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 3-5 p.m. at locations in Androscoggin

County, southern Kennebec County, or Oxford County. Information and links to register for both the information session and the program itself are available at <https://www.cmcc.edu/workforcedevelopment>. Info session locations are determined by the applicant's form submission.

The free Child Development Associate Credential is a 12-week training program that runs from September 27 through December 21, and is provided in collaboration with CMCC, Lewiston/Auburn Adult Education, Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC), Community Concepts, Promise Early Education Center, Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation, and Community Concepts Childcare.

Successful candi-

dates will work up to 30 hours per week at an employer-partner's worksite, receive 120 hours of free online training through CMCC, plus take part in 60 hours of WorkReady instruction led by Lewiston/Auburn Adult Education that is delivered live over Zoom and two in-person sessions at CMCC in Auburn. Support services may be available to eligible candidates through EMDC and/or Community Concepts.

Participants in this no-cost training program and employment opportunity can choose between center-based infant and toddler care for ages birth to 36-months or center-based preschool for ages 3-5 years, depending on location. Participants earn \$12.50 per hour for up to 30 hours per week while working for the

employer during the 12-week program. Wages rise to \$14-\$16 per hour upon successful completion of the program and retaining work with the employer after the training. Successful completers of this certification program may have six credits applied toward an Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education at Central Maine Community College.

This program is funded by Maine Quality Centers (MQC). Participants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma, GED, or HiSet, and be a U.S. citizen and/or authorized to work in the U.S. Criminal background check and current vaccination records will be required by employers. Additionally, candidates in MQC-funded programs

must be a dislocated, unemployed, or underemployed worker, or someone whose job has been adversely affected by COVID-19. Underemployed can be considered as working part-time but looking for full-time work or working in an occupation below one's skillset. Candidates are only eligible to participate in one MQC program being offered at any of the seven colleges in the Maine Community College System.

For more information, or to register, please contact Central Maine Community College's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at [workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu](mailto:workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu) or 207-755-5280.

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The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College provides customized training programs to business, government, nonprofit and other organizations throughout Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin, and Lincoln counties. In addition, they offer both non-credit classes and certification programs on a wide range of subject matter. Their mission is to support community and promote economic development by offering the highest quality training and professional development courses to business and industry coupled with access to training grants for new and expanding businesses.

## Guest Column

# How not to get a misspelled tattoo

By Grammar Guy

Oh, those crazy -o ending words! What are we going to do with them? Specifically, how do we know how to spell them when they become plural? And how do we make sure

we don't get a misspelled tattoo? Let's march forward into the mess.

In college, I had a friend who wanted to honor his late grandfather by getting a tattoo. He wanted to ink "Last of the Heroes" on his arm in elegant script;

however, neither he nor the tattoo artist knew how to spell the plural form of the word "hero," so my friend got "Last of the Heros" permanently emblazoned on his forearm. I didn't have the heart to tell him that it wasn't spelled right.

A "heros," as it turns out, is a type of multicolored fish found in South American river basins. My friend's grandfather was not the last of a species of fish.

There are some ways to know how to spell plural words ending in -o, so let's tackle them before we all start getting poorly spelled tattoos.

If the -o word has a consonant before the "o," the general rule is to add "es" to make the word plural. We find this in the case of words including potatoes, tomatoes, dingoes, echoes and buffaloes. Of course, that depends on which dictionary you consult. Some say that both "buffalos" and "buffaloes" are correct. You can find some that include "heros" as an acceptable plural

form of "hero." Can the American Spelling Council please convene on this issue?

If the -o word has a vowel before the "o," the general rule is to add "s" to make the word plural. We see this in ratios, studios, tattoos, radios and zoos. Also, if a word is a shortened form of a longer word, like kilo, photo, hippo and memo, simply add "s" to make the word plural.

We have words that don't follow the general rules I just provided. See pianos, casinos, avocados, silos and bonobos, for instance. When a word originates from Spanish or Italian, including solo, taco, trio, inferno and stiletto, simply add "s" to make the word plural.

Finally, we have -o

words that go both ways. Cargo can become "cargos" or "cargoes." This also applies with the plural forms of volcano, domino, commando, halo, mango and mosquito. In my informed opinion, "hero" does not fit into this category.

With all this being said, some dictionaries still do not agree on the plural form of words ending in "o," including the aforementioned "hero." When in doubt, add "es." Whatever you do, please double and triple-check the spelling of a word before you get it tattooed on your body.

*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](http://curtishoneycutt.com).*

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**Conference**

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Gregorian chant, while afternoon workshops will be dedicated to the practical: teaching and learning Gregorian chant and introducing it to parishes. There will also be a panel discussion in which clergy and lay experts discuss both Catholic liturgical traditions and the changes that have been implemented in recent years. The day will end with a traditional Latin Mass celebrated in the Basilica's upper church.

The keynote speaker for Friday will be Dr. Jennifer Donelson, director of the Schola Cantorum of St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie) in Yonkers, New York, and the Metropolitan Catholic Chorale. Dr. Donelson is the director of sacred music at St. Joseph's Seminary, where she also teaches sacred music courses at the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians. She is the president of the Society for Catholic Liturgy, serves on the board of the Church Music Association of America, and is the managing editor of the journal Sacred Music.

The cost of the conference is \$25, and lunch will be provided both days. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Scott Vaillancourt at Scott.Vaillancourt@PortlandDiocese.org.

# ServiceMaster Goes Solar

**By Maine Solar**

AUBURN - Maine Solar Solutions recently completed a 49.59 kilowatt (kW) solar electric installation at ServiceMaster in Auburn.

By harnessing the sun's power, this local business has increased the sustainability of its operations while also reducing its annual operating costs.

The 114 high-efficiency REC 435-watt photovoltaic panels are roof mounted and, coupled with the SolarEdge inverter, will produce over 55,495 kWh of clean, renewable power each year.

Maine Solar Solutions designed the system to offset 100% of ServiceMaster's annual electrical consumption, nearly eliminating the annual electricity cost for this 10,000 square foot facility.

As a business that has been cleaning and restoring homes and businesses after floods and fires for over 25 years, ServiceMaster sees firsthand the impact they can make right here in Maine.

As community members themselves, and with many of their employees living in the area they support, "ServiceMaster strives every day to be the business that our community can count on year after year and saw an opportunity to do more with solar. Not only do we see

this as a cost-effective solution for the business's future energy expenses, but it also protects our environment and, in turn, the community we care so much about," said Steve Cox, co-owner of ServiceMaster.

By installing a solar system and sharing their solar experience with others, Cox believes ServiceMaster can lead by example for other local businesses to follow.


The new solar electric system will offset over 39.3 metric tons of carbon diox-

ide every year that would otherwise be emitted by fossil-fuel based utility power. This impact is equivalent to saving 91 barrels of oil, removing air pollution produced by over 98,840 miles of driving, or the pollutants removed by planting 49 acres of trees annually.

ServiceMaster is a team of dedicated professionals certified in the remediation of damage caused by water, fire, soot, sewage, trauma, vandalism, and mold. With over 25 years of

combined experience, a staff of IICRC trained professionals and state of the art equipment, we are ready and capable to bring your emergency under control – no matter how big or how small. Our restoration and cleaning services will get your Maine home or business back to normal as quickly as possible. <http://bitly.ws/fXMw>

Maine Solar Solutions is a locally owned business that has been helping empower homeowners and businesses with solar electric solutions for nine years. If you're interested in learning more about Maine Solar Solutions and receiving a free solar site assessment, visit [www.mainesolarsolutions.com](http://www.mainesolarsolutions.com).



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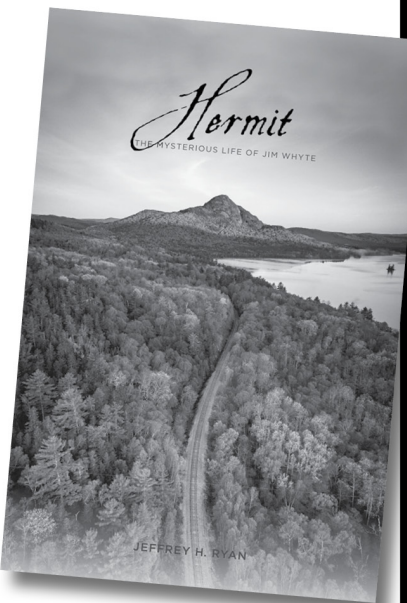


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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Rural Development**

**NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**

**AGENCY:** Rural-Business Service (RBS), USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The RBS has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC for the construction of the Lisbon Road Solar Project in Androscoggin County, Maine.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or 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](mailto:brian.wilson@usda.gov). The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project consists of construction of 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. Alternatives considered by RBS and NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC include: No action; under the Action Alternative, RBS would consider financing the proposed Project. The alternatives are discussed in the Lisbon Road Solar EA. The RBS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): The Twin City Times, Androscoggin County, Maine on July 1, 2021, and July 8, 2021. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office as well as NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC offices. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC, and public comments received, RBS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

RBS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of the Lisbon Road Solar Project will convert approximately 1,682 ft<sup>2</sup> of permanent wetland fill through grubbing for the construction of security fencing and the access road. Additionally, there will be approximately 2,261 ft<sup>2</sup> of scrub shrub wetland conversion to wet meadow wetlands through vegetation clearing for panel shade reduction. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed prior to construction and maintained through project completion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion of effect and that there is a significant need for the project. The basis of this determination is the lack of suitable alternative project areas, the mitigation efforted determined by the landowner as well as NextGrid Cliffrose, LLC, and the regional need for an affordable, reliable, and consistent supply of renewable electric power at competitive rates. No public comments were received regarding the conversion of wetlands.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500- 1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RBS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RBS's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

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# Calendar

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**10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
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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**  
**Aug. 12**

**1-2 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library -Learn on the Lawn - West African Dance with Marita Kennedy-Castro

Dance and drumming are a rich part of culture and community in Guinea. There are traditional rhythms and dances that accompany all manner of life's passages and natural cycles, including births, weddings, coming-of-age ceremonies, the planting and harvesting of crops, full moons, and celebrations of many sorts. Wear comfortable clothing to move in (and leggings if wearing a skirt, because we might kick up our legs a bit), bring water for hydration, and we generally dance barefoot but lightweight shoes are fine too.

**6-7 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. Irene Drago, author of

The Maine Point presents Maine's History is Naturally Romantic! Please join us for a talk with Irene M. Drago as she discusses writing historical fiction. Her books are Daughters of Long Reach and The Maine Point, both available to borrow from the library.

**FRIDAY**  
**Aug. 13**  
**10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.**

GORHAM - Shaw Cherry Hill Farm – Building Fairy Houses. 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.

Have you walked at the Cherry Hill Farm and seen those a.m.azing structures in the woods? Well, let's see what we can do to add to the area! We are going to get hands-on and build fairy houses from the resources we find lying on the ground.

Rain date: Aug. 20-10:30 a.m.  
**2 p.m. & 7 p.m.**  
 GREENE- Bluegrass band the Katahdin Valley Boys perform at the Sawyer Memorial on August 13 at 2&7PM. 371 Sawyer Rd, Greene. FMI 946-5311.

**5 p.m.**  
 BATH – Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street, Bath - Taproots: Off-shoots of printerly origins

Rebecca Goodale and Christopher Patch. Aug. 13 (with opening reception at 5 p.m.) through Sept. 25.

A natural taproot is a strong central root from which other roots branch. Goodale and Patch make artwork that takes many different directions (books, sculpture, collage, painting) but stem largely from a background in printmaking.

**MONDAY**  
**Aug. 16**

**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: Cobblestone.

**7 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – This is an optional meeting – Planning Board meeting.

**TUESDAY**  
**Aug. 17**

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

**8 a.m.**  
 GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting.

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

**6:30 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – Town Council workshop.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Aug. 18**

**All Day**  
 GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library is closed today for staff training and professional development.

**9 a.m.**  
 GORHAM – Economic Development Corporation meeting.

**4 p.m.**  
 AUBURN – Auburn

Water District Trustees meeting.

**4:30 p.m.**  
 LEWISTON – From Lewiston Public Library - 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.

**THURSDAY**  
**Aug. 19**

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

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

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

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

**MONDAY**  
**Aug. 23**

**5:30 p.m.**  
 LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting, via ZOOM. 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, at 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: Cilantro

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Aug. 25**

**7:30 a.m.**  
 AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board

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of Commissioners meeting.

**8 p.m.**  
 AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

**MONDAY**  
**Aug. 30**

**6:30 p.m.**  
 POLAND – At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Grassholes.

**THURSDAY**  
**Sept. 2**

**4 p.m.**  
 AUBURN – Cable TV Advisory Board meeting.

**5:30 p.m.**  
 AUBURN – Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board meeting.

**MONDAY**  
**Sept. 6**

All offices closed for Labor Day.

**TUESDAY**  
**Sept. 7**

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

**6 p.m.**  
 LEWISTON – City Council meeting, at City Hall, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston 1st Floor in the City Council Chambers. This Meeting and Workshop will be broadcast LIVE

over Spectrum Cable TV Government Access Channel 7, streamed LIVE through the Great Falls Television web site, and streamed LIVE through the city's YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/YouTube>. Archived copies of this meeting will be available immediately after broadcast on the City YouTube Channel and within a day or two after broadcast, for viewing for up to 60 days, at the Great Falls Television web site.

**6:30 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Sept. 8**

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

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

**7 p.m.**  
 GORHAM – School Committee meeting.

**MONDAY**  
**Sept. 13**

**5:30 p.m.**  
 LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting, at City Hall Council chambers. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

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