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Healthcare workers protest

vaccination mandate in Augusta

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Healthcare workers are concerned they will be fired unless they comply with Gov. Mills latest mandate requiring them to receive the COVID vaccination by October 1. A peaceful protest was held at the Maine State House in Augusta on August 16. TCT photo by Lillian Baker. More photos and video coverage at facebook.

### **Plumb** at **Craft Brew** on Saturday



Last Comix Standing semi-finalist Brian Plumb will be at the Craft Brew Underground at 7 p.m. on Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Craft Brew)

#### From Craft Brew

AUBURN - Maine Event Comedy presents Last Comix Standing semi-finalist Brian Plumb at Craft Brew Underground at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The show will also feature Corey Saunders and Julie Nye.

Plumb's confrontational style has made him a favorite throughout New England and beyond. He's a regular at Comix at Mohegan Sun and performed at the Mutiny Radio Comedy Festival in San Francisco. He was a semi-finalist at the Last Comix Standing contest at Foxwoods Casino and has played the Dallas Comedy Festival, Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas and NYC's Greenwich Village Comedy Club.

The show is for ages 21-and-older. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at MaineEventComedy.com. Craft Brew Underground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn. CBU offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine and was named "Maine's Best Beer Bar" by CraftBeer.com.

FMI: Call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.



Aria Kieltyka standing in front of the capitol building.



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Aria Kieltyka standing to the left of her Mother Samantha Kieltyka, who is a nurse.



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## **Newsmakers, Names & Faces** A Sprint + A Float in Rumford Androscoggin Adventure is Aug. 28

#### From Chisholm Ski Club

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RUMFORD - The Androscoggin Adventure, featuring a "Spring" and a "Float" will take place in Rumford on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Presented bv Chisholm Ski Club Paddle Sports and EnvisionRumford the event will take place from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

The day on the water celebrates the Androscoggin, the community, and the Maine tradition of water sports from easing on down the river with familv and friends to racing currents and each other in canoes, kayaks, and SUPs.

#### Float + Sprint

The focus of the Androscoggin Adventure is to encourage and nurture recreational use of the Upper Androscoggin River and to cap another great Maine summer

Rumford's new boat launch-which includes 20-foot precast concrete planks, a concrete abutment with lay-down planks and ample parking-is designed to make launching and reloading boats work Bears Snowmobile Club. easily with river current.

Awards and will be presented immediately after the race. Participants are encouraged to bring spectators, friends, and family.

No river celebration is complete without onshore festivities (and the occasional dip). Following an awards ceremony at noon, food, music by Jim Gallant, a Cornhole Tournament, and Kids' Zone will be held from 12:30 -3:00

The event happens rain or shine. If it's raining, off-river festivities will be held in tents and the Rumford Polar Bears Snowmobile Club building.

On-water safety will be provided by Mahoosuc Search and Rescue, which has extensive swift water and river rescue training with assistance by local volunteers

Proceeds from the event benefit the Chisholm Ski Club Youth Development Program, EnvisionRumford, Mahoosuc Mountain Search and Res-

### **Sponsors**

Androscoggin Adventure sponsors include CEI Consultants, Inc., The Barn Collection, and The Philbrook Place of Bethel, Maine; Gaskyl Productions, InkMaine, and T&T Head Shop of Rumford, Maine and Dan Warner, also of Rumford.

#### **Adventure Float**

Family, friends and kids-friendly, the Float begins at Hastings Landing in Rumford Center between 9:30 - 10:00 am and runs to the Rumford Boat Landing.

Given all manner of frivolity and a River Poker Run and Treasure Hunt. estimated float times range from 2-3 hours.

#### **Adventure Sprint**

Sprint Registration is through the Chisholm Ski Club website: Androscoggin Adventure Sprint - Racer Registration Multi-Class Canoe,

Kayak and SUP Classes

Two Person Canoe-Male or Mixed

Two Person Canoe-Female

Two Person Canoecue and Rumford Polar First Responder, Any Gender Individual Kayak-Male Individual Kayak-

Female Individual Stand-up

Paddle Board-Male Individual Stand-up

Paddle Board—Female The racecourse is

a quick four miles of the Androscoggin River and starts at the Rumford Boat Launch located on Route 2, Rumford. The course loops around Wheeler Island at the Rumford Falls dam, runs upriver to Mt. Zircon, and finishes back at the launch

There is current the entire length of the course.

Racers are required to sign a liability waiver and each craft is required to have a Coast Guard approved PFD for each person with anyone under age 14 wearing their PFD during the race. Each boat must also have at least one bailer

Chisholm Ski Club is located at Black Mountain of Maine Ski Area in Rumford, Maine. The Club has a rich tradition which dates to the early days of the 20th

century at its Spruce Street location and its mid-1900s days at Scottie's Mountain.

Over the yearsn the Club has hosted several world class Nordic skiing events, including the 1950 Championships, World 1976 NCAA Cross Country Skiing Championships, 1991 National Biathlon Championships, 1993 US Cross Country Skiing Championships, 1992 USSA XC Jr. Olympics, 1993 U.S. Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships, the first ever U.S./ North American Women's Ski Jumping Championships in 1996, 1996 National Junior Olympics, 1996 Chevy Truck U.S. Nationals, the 1999 NCAA Cross Country Skiing Championship, the 2003 Chevy Truck US Cross Country Championships, the 2004 Chevrolet US Cross Country Championships, the 2009 NCAA Cross Country Skiing Championships, the 2010 USCSA National Championships, and the 2011 and 2012 US Cross Country Championships. chisholmskiclub.org About EnvisionRumford

EnvisionRumford is grassroots community а group that began in 2013. In 2021, a reorganization has introduced new directors, a membership drive, revitalized advertising and fundraising campaign, and development plans to better the Rumford community, including many new and exciting events in the summer and fall of 2021, and beyond.

EnvisionRumford Mission: To collectively bring the community and all businesses together while enhancing Rumford with new events and community fundraisers. EnvisionRumford's goal is to encourage memberships and communication for local businesses to become "supporters not competitors." More, to discuss cross promotions between businesses, sales ideas, advertising, new business development. parking, cleanup, and more. EnvisionRumford will expand its reach to other business districts for complete inclusivity in the area. EnvisionRumford.org

## **Community college requires vaccination**

#### From MCCS

AUGUSTA, ME -Starting this fall, the Maine Community College System (MCCS) will require all students attending classes in person to be vaccinated against COVID-19, due to the recent surge in cases attributed to the delta variant

The MCCS Board of Trustees unanimously approved the updated COVID safety protocol lasts week.

"The safety of our

faculty, staff and students has been our top priority throughout the pandemic. The latest information about the delta variant makes it clear we must require vaccinations to keep our community as safe as possible," MCCS President David Daigler said.

The new protocol, which will be in effect for the 2021-22 academic year, applies to any student taking classes or training at any MCCS facility, including off-campus learning fa-

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cilities.

Students must show proof that they have received at least one dose of a vaccine prior to attending the first day of their in-person classes. Students who have only had their first shot when classes begin must provide proof of the second shot no later than 30 days from the date of their first in-person class. The first fall semester classes start on August 30.

System officials are beginning discussions with representatives of employee bargaining units in hopes of adopting a similar vaccination policy for staff and faculty.

Precision Machining Technology Instructor Dean Duplessis said he personally supports a vaccine mandate for students, and for MCCS faculty and staff.

"It's about workplace safety and the safety of our entire community," said Duplessis, who teaches at Northern Maine Community College. "My own personal belief is that it works both ways: If students are

classes, then we should fol-

low suit and have the same requirements. We should do this together."

Currently, masks are required indoors at Maine's community colleges. The mask mandate will remain in place, even for vaccinated students.

MCCS officials will continue to assess the situation and review the masking mandate. Students who are fully remote and will not be entering campus buildings for any purpose will not need proof of vaccination. Approximately 45 percent of courses are being going to be required to delivered remotely this fall.

tions for individuals who

cannot be vaccinated for documented medical reasons.

Previously, vaccinations were only required for MCCS athletes and students living in residence halls.

The full text of the updated protocol can be found at http://bitly.ws/g4ox, and on the MCCS COVID information page.

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# **Newsmakers, Names & Faces New director for Museum L-A**



Rachel Ferrante, a Bates College graduate and a 10-year staff member at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, will succeed Audrey Thomson as executive director of Museum L-A on Sept. 7. (Photo courtesy of Museum L-A)

From Museum L-A

LEWISTON - Rachel

partment and its office of

the director. She holds an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business

Margaret Craven, board chair of Museum L-A, said, "This is a pivotal moment in the history of Museum L-A. Our Board is convinced Rachel Ferrante is the best person to help lead a transformational capital campaign that will shape, guide and create outstanding programming and visitor experiences, and develop a community gathering place to celebrate accomplishments while providing inspiration for the future."

"It's been an honor to lead this very special museum," said Thomson. "I know that the community will continue to support Museum L-A because the work that we do is so important. History is integral to this region's identity, and the museum is the caretaker of that history. Please join me in welcoming Rachel Ferrante."

Ferrante said, "Museum L-A is already a critical community asset, but the Board, staff and I are determined to make it a iewel of our area. I could not be more excited about the opportunities ahead. I went to college in Lewiston, and I met my husband here. I began my career as an intern at the Bates College Museum. We have long felt that Maine was the place to raise our family and are thrilled to be returning to do that."

Currently in a temporary location in the Bates Mill Complex in Lewiston, Museum L-A (Museum-LA.org) is dedicated to the industrial and community history of Lewiston-Auburn and surrounding areas.

Since 2004, the Museum has evolved from a single focus on textile mills to a dedicated community museum serving as an extended classroom, welcoming tourists, celebrating heritage, fostering innovation and spurring economic growth, all as a key contributor to and catalyst for civic, cultural and economic revitalization.

The museum owns a 2.5-acre site on the banks of the Downtown Riverfront Island of Lewiston at which the rehabilitation of a former textile mill and

creation of a new addition is planned.

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The Museum recently re-opened from its pandemic hiatus. Current visiting hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Ferrante, a staff member of the Metropolitan Museum in New York for 10 years, will become executive director of Museum L-A, succeeding Audrey Thomson on Sept. 7.

Ferrante, 33, is an art and visual culture graduate of Bates College and has recently moved to Maine with her family. She is currently an exhibition manager at the Met Museum, with earlier stints in the Met's marketing deCLEAN BOOKS, LLC BOOKKEEPING & PAYROLL

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## **Historical Society Elects New Board Members**



Rebecca Drew was recently named to the board of directors for the Androscoggin Historical Society. (Photo courtesy of AHS)

#### From AHS

AUBURN - The Androscoggin Historical Society recently elected officers and directors at its annual meeting.

Re-elected were president, Curtis Jack; vice-president, Penny Jessop; secretary, Douglas Hodgkin; treasurer, David

Chittim; and directors Joline Froton, Sonia Jack, Beverly Robbins, and Elizabeth Young.

The slate included two new directors, Rebecca Drew and Laura Juraska.

Rebecca Drew (Becky) grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts. However, after graduating from college, she, her husband, and two children became accustomed to being transferred every three years with his job. These moves took them to Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

The Drews finally realized their dream when they moved to Turner, Maine. There they restored a 1798 brick cape on the Nezinscott River and opened their third antique shop, "Irish Meadows." Upon retirementn Becky and her husband moved for ten years to Seneca, South Carolina. Becky returned to Maine just in time for the lengthy pandemic.

Becky taught for 42 years in many different school districts in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. History and reading were her specialties. History is her first love, whether it was restoring two historic homes, collecting and restoring antiques, reading historic novels, or evaluating dwellings for The National Register of Historic



Laura Jeraska, who retired in 2018 as Head of Research at Bates College, was recently elected to the board of directors at the Androscoggin Historical Society. (Photo courtesy of AHS)

Places. Gardening and building rock walls is another passion.

Wherever she has lived, she has become very involved in that community, generally counseling cancer patients and assisting The League of Women Voters. She is a member of eventually got her Master's

Daughters of the American Revolution and the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood.

With an undergraduate degree in Anthropology (Archaeology) from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Laura Juraska in Information and Library Science from Indiana University.

She came to Maine with an offer to join the Research Services group at Bates College in 1983. She experienced the digital transformation of the library profession and eventually progressed to Head of Research Services, retiring in 2018.

After moving into the small community of Leeds, Laura became interested in the history of the town, got involved in the historical society, and soon became its president. When the town office moved to a new building, the society took responsibility for the 1822 building and over time renovated it into a collection, exhibit, and programming center.

Her time is also filled with gardening perennials and fruit, horseback riding, volunteering at local food pantries, cooking, reading, movie watching, and daily walks with her dog up Monument Hill.

### **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 ft2 of wetland fill from the construction of an access road, resulting in permanent loss. Additionally, there will be approximately 5,590 ft2 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,

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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

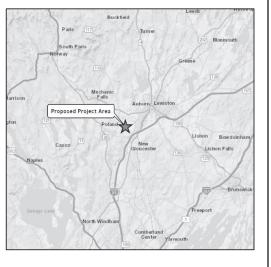
project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project

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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### Page 5 LA Senior College classes start Sept. 23

#### From Senior College

LEWISTON - The Lewiston Auburn Senior College fall semester begins Sept. 23, although classes have staggered start dates.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the college will continue with a Zoom format for all classes and Food For Thought presentations.

College membership fee will continue to be \$25.00. The one-day courses will continue to be free of charge and multiweek courses will be \$ 25.00.

While the college hopes have in-person classes in Spring 2022, using Zoom does provides the college with fewer scheduling restraints. Using Zoom, the college can provide various length courses in all semesters and more flexibility in scheduling the Food For Thought program.

View the complete class schedules, instructor Bio's and suggested reading lists for courses at the LA Senior College. website : usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege

LA Senior College will be joining other Senior Colleges across the state in using CourseStorm for registrations. Students can access registration from the homepage with the (Register Now Button) or by clicking on *Courses*, Registration and Scholarships on the left navigation bar of the homepage. Follow the instructions.

Credit or debit cards and checks are all acceptable forms of payment. Once registered for a courses, students will receive an email confirmation. It is possible to register for a course up until the first class, as long as it is not filled.

То register in CourseStorm the first time, students must create an account with a password. This ID and password will be used for future access to

ics, DNA and molecular away from nasty, in favor Contemporary biology. problems of habitat destruction.widespread extinctions, and loss of biodiversity; the emergence of bacterial resistance and pandemic viral variants. Instructor:Dr. Rich-

ard Fortier

Can Learn You A Lot of Art From the Flowers

This online studio art course focuses on flowers. in all their glory. We will try out a variety of techniques, and look at botanical art from artists through time and around the world. We will also spend time sharing our work, tips, and struggles with the class.

Instructor:Judy Hierstein

### Alfred Russel Wallace. Co-discoverer of Evolution

Alfred Russel Wallace is often thought of as being "in the shadow" of Charles Darwin however, he was a greatly respected scientist in his own right during most of the 19th century. In this course we will look at Wallace's career and contributions to science. We will briefly review natural selection. evolution and some of the ideas of Wallace and Darwin.

Instructor: Thomas Hamilton

The Goodness Paradox

A curious fact about our species: We have a rare and perplexing combination of moral tendencies. We can be the nastiest of species, and also the nicest. How to understand this? Evolution science provides a way, so does religion. The Big Q: Might the balance be shifted

of nice?

Steven Instructor: Piker Dignity in public

Discourse: Finding new ways to move beyond conflict and get things done.

Through readings and discussion. students will learn about dignity theory, explore the role it plays in public debates over controversial issues, and learn best practices for supporting dignity and moving forward together. In addition to reading about dignity and related topics(such as trust, comleadership, munication, and sources of conflict), we will analyze press and online materials through a dignity lens, and apply new approaches.

Dr. Tora Johnson

Why It Should Be Isabella and Ferdinand NOT Ferdinand and Isabella

Isabella was usually overshadowed by Ferdinand, but she was exceptional and in this class you will see that she was the personality behind Iberian unity.

Instructor: Diane Parker

The Founding And **Refounding of the United States of America** 

The United States is a country with strong founding ideals, but that founding has happened several times and with important differences among those ideals

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Instructor: Doug Bennett

**Thinking About In**equality

Social inequality poses a dilemma for American society, pitting the ideology of equal opportunity and the American Dream against the uncomfortable reality that it is harder to get ahead in the U. S. than in other western industrialized societies. This course will examine the social mechanics that lie behind the facts of inequality.

Instructor:Jean Potuchek

Writing Your Life Story

We've all got stories! This informal class will get you on the road to writing about your life, from the mundane to the marvelous. Inviting all "non-writers" to join, this will not be a critique of your writing style or grammar. Take a chance on finding out that you've lived a pretty interesting life after all!

Instructor: Connie

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Instructor: Nancy Duplisea

Civil Discourse on **Current Issues** 

In this era of hyper-partisanship, many of us long to return to a time when policy disagreements could be discussed in a civil and respectful manner. In each of four sessions, two former Maine state senators, John Cleveland, representing the progressive perspective, and Tom Saviello, representing the conservative perspective, will participate in a moderated panel discussion. Over the four weeks the topics will include the following:

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Moderator: Bill Fraver

#### Seasonal, Local, **Global Eats**

The ingredients may come from nearby even some from Paul's own garden, but the recipes he prepares will come from around the world!

Each week, we'll tackle 1or 2 global recipes, based on (relative) ease of preparation, availability of ingredients, and fantastic flavor. It's a virtual class, so only Paul (and Jane) get to taste. Sorry ! Recipes and plenty of comments are provided, questions are expected, and everyone is strongly encouraged to cook for themselves.

#### Mr. President, What Will You Do for Woman Suffrage and Equality

This is a 3-class course that examines suffrage history in Maine and nationally, as well as the Equal Rights Amendment. Lectures are accompanied by slideshows with historic photos.

Instructor: Ann Gass

### Western Philosophy of Morality

This course will examine the history of thought in morality from the ancient Greeks to modern thinkers. It will also ask the students to examine their own thinking about the thinkers and their own moral principles.

Instructor: Anita Denis

### **Mongolia: From** History's Greatest Empire to Today's Democracy

Mongolia is a modern-day nation with a landmass the size of Europe and a population less than 4 million. Yet, Under Genghis Khan in the 13th Century, it cre-ated history's largest empire, stretching from Siberia to India and Korea to Hungary. Now, it is also the only true democracy across the expanse of Central Asia between South Korea and Eastern Europe. What accounts for this extraordinary culture and its achievements? Instructor: Mark

Minton

### **Abstract** Art

Judson will use his own art to illustrate and talk about what abstract painting means.

Jud-Instructor: son Pealer

The First Thanksgiving1621

The first Thanksgiving was quite different then what many were taught in schools. Join Alan to discover what Pilgrims were really thankful for.

Instructor: Alan Elze

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Registration begins Sept. 1.

Anyone with questions can call the Senior College phone line, 207-753-6610 or send an email : laseniorcollege@ to gmail.com.

Fall 2021 classes **Science of Evolution** With a powerpoint presentation.narrative and class discussion we will explore the scientific evidence of evolution. Topics include Earth history,geologic time, the fossil record, natural selection, biogeography, animal and plant breeding, comparative anatomy,genet-



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#### From LPL

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LEWISTON Events at the Lewiston Public Library include children's programs and adult programs.

All events are free, and no library card is required.

> **CHILDREN** PROGRAMS

(Virtual) Preschool **Babytime & Storytime** every Tuesday 10:30-11:15 a.m. Children from birth--5 are welcome to join the fun on Zoom as Ms. Jackie uses interactive songs and stories to introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Call 207-513-3133 for details and registration.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

(Virtual) Take Me to the Moon: A Virtual Evening with NASA, Thursday, Sept. 9 at 5:30-6:30 PM On Zoom and Livestreamed to Facebook

Join Lewiston Public Library for a virtual evening with NASA communication strategist and museum liaison, Patricia the Artemis Project, the first project of its kind to establish sustainable exploration and prepare for missions to Mars. This program is suitable for all ages!

For more information or to register for the zoom link, please contact the Reference Desk at 207-

Moore, as she shares about 513-3135 or at LPLReference@LewistonMaine.gov (In-person) Game

on, Grown Ups! Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 4:30-6:30 PM ~ Couture Room

Get your game on at the library! Meet new people in your community while learning a new game or playing an old classic. Tabletop games will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own games. Prizes available upon winning select games.

Registration is recommended. To register, please contact the Reference Desk at 207-513-3135 or at LPLReference@LewistonMaine. gov

## **Maine Music Society opens auditions**

#### From MMS

LEWISTON - The Maine Music Society is conducting auditions for the 2021-2022 season on Thursday, Sept. 2. Interested singers should contact the new

Artistic Director, Richard Nickerson (rgnickerson@) gmail.com). In the email, if applicable, include a brief statement about any previous choral experience. No experience is required.

Please note that MMS singers must be fully vaccinated.

Auditions for the Maine Music Society Chorale will run from 3-7 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 78 Pleasant Street. Auburn.

Visit the Society's

website at www.mainemusicsociety.org for more information.

available by contacting the

person and scheduled in

advance. There is nothing

Auditions will be in

Artistic Director.

Singers will be asked to sing ascending and de-Additional times

scending scales to assess their vocal range. They will also be asked to sing some melodic patterns played on the piano. They may be asked to make some ad-

to prepare ahead of time.

justments. The overall purpose of the audition is to assess skills to ensure that all singers are placed in the appropriate section.

encourag-MMS es those auditioning to, "Above all, relax and be yourself."





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### *Tom Jessen: Play* at L/A Arts Gallery



"Day Job" - recycled/repurposed wood and latex paint, 2020 - is among the works by Tom Jessen that will be in his show Tom Jessen: Play at the L/A Arts Gallery from

#### **From LA Arts**

LEWISTON - LA Arts presents an exhibition of three-dimensional and interactive works by artist Tom Jessen.

Tom Jessen: Play will be on view at the L/A Arts Gallery from Aug. 25-Oct. 18. An exhibition opening and reception takes place during Artwalk LA on Friday, Aug. 27 from 6-8pm.

Jessen, a multimedia artist, says of his recent



work, "I've been noticing the objects around me more, especially the things that are normally considered "throwaway." Many of these objectsmilk jugs, tin cans, fabric scraps- I've had in my hands a million times without really paying attention to them. I started putting paint on them, bringing out certain edges or patterns within their form. I found that in doing so it transformed their normal identi-

ty. I enjoy this alchemical process, much of it dependent on recognizing these mundane objects out of context. There's a healthy dose of whimsy and irreverence behind this gesture. 'Making' is rooted in the act of play for me."

Jessen sees parallels between the systematic approach one uses in making art works and the rules one follows while playing games. "This observation has motivated me to employ chance operations in determining the final form of each work, often through the act of playing a game. Some pieces are designed to allow others to take the lead in constructing the forms by playing the game. By allowing others to construct the work my hope is to demystify the art-making process, removing the perception of art as an activity solely for those who possess "talent." These works can be dismantled and reassembled continuously. Using chance operations ensures the work remains fluid, allowing each form to always be different. This process also allows me to minimize my own agency, See Gallery, page 16





## Astronomy center relaunches with new name

#### **From UMaine**

ORONO, ME - The astronomy center located on the campus of the University of Maine officially relaunched itself last week as the Versant Power Astronomy Center.

The facility regularly hosts shows related to science and space exploration for all ages, as well as music shows and special presentations and events.

The Versant Power Astronomy Center is also a resource for students of the University of Maine and area grade school-aged students with special programs formatted for school visits during the academic year.

"Science education is such a critical component of STEM education, and in order to learn some of the more fascinating

aspects of science, technology, and outer space, it certainly helps to start with a foundation of curiosity and organic interest in the topic," said University of Maine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy. "The Versant Power Astronomy Center establishes that curiosity and interest not just at a young age with programming suited to kids, but it furthers college students' and adults' curiosity as well. This is a tremendous resource for this campus, and the investment being made by Versant Power is a solid investment in education for all ages."

The new name reflects the change in name of the utility serving Eastern and Northern Maine. Previously, the astronomy center was named the Emera Maine Astronomy Center. With Emera's sale last year, Versant Power is continuing the commitment made to the Astronomy Center, allowing for a robust schedule of programming throughout the year for the campus and the surrounding communities.

"Education is extremely important to our company," said John Flynn, President of Versant Power. "When individuals want to further their education in any way, it becomes a lot more likely to happen if resources are available to meet their needs. The Versant Power Astronomy Center is versatile, comfortable, state-of-the-art, and - in short - impressive. We are proud to be a part of this facility and to have our name attached to it for years to come."

The \$5.2 million center was originally made possible by a \$3.2 million anonymous gift in 2012, part of UMaine's \$208 million Vision for Tomorrow comprehensive campaign led by the University of Maine Foundation. Construction finished in 2014 and the Emera Astronomy Center opened to the public that same year. The center's technology received a more than \$200,000 upgrade in July 2020 with continued support from the same anonymous donor.

"Astronomy and space exploration have limitless possibilities," said Sarah McPartland-Good of the University of Maine Foundation. "The University of Maine Foundation works with a donor who wanted to remain anonymous, but wanted to open more doors to those possibilities for students of this campus, and for residents and visitors of surrounding communities. That anonymous gift helped make this center possible, and helped make today possible. The UMaine Foundation would also like to acknowledge Versant Power, and the historical gift by Emera, Inc. to name the Center."

Planetarium programs take place in the dome section of the facility, which seats 50 people per show. In honor of the relaunch, a special slate of programming has been established for the weekend. "We Are Astronomers" is scheduled for Friday night at 7 which provides a tour of contemporary astronomy using beautiful 360-degree full dome imagery. On Saturday, six different shows are scheduled, starting with the kid-friendly "Magic Treehouse: Space Mission" at 10 a.m. and

concluding with the "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" music production. Sunday has three shows scheduled starting at 12:30 and includes a 2 p.m. showing of "One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure," and a 4 p.m. showing of the music production, "Coldplay: A Sky Full of Stars." Additional scheduling for the relaunch weekend, University of Maine's Welcome Weekend at the end of August. or regular programming open to the public can be found at astro.umaine.edu.

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Tickets for planetarium programs are \$7 for adults, \$6 for University of Maine Students/Veterans/senior citizens, and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door, by calling 207.581.1341, or online at astro umaine edu

## Iowa dairy expert visiting farms Aug. 24

### From UMaine

WASHINGTON, ME — Larry Tranel, an Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy specialist and expert in the economics of efficient milking systems, will be visiting farms in Maine on Tuesday, Aug. 24

Tranel will visit Bò Lait Farm, 414 W. Washington Road, Washington, at 10:30 a.m. and Sweetland Farm, 29 Bessey Ridge Road. Albion, at 1 p.m., sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

Tranel is known in the dairy industry for his low-cost TRANS Iowa swing parlor renovation plans for tie-stall barns, for and his research on robotic milking systems.

Bò Lait Farm recently installed a TRANS Iowa parlor and Sweet-

installation. Meetings are informal and will include time for questions at each site visit.

There is no fee to attend; registration is requested by Aug. 23.

For more information, to register or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Billiejo Pendleton, 207.342.5971; or Rick Kersbergen, richard.kersbergen@maine. edu.

This event is co-sponsored Stonyfield Organic, Organic Valley, University of Vermont Cooperative Extension, Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, New Hampshire Dairy Practices Committee, AgriMark and Dairy Farmers of America.

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# Next Art Walk L/A is Aug. 27

### From LA Arts

LEWISTON - The next Art Walk L/A begins at 5 pm on Friday, Aug. 27, with in-person arts experiences downtown and live music at the Simard-Payne amphitheater.

Also part of the evening is an artist reception at LA Arts, a new fiction reading at Lewiston Public Library, and a community drawing event in Dufresne Plaza.

#### **Events**

- 5-7 pm: LA Arts hosts an opening reception for Tom Jessen:Play, 221 Lisbon St.

- 5-7 pm: L/A Community Acupuncture hosts Gerald Walsh: Imaginal Vision and birdfood, a collaborative ceramics exhibit, 223 Lisbon St.

- 5-6 pm: Lewiston Public Library hosts a reading by local author and Lewiston High School teacher J. G. Breerwood from his novel, "Sinking Dixie." 200 Lisbon St.

- 5-6 pm: Sketchy Friends. All ages drawing event! Bring a chair and drawing materials. Dufresne Plaza

#### Art Downtown

Look for artist displays along Lisbon Street and in Dufresne Plaza, Lewiston. And check out these

visual arts spaces: - The Studio, 291 Lis-

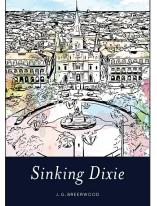
bon St. Reception for artist Grayling Cunningham and friends

- L/A Community Acupuncture, 223 Lisbon St. Gerald Walsh: Imaginal Vision, plus birdfood

- LA Arts Gallery, 221 Lisbon St. Tom Jessen: Play

Kimball Street Studios, 191 Lisbon St. Artist Richard William Blanchard
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local author and Lewiston High School teacher J. G. Breerwood will read from his novel, "Sinking Dixie" at the Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon St., from 5-6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, during the next Art Walk L/A event. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

#### erick Dew

- Auburn Riverwalk Storyboards. LA Arts presents a series of historical maps and images mainly sourced from the collection of the Auburn Public Library.

- Gritty McDuff's, 68 Main St., Auburn. Artist Bryce Cloutier

Music in the Parks The LA Arts Music in the Parks Concert runs from 7-10 p.m., with live music at the Simard-Payne Park amphitheater

performed by local artists Jenny Lou Drew, See ArtWalk, next page



Tom Jessen works on a display at LA Arts Gallery, 221 Lisbon St., of his work called Play, which is part of the next Art Walk L/A on Friday, Aug. 27. (Photo by Gary Stallsworth)

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#### Thursday, August 19, 2021

#### ArtWalk

Continued from previous page Rumple, and Chris Robley. **Online Art** 

LA Arts and the Art Walk LA Committee present the 2021 Art Walk Artists online gallery.

Artists and artisans included on this page each have works for sale; please support them with your purchases!

Visual artists and artisans can register free and we'll share your work on this web page throughout the season. 100% of art sale proceeds go to artists and makers.

#### **Sponsors**

Art Walk LA and all LA Arts programs would not be possible without the generous support of community

partners including



Some of the past works from a past Sketchy Friends, which is an all ages drawing event. The event will be part of the next Art Walk L/A on Friday, Aug. 27, from 5-6 p.m. on Dufresne Plaza. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

Community Arts Champion and Advocate sponsors Acadia Insurance, Austin Associates, P.A., Bates

College, Baxter Brewing Co., Berman & Simmons, the City of Auburn, the City of Lewiston, Liberty Mutual, the Sun Journal as well as the Davis Family Foundation, Maine Arts Commission, Maine

Community Foundation, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Onion Foundation, and the Ladd Foundation.

Since 1973, LA Arts, the arts agency for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn Maine, has pursued a mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. The agency works with governments, businesses, schools and local arts and cultural organizations to create opportunities for community members across the generations to experience, learn, and participate in the arts.

LA Arts organizes arts programs and initiatives, supports the work of local artists and arts organi-

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come. This program will take place via Zoom and is open to adults and families.

To register, visit the Events page of the library's website -- www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, contact

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for its community.

laarts.org.

This program is the final program of the library's Adult Summer Reading Program, "Tales with Tails" during which See Wildlife, page 14

### **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 environm ntal 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 ft2 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 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 maintenan 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. ted with the will result in ner anent loss of wetland function road how on and value. In a 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.

### **From Auburn Public** Library

AUBURN - A talk on keeping Maine Wildlife safe will be presented virtually by the Auburn Public Library on on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

This talk, from 3-4 p.m., will be presented by Jennifer Marchigiani of Misfits Rehab, who will discuss what a wildlife rehabilitator does and how she got started as a wildlife rehabilitator. She will share some information about Maine's wildlife, dispel some myths and talk about how to keep yourself and our wildlife safe!

Misfits Rehab is lo-



An injured porcupine is fed as part of the Misfits Rehab program. Jennifer Marchgiani from Misfits Rehab will speak about the program in a virtual event presented by Auburn Public Library on Aug. 24. (Photo courtesy of APL)





the Parks Concert that runs from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Aug.

27, at the Simard-Pavne Park amphitheater. (Photo courtesy

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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

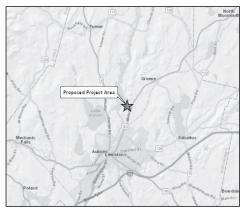
impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

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, complian ce with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown.

Dated: July 29, 2021



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## **Blood donors needed for busy disaster season**

#### From Red Cross

**PORTLAND** - Many weather experts predict a destructive wildfire and hurricane season this year.

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help on the ground and blood and platelet donors to roll up a sleeve to maintain a stable blood supply in the face of expected emergencies.

"We're preparing for another extremely busy disaster season, and it's critical to have a trained, ready volunteer workforce to make sure we can provide relief at a moment's notice," said Stephanie Couturier, CEO, American Red Cross Central of Northern New England. "This year's wildfire season is already very active and dangerous because of the severe drought and dry woodlands across the west. And experts are predicting we could see 10 or more hurricanes in the upcoming weeks."

#### Volunteers needed

The Red Cross needs new volunteers to support disaster shelters. Volunteers will help with reception, registration, food distribution, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks inside disaster shelters. Both entry- and supervisory-level opportunities are available. The Red Cross also

needs volunteers who can work in disaster shelters to address people's health needs and provide handson care in alignment with their professional licensure (registered nurse licensed practical and nurse/licensed vocational nurse). Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. We have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available. If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/ DO or PA with a current and unencumbered license, this position could be right for you.

After most disasters this year, the Red Cross plans to open group shelters. However, in some communities, hotels may be more appropriate if the risk of COVID-19, including the delta variant, is particularly high. The Red Cross will also continue many of the safety precautions implemented in 2020, including masks, health screenings, enhanced cleaning procedures and encouraging social distancing.

#### Action teams

Local Disaster Action Teams provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, particularly home fires, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing. If you are team-oriented and want to help your neighbor, the DAT responder may be just the thing for you.

Last year, the Maine chapters of the Northern New England Region provided immediate emergency assistance to 818 people after 356 home fires and other disasters. If you want to make a difference and are interested in helping your community should a disaster occur here at home or across the country, please contact our Volunteer Recruitment team in Northern New England at 207-523-5107 or email: VolunteerNNE@redcross. org

#### Platelet donors

Wildfires, record-breaking heat and a busy hurricane season can also impact the nation's blood supply. On top of the toll extreme weather events take on the lives of millions, disasters can cause blood drive closures or prevent donors from being able to give safely. Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making

an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, those who come to donate throughout the month of August will get a free 4-month special offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). Details are available at RedCross-Blood.org/FeelTheBeat.

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Auburn 8/30/2021: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., East Auburn Baptist Church, 560 Park Ave

#### Cumberland Falmouth

8/23/2021: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., The Episcopal Church of St. Mary, 43 Foreside Rd **Portland** 

8/24/2021: 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Clarion Hotel,

1230 Congress Street 8/26/2021: 10 a.m.

- 2:30 p.m., Portland Elks Lodge, 1945 Congress St.

**Scarborough** 8/24/2021: 1 p.m. -

6 p.m., Saint Maximilian Church, 150 Black Point Rd

#### South Portland

8/21/2021: 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m., American Legion Post #35, 413 Broadway 8/25/2021: 9 a.m. -

1:30 p.m., Eastpoint Christian Church, 345 Clarks

Pond Pkwy

8/25/2021: 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m., South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Road

8/27/2021: 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive

8/30/2021: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Maine Mall, 366 Maine Mall Road Westbrook

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8/26/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street

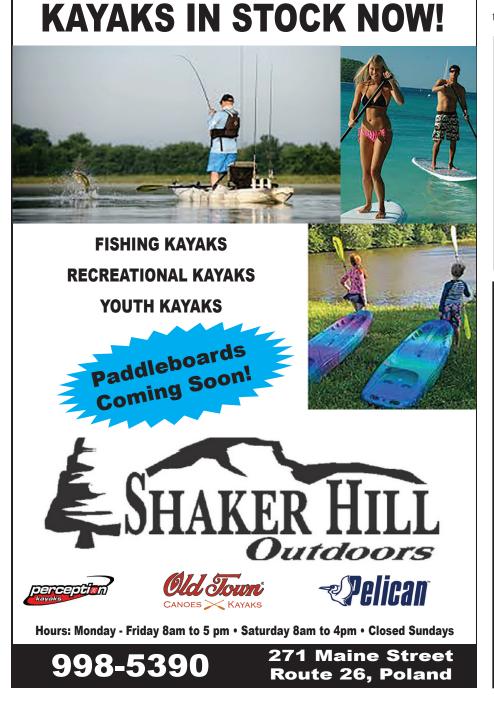
To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at checkin. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and vounger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With Rapid-Pass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/ RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood: teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Cruz-RojaAmericana.org, or follow us on Twitter at @ RedCross.



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## Page 11 LA Hearing develops talent within



Michelle Pillsbury of LA Hearing Center in Lewiston, has received her Trainee License and is working towards becoming a hearing instrument specialist. (Photo courtesy of LA Hearing)

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### **From LA Hearting**

LEWISTON - Michelle Pillsbury of LA Hearing Center has received her Trainee License from the Maine Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing.

Under the supervision of Dr. Allyson Rainer, Au.D., CCC-A, F-AAA, Michelle is working toward becoming a Hearing Instrument Specialist, also known as a Hearing Aid Dealer and

Pillsbury joined LA Hearing Center in 2017 as the practice receptionist, assisting patients during

their first contact with our practice, and then throughout their hearing healthcare journey. Many roads have led

her to this greater challenge and natural step toward furthering her career.

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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. 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

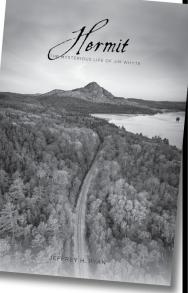
generated from the facility would be sold to CMP through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The Proposed Project would be accessed from Lisbon Road. An interior road would be constructed inside the perimeter and is anticipated to be flat and would match existing grades to minimize earth work. 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.

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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

ed via notice in the following

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 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 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

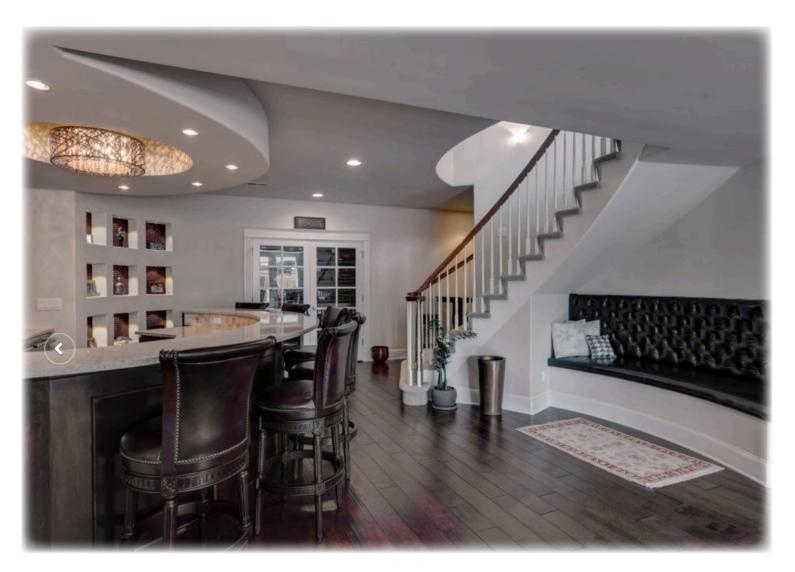
No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40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

Dated: July 29, 2021

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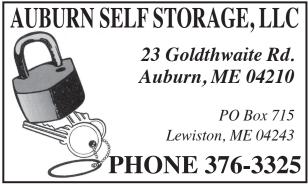
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### THURSDAY

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.

#### **FRIDAY** & SATURDAY Aug. 20-21

**GRAY** - James and the Giant Peach, Jr., presented by Cumberland County Children's Theatre. FREE. TWO NIGHTS ONLY! Cumberland County Children's Theatre proudly presents James and the Giant Peach, Jr. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20-21 at Stonehedge, 342 West Gray Rd (Rt 115) in Gray, Maine.

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#### 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: Cilanatro

### TUESDAY Aug. 24 6:30 p.m.

GORHAM - Tentative special Town Council meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY Aug. 25

### 7:30 a.m. AUBURN - Auburn

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

8 p.m. AUBURN - Complete Streets Committee meeting.

AUG. 27, 28, 29

3-7 p.m.

AUBURN - Auditions for the Maine Music Society Chorale will take place at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 78 Pleasant Street, Auburn.

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### Board meeting. MONDAY

Sept. 6

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TUESDAY

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6:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting in council chambers.



FOR SHOWTIMES

### 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.

### THURSDAY

Sept. 9 5:30-6:30 p.m. LEWISTON - (Virtual) Take Me to the Moon: A Virtual Evening with NASA, on Zoom and livestreamed to Facebook

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### 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.

AUBURN - City Council workshop and meeting.

### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

LEWISTON - Finance Committee meeting, in City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

7 p.m.

GORHAM - Planning Board Meeting in council chambers.

#### WEDNESDAY Sept. 15

8 a.m.

GORHAM - Economic Development Corporation meeting in conference room A.

> THURSDAY Sept. 16 8 a.m.

AUBURN - 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

#### Wildlife

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participants have been reading, learning, and talking about summer, nature and animals!

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POLAND - At Poland Spring Resort. The Poland Spring Preservation Society presents the Sunset Series of concerts. This week: Grassholes.

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Gallery

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### **Vendors for Christmas Fair**

From Our Lady

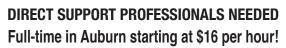
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