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9-11 remembrance Saturday in Lewiston

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - City of Lewiston firefighters will host a 9-11 remembrance at L-A Harley, 839 Main Street, Lewiston, as part of the Community Day on Saturday.

The event will start with an 8:46 a.m. 20th anniversary tribute.

During the ceremony, a representative from United States Senator Susan Collins' Office will share remarks, as will Lewiston Fire Department chaplain Pastor John Robbins, and the executive director of the Hope Haven Gospel Mission in Lewiston.

A pancake breakfast will follow the tribute ceremony.

The Lewiston Firefighters Community Day runs until 10 p.m. and includes the band Latch, an extrication demo, the lawn game Cornhole, and fireworks.

Children's activities will be available until 3 p.m. with a bounce house, kids muster, face painting, games, and more. Food trucks will also be on site.

Cities seek to name bridge in honor of Jenkins

From City of Auburn

AUBURN - The cities of Auburn and Lewiston were expected to honor and celebrate the legacy of John Jenkins, the late Maine state senator and mayor of both municipalities, by renaming a footbridge in his honor.

The cities planned to vote this week on renaming the pedestrian footbridge that connects the cities as the "John Jenkins Memorial Footbridge."

The Lewiston and Auburn city councils were each to consider and vote on the proposed footbridge dedication during their meetings on Tuesday.

Jenkins, who died in September, 2020, following a short but valiant fight against cancer, was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. He fell in love with the area while attending Bates College, graduating in 1974. He made Lewiston his home after traveling the world and competing in martial arts championships.

Jenkins was an exceptional athlete, becoming a member of the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame, World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, Maine State Sports Hall of Fame, and USA International Black Belt Hall of Fame. He also worked with local police departments, providing self-defense and de-escalation training and as a Maine Criminal Justice Academy instructor.

A mentor, community volunteer, personal trainer, martial arts instructor, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and more, John Jenkins was a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Auburn-Lewiston community, serving as mayor of each city, winning once as a write-in candidate. He also served as State Senator for Maine's 21st District - the first African American ever to be elected to the Senate.

"John was inspiring to so many in our community and beyond," said Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque. "Whether it was his motivational speeches to school kids or his advocacy as mayor and senator,

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Art from Demers and Marquis at CMMC



A painting of a dog titled "Harley" is among the works by Jeanelle Demers on display in the Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Main Medical Center during September. (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 art of Jeanelle Demers and the photography of Daniel J. Marquis.

Demers is a professional portrait artist who specializes in paintings of animals, especially dogs, cats, and birds.

She creates custom pet portraits by commission, to immortalize memories of the special animals in people's lives. Working with a reference photo and acrylic paint on canvas, she uses vivid colors and a high level of detail to create vibrant and realistic paintings, evoking the essence of each subject and capturing the twinkle in their eyes.

Marquis is a self-taught photographer who has attended a landscape photography workshop at Yosemite National Park and has had several images published in Nature Photography Magazine. "My interest in photography was sparked by my love of nature and the outdoors. I have been an avid bird watcher and kayaker for some twenty years. Both of these pursuits afford me many photo opportunities. My favorite types of photography are birds, nature close-ups, landscapes and cityscapes... opposite ends of the photographic spectrum. Landscape photography allows me to show the grand picture, the scenes that people pass daily, but may not see. With my close-up images I try to illustrate the patterns and colors that nature offers to those who are willing to take the time to look for them."

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.



A lily of the valley photograph by Dan Marquis is among his photographs on display in the Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Main Medical Center during September. (Photo courtesy of WHA)

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Blue Mass in Lewiston Sept. 19

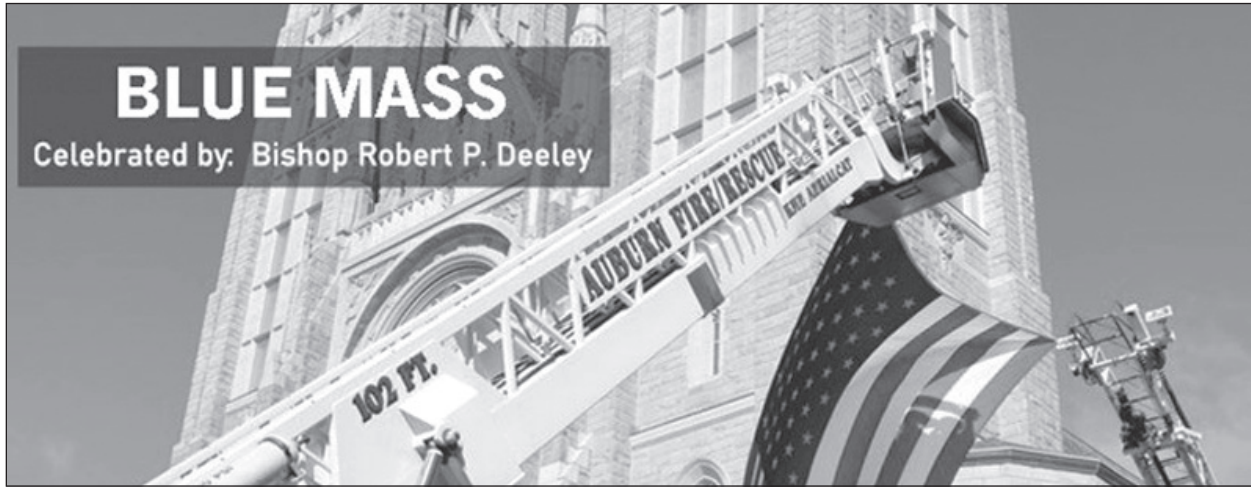
From Portland Diocese

LEWISTON---Hundreds of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel will be recognized for their faithful commitment and self-sacrifice at the Blue Mass on Sunday, Sept. 19.

The mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston.

People of all faiths are invited to attend and join in showing gratitude to these dedicated heroes. All active and retired members of the public safety community are encouraged to come with their families and in uniform.

National, state, and local dignitaries and elect-



A Blue Mass will be celebrated on Sept. 19 in the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston. The mass honors law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel. (Photo courtesy of Portland Diocese)

ed representatives will also attend the Mass, including Senator Susan Collins (R-ME).

The Blue Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Deeley.

“We are well-served by those who protect us

and serve us. We need to pause to give them thanks,” said Bishop Deeley. “We do not need to wait until a disaster strikes to be grateful for the dedication of all of those whose life work is the protection of the public. At the Blue

Mass, our purpose is not only to thank them for their service to society, but also to thank God for that service, and to ask God’s blessing on each of them.”

Deeley will bestow blessings on all who contribute to the public health

and safety of Maine, and prayers will be offered for those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Members of the public safety community will fulfill several roles at the Mass, including as readers and gift bearers, and color

guards and a multi-jurisdictional honor guard will be on hand.

Ladder trucks from the Lewiston Fire Department and Auburn Fire Department will display the American flag across Bartlett Street prior to the Mass.

The Blue Mass (referring to the blue uniforms that firefighters, law enforcement and other first responders wear) dates to 1934 and is a venerable tradition in many dioceses.

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, served as the impetus for the Diocese of Portland to institute the Blue Mass locally.

For more information about the Blue Mass, including its history in the Diocese of Portland, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass.

Clement running for Ward 6 re-election

From Lee Clement

LEWISTON - Lee Clement, the incumbent councilor in Ward 6 has announced his candidacy for re-election to a second term representing Lewiston’s largest ward.

A retired law enforcement and public safety executive with over 50 years’ experience in municipal and county government, Clement is running on a record of transparency, integrity and strong constituent representation, a trademark

of his elected service thus far.

Believing Lewiston is poised for positive development and will be the next “big thing” for Maine, he wants to continue the work started by the current council before the pandemic hit and forward movement slowed to a crawl.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, a general assembly member of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments and member of the city loan qualification commit-

tee, he believes Lewiston needs to continue strong and common-sense fiscal management in order to provide needed services in a cost-effective manner.

In addition to his civil service, he has been active in the Masons, holding various offices including Master of Augusta Lodge No. 141, District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine as well as Kora Temple Shriners in Lewiston where he is currently Senior Chief Provost

Emeritus.

A sportsman and a Patron Life Member of the NRA, he was Vice President and Director of the Major Waldron Sportsman’s Association in NH and is currently a member of the Androscoggin County Fish & Game Association and a volunteer range safety officer for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. In his neighborhood, he is a Director and Secretary of the Apple Valley Estates Homeowners’ Association.

Married to Lewiston native Lucille Leclair for just shy of 50 years, he is the father of two grown children and grandfather of four with a strong desire to maintain law and order and safe neighborhoods, improve local infrastructure, establish fiscal responsibility and transparent local government all while making Lewiston a great city and part of an even greater USA. He looks forward to meeting with his constituents and discussing how to move this agenda forward.



Ward 6 Councilor Lee Clement has announced he is running for re-election for the seat. (Photo courtesy of Lee Clement)

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Auburn Art Club meeting on Monday

AUBURN - The Auburn Art Club will have its first meeting of the year at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Park Avenue Methodist Church on Park Avenue in Auburn. This will be social meeting to allow members and guests a chance to visit and “catch-up” after such a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 virus. Masks are optional. There will be an ice-cream treat for everyone. In order to plan how much ice cream to have on hand please R.S.V.P. Kathy at 784-8998. All members and guests are welcome.

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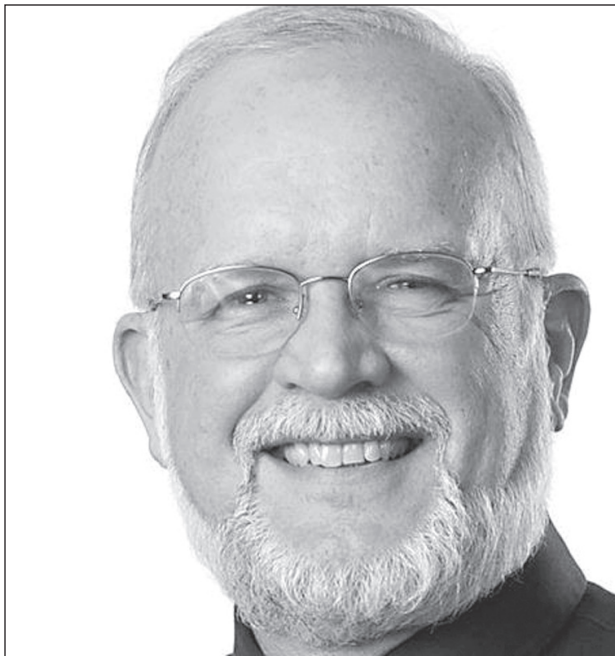
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Guest Column

Important changes as we begin the new school year



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

Another Maine summer has come and gone, and that means one thing – kids are back at school!

Though we all wish students were heading back to the classroom under better circumstances, I am thankful to all those who have and continue to work hard to ensure that everyone can learn, teach and excel while staying healthy. It won't be an easy school year, but I'm confident that we can do it.

During the past session in the Legislature, we

took some important steps to ensure all Maine children can learn and grow to their fullest potential. I wanted to use this space to share some of those changes that you should be aware of.

First, we took a big step in our fight to address child hunger in Maine. No child should ever go hungry, but today, nearly 1 in 6 Maine children are food insecure. This is completely unacceptable. We took action, and in the bipartisan biennial budget that we passed earlier this year, we made all school meals free

for every student.

Traditionally, only certain students qualified for free or reduced lunches through the National School Lunch Program. While this has certainly helped generations of students, many still fall through the cracks. Certain students may be right above the cutoff for qualifying, yet still face challenging financial situations at home. Other students who do qualify for meals may not always get them.

Whether it be self-perceived or real, children who receive free meals often feel ashamed or are bullied because of it. Some even choose to go hungry just so they won't feel humiliated. By making these meals free for everyone, we can cover those students who might be just beyond qualifying and in addition, we'll remove the stigma around free meals.

Though these meals will be free for everyone, school districts are still asking families to fill out paperwork that would qualify them for these free meals. This is a federal requirement in order for schools to collect funds needed to help pay for these meals. To find the forms, visit <http://bitly.ws/giEA>.

If you need assistance or have questions with verification reports or require-

ments, you can contact the Department's Child Nutrition Specialist David Hartley at david.hartley@maine.gov or 624-6878.

At the same time, we took steps to increase the amount of Maine-grown food in our schools. We passed a law to build on a current program that reimburses schools for purchasing local food, by expanding the criteria for food that qualifies beyond just produce, and by increasing the amount schools can be reimbursed for. Not only will this get more nutritious foods in our schools, but the program supports our farmers by giving them additional customers. I'm glad we could support this vital industry while benefiting kids at the same time.

Additionally, we made a long overdue change in the way our public schools are funded. Seventeen years ago, Maine voters passed a referendum requiring that the state cover 55 percent of the cost of public education. Since then, state government has never reached that level of funding, leaving municipalities to pick up the tab, consequently contributing toward the increasing property taxes folks have faced for years now. This finally changed, and for the first time ever

Maine will cover the full 55 percent of K-12 public education costs. This will help ensure schools have the resources students and educators need to thrive, while lessening the burden on property taxpayers.

At the end of the day, these changes will help our kids learn, grow and succeed. They are our future, and I will continue to prioritize our public education system to ensure that we are supporting them to the best of our ability and working to ensure Maine's future generations will be ready to lead us.

You can always send me an email at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

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

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Guest Column

Words to avoid using around grandma

By Grammar Guy

Have you ever worked with someone or made a friend who spoke a different language?

In high school and college, I worked in a few different restaurant kitchens. Almost immediately, I asked some of my Spanish-speaking co-workers to teach me the most inappropriate words and phrases in their mother tongue.

What is it about the words we're not supposed to say that make them irre-

sistible to not only learn but to repeat? While I've previously focused on expletives, today I want to zoom out and discuss "taboo" language in general.

I'm sure you've played the party game called Taboo. In it, you're trying to get your team to guess a word, but you can't describe that word using any of the words on the list that are commonly associated with that word. And, of course, someone on the other team is hovering over your shoulder with that ter-

rible pink and turquoise buzzer, eager to press the button as soon as you utter a forbidden word.

Taboo language refers to words we shouldn't say or write in polite society. Taboo words include expletives, obscenities, unmentionable body parts and the stuff that comes out of those unmentionable body parts. Taboo language also includes blatant misuse of religious terms (i.e., "hell," "damn" and others). Finally, we can chalk up inappropriate name-calling,

often associated with animal names (i.e., "cow" and the female word for dog) to taboo language.

We can probably fathom more types of taboo language, and it's difficult to round them up into the same linguistic penalty box. Just imagine anything you wouldn't say to your grandma without blushing — that's taboo language. I suppose you could have one of those wild card grandmas who lost her filter years ago and cusses like a sailor, but let's picture a

saintly, proper grandmother in this situation.

You probably have friends with whom you can let down your phonetic hair, so to speak. You can let down your guard, drop your walls and simply let loose with this type of friend. We all need this type of friend ... the type of person who won't judge us for stringing together a colorful combination of cuss words. This type of person is usually not your grandma.

In polite society, whether it is at work, a

place of worship, a funeral or during a Miss America pageant interview, certain language is just plain off-limits. Would you say the word or phrase in front of grandma? If you answered "no," you're likely dealing with taboo language.

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.

Law to help new mothers access health care

From Maine Senate

AUGUSTA - A bill from Sen. Anne Carney (D-Cape Elizabeth) to help more Maine mothers access postpartum health care became law in mid-June.

LD 265, "An Act to Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care," became law without the governor's signature.

"By expanding fam-

ilies' access to postpartum care, we can make sure they have the support they need when they often need it the most. Both mother and child face unique medical challenges during the first year after birth. Making sure there's continued affordable access to health care means better outcomes for Maine families," said Sen. Carney.

As amended, LD 265 would extend the period of

time after giving birth that a mother may be eligible for services under MaineCare from 60 days to 12 months. This legislation allows Maine families to benefit from federal funds included in the recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, providing a full year of postpartum care for those receiving MaineCare benefits during pregnancy.

Additionally, the bill

would require the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to report to the committee on the efficacy of the program.

"The postpartum period is a medically vulnerable period for many women," said Rita Furlow, Senior Policy Analyst at the Maine Children's Alliance, in testimony supporting LD 265. "A 2020 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control


and Prevention found that one-quarter of all pregnancy related deaths of women occurred between 43 days and one year following child birth. These deaths are highly preventable if women are receiving regular access to care. Providing high-quality care for mothers up to one year after birth can identify potential issues and ensure women are aware of the warning signs so they

can connect to prompt follow-up care."

The law will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns for the year.

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Why native plants?

From UMO

ORONO - The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has a new program to help support our pollinators which are in decline.

Please join our Master Gardener Volunteers, via Zoom, for a 2-part presentation, entitled "Why Native Plants?"

Part 1: Why Natives?

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 12-1 p.m.

In part 1 of this series, Allan Amioka, a coordinator of the Native Garden at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm, in Wells, Maine, will cover the basics of why it's important to incorporate plants native to our ecoregion into our

landscapes. Allan will use content from his work with the Yardscaping program as well. He will be joined by his fellow Master Gardener Volunteer Allison Tunick. In this informative talk, they will outline why native plants are so important to pollinators.

Part 2: Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden

Thursday, Sept. 23 - 12-1 p.m.

Did you know that you can certify your garden as Pollinator-Friendly?

Allan Amioka and Allison Tunick will continue the conversation on why native plants are so important to pollinators and share information on how to create and certify a garden as pollinator friendly.

Both of these programs will take place via Zoom.

To register, visit the Events page of our website, www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org, or contact the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4.

Participants may register for one or both programs and will be sent a Zoom link on the day of the program for which they are registered.

For more information on this or other upcoming programs offered by the Auburn Public Library, visit our website, our Facebook page (Auburn Public Library Advocates), or contact the Reference Desk (as above) via phone or email.

Run for Kids is Oct. 3

From BBBS

BRUNSWICK - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is conducting a Run for Kids 5k Race/Walk on Oct. 3 to raise money to match more youth facing adversity with trained and supported volunteer Bigs.

The race will start at 10 a.m. at Flight Deck Brewing, 11 Atlantic Ave,

Brunswick, and walkers are welcome. Registration open at 8 a.m.

A one-mile Kid's Fun Run will start at 9:30 a.m.. No registration is needed, since this race is not individually timed.

To learn more and to register visit <http://bitly.ws/giij> or call (207) 729-7736.

The event is hosted by Flight Deck Brewing and Wild Oats Bakery

and Café.

The event is sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank, RE/MAX Riverside, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, and The Times Record.

BBBS of Bath/Brunswick receives no state or federal funding. Fundraising events encompass a large amount of the organization's operating budget and ability to deliver its mission.

Auburn PAL center receives grant

From Auburn Rec.

AUBURN – The Auburn Police Activities League has been selected as one of three Maine communities to receive a national grant designed to implement a mentor program for youth impacted by the opioid epidemic.

The generous Youth Mentoring grant is sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Only 10 communities were selected from the Appalachian and New England regions. The grant, which totals \$62,500 over a three-year timeframe, was awarded to the Auburn

Recreation Department, and will be implemented at the Auburn PAL Center at 24 Chestnut Street. The City of Lewiston and Town of Berwick were the two other Maine recipients.

The program at PAL will focus on pairing 25 youth from the PAL/Chestnut Street neighborhood with 25 adults for a one-on-one mentorship experience. The mentoring program will begin in January of 2022, when the students return from winter break.

“While this program will focus on our youth, it will also require family engagement activities and wide community support,” said Recreation Director Sabrina Best. “We will put together various ac-

tivities and programs for the mentor/mentee teams, such as basketball, hiking, job shadowing, homework help, arts, and crafts and much more.”

“One of the greatest opportunities with this grant is the ability to provide youth with resources and support,” said Rita Beaudry, a founding member of the PAL Board of Directors and the City of Auburn’s Grant Manager. “Basic items such as shoes, winter clothes, school supplies, and hygiene products will be available to each of the kids participating in the program.” The program will also offer services such as a grief counseling, transportation, guest speakers and substance

abuse professionals.

“With Lewiston Recreation also receiving this grant, there will be opportunities for the two programs to collaborate, said PAL Coordinator Shawn Boyd. “There are kids who end up

bouncing back and forth over the bridge throughout the school year for various reasons. Having a similar program in both communities will provide a sense of consistency and ‘home’ for many of these kids,” he added.

Auburn Recreation and the PAL Center are

seeking adult volunteers (age 18+) to mentor a child in the program. If you are interested, please reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburnmaine.gov or 333-6611.

The Auburn Police Department looked at four years of crime data and found that twenty three percent of all crimes committed by youth offenders in Auburn took place within an area of less than half a square mile. Twenty five percent of all police calls for service and twenty eight percent of all youth

victims were victimized in this same area.

In an effort to transform these statistics and provide positive, horizon-broadening experiences for at-risk youth in our city, the Auburn Police Department established the Auburn Police Activities League (PAL).

Auburn’s City Council turned over a vacant city property at 24 Chestnut Street, and in the spring of 2013, the Auburn PAL Center opened, right at the heart of the half-square mile area identified by crime data.

Chef training from Green Ladle in September

From Lewiston Schools

LEWISTON - Aspiring chefs have an opportunity to gain kitchen skills and experience thanks to a class offered by the Green Ladle, a culinary arts training program at the Lewiston Regional Technical Center.

The free adult work program is scheduled to begin on Sept. 28. Classes will run two days a week, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m..

Students who successfully complete the four-week class will receive ServSafe certification and learn basic food math, knife skills, cooking terms, sauté cooking, grill cooking, fry cooking, and baking and breakfast cookery. The Green Ladle’s Community Serving Community Food Truck Project is paying for the training, said Justine Burns, hospitality instructor at the Green Ladle.

The 30-hour program would normally cost between \$600 and \$700, Chef Dan Caron said. Caron is the director of the Green Ladle.

Planning for the class began after Caron, LRTC Director Rob Callahan and Green Ladle instructors met with members of the local restaurant and foodservice community on Aug. 16. The listening session featured many



Sous Chef Kyle Bedell makes pasta for a meal at the Green Ladle. The Lewiston Regional Technical Center culinary program is offering a free adult work program in September for people interested in working in restaurants and the foodservice industry. (Photo courtesy of LRTC)

industry professionals talking about job openings and the need for training.

“We are proud to offer this program to our community partners at a critical time like this,” Callahan said.

The class came about as a way to support the businesses that made food donations to the Green Ladle’s food program at the start of the COVID-19

pandemic, Burns said. The food program ran from March 2020 to May 2020.

“That’s our way of giving back to the community, partnering with our many food establishments,” she said.

For more information about the training program class, call the Green Ladle at 207-777-3199 or send an email to gladle@lewistonpublicschools.org

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development

NextGrid Peppertree, 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 Peppertree, LLC for the construction of the Lewiston Junction 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: 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.

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 August 5, 2021, and August 12, 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 Peppertree, LLC offices. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by NextGrid Peppertree, 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 Lewiston Junction Road Solar 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).

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 Peppertree, 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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Arts & Entertainment

Joyce playing organ at Court Street Baptist Sept. 19



Internationally acclaimed organist Joyce Jones will present free organ concerts at the Basilica in Lewiston and at Court Street Baptist in Auburn on Sept. 16-19. (Photo provided by Portland Diocese)

From Court St Baptist

AUBURN - Called "the queen of the pedals," Joyce Jones will be guest organist at Court Street Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 19.

The service begins at 9:45 at in the church is at 129 Court Street, Auburn, Maine.

Joyce Jones is the Joyce Oliver Bowden Professor of Organ and Organist in Residence at Baylor University in Texas, which also named her Outstanding Creative Art-

ist.

She earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Texas and a Master of Sacred Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which presented her with its Distinguished Service Award in 1989.

She is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and the composer of numerous published works, including the organ method "King of Instruments."

Dr. Jones' count-

less engagements include such venues as the Riverside Church, the Mormon Tabernacle, Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral, and the Meyerson Symphony Center. She was the first woman to perform on the organ at the Crystal Cathedral and the first organist to play for the Grand Teton Music Festival.

Her appearance is sponsored by the Mark Thallander Foundation, devoted to growing faith and connecting communities through music.

Free organ concert at Basilica

From Portland Diocese

LEWISTON - An internationally acclaimed organist will visit Lewiston for a special, free concert as well as to educate area youth about the pipe organ on the historic Casavant organ at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul.

Joyce Jones will present a free concert on Friday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the basilica, located on 122 Ash Street. All are welcome to attend, and donations to preserve the organ will be accepted.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, Jones will present an organ encounter for youth through college students at the basilica from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All are also welcome to attend that event.

Jones has played in 47 states and 12 foreign

countries and is a professor of organ and the organist in residence at Baylor University in Texas. She has been widely acclaimed since making her debut with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and is the only organist ever to win the prestigious G. B. Dealey award. She earned a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Texas, and has recorded for Word, Rosenhaus, and Motette Records. She is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and the composer of numerous published works, including the organ method King of Instruments. She has been the featured soloist at many regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, including the centennial convention in New York City in 1996. She is dedicated

to helping people grow in appreciation for the organ and to sharing her Christian testimony through music.

The Casavant organ at the basilica was constructed by Casavant Frères, one of North America's greatest organ builders, and was dedicated in 1938. It has been used to accompany countless ensembles and served as a recital instrument for some of the world's leading organists including Marcel Dupre, Dr. Charles-Marie Courboin, and Bernard Piché, who served as organist at the Lewiston church from 1945 to 1966.

For more information about the concert and organ encounter, call Prince of Peace Parish, of which the basilica is a part, at (207) 777-1200.

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Community theatre receives \$100k grant

From CLT

AUBURN - The L/A Community Little Theatre (CLT) has been awarded a federal grant of almost \$100,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

CLT applied for this Shuttered Venue Operating Grant (SVOG) through a competitive application process. The SVOG program, designed to support arts organizations that had to close due to the Covid pandemic, is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by Congress and signed by the president.

"Community Little Theatre is very grateful for the grant funds provided by the SVOG program," said CLT President John Blanchette. "After more than a year without any operating income due to the pandemic shutdown, this grant is critical to CLT being able to start a new season of live theater performances for the greater L-A community," he added.

The grant amount totals approximately 45 percent of CLT's operating expenses during the last full season and must be used within one year of the award. While these funds



CLT members and supporters who were instrumental in securing a federal grant for the theatre of almost \$100,000 include Eileen Messina, Chip Morrison, Bob Gardner, John Cleveland, John Blanchette, and Jen Groover. (Photo courtesy of CLT)

are vital in enabling CLT to resume productions this fall, the theatre will still need additional revenue from ticket sales, donors, and sponsors to pay for any capital improvements and the balance of the operating expenses for the coming year.

John Cleveland, president of Community Dynamics Corporation of Auburn, submitted the grant on be-

half of CLT. "It was a pleasure to help the theatre prepare this successful SVOG grant application to acquire operating funds for the coming season. Performing arts are an important and essential part of making the Lewiston-Auburn area a wonderful place to live and work," Cleveland noted.

While in March 2020 Although the pandemic

that was declared in March 2020 forced the cancellation of the remainder of CLT's 80th season and the loss of significant revenue, the theatre managed to remain solvent and to produce two highly regarded online productions during its curtailed 81st season and to resume youth theater camps this summer.

CLT will present it's

first in-person production since the start of the pandemic with A. R. Gurney's "Love Letters," which will open Thursday, September 16. The remainder of the 2020-21 season - CLT's 82nd - will be announced at its annual meeting on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Please visit the CLT website at www.laclt.com for general information or

to purchase tickets for Love Letters.

L/A Community Little Theatre, located at 30 Academy Street in Auburn, has been producing live theatre since 1940. A volunteer, non-profit organization, our goal is to provide affordable and quality entertainment in the performing arts as well as education, training, and experience in theatre for area youth. www.laclt.com.

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MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival in September



In a scene from the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival movie “Death By Handshake”, a talented teenager copes with restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic by filming a witty love letter to his New York City hometown. (Photo courtesy of MANHATTAN SHORT)

from eight countries with films from United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland, Norway, Italy, Canada, two films from France, and two films from the USA. These ten short films represent the best short films from among 967 submissions from 70 countries, testimony to the enduring vibrancy and creativity of short films. This year’s Final Ten represent an extraordinary range of film genres that includes intimate dramas; spine-tingling tales; an animated tale of a little girl who falls in love with a beautiful horse; and how a talented teenager copes with restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the MANHATTAN SHORT program.

The MANHATTAN SHORT Final Ten are: Death by Handshake (USA), GANEF (United

Kingdom), Bad Omen (Afghanistan), Rough (Northern Ireland), Archibald’s Syndrome (France), The Kicksled Choir (Norway), Closed to the Light (Italy), Out of Time (France), Aurora (USA), and Monsieur Cachemire (Canada).

Which of these Final Ten short films is the best? That’s up to you and a worldwide audience to decide as you view and vote on the work of the next generation of filmmakers from around the world.

Twenty-four years ago, the MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL began on a mounted screen on the side of a truck in Little Italy in New York City for a crowd of just over 200 people. This year, there will be over 100,000 film lovers gathered across six continents for the same event.

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SHORT was never reliant on celebrities or corporate sponsors to exist. It has always been about great films, a great concept, great venues and an appreciative audience. It is that combination that makes MANHATTAN SHORT one of the largest short film festivals in the world today and has even shown a film that went on to win an Oscar in the Short film category!

The ten short films will be shown at The Public Theatre on Friday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

For tickets call 782-3200 or visit thepublictheatre.org.

Stop by after the Friday Lewiston/Auburn Artwalk for the perfect end to an art filled day!

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple St, downtown Lewiston.

From Public Theatre

LEWISTON - The Public Theatre will officially welcome people back to the theatre on Sept 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. for the 24th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival.

Proof of vaccina-

tion or a negative COVID test and the wearing of a mask while in the building will be required to attend. Reservations and more information about our See It Safely Protocols can be found at thepublictheatre.org.

Ten short films from around the world will be

simultaneously screened in over 400 cities spanning six continents during a one-week period, with the Best Film and Best Actor awards determined by the total ballots cast by the audiences in this Oscar-qualified film festival.

The Ten MANHATTAN SHORT films hail

Lewiston Adult Ed has dance, music, distance learning

From Lewiston Adult Ed

LEWISTON - Lewiston Adult Education’s Fall 2021 brochure has gone out to local homes with listings for in-person and online classes.

New classes include “Do the Hustle”; the small engine classn

“Rev it Up”; the basket-making classn “Williamsburg Basket”; and a class called “Creating an Online Presence to Grow Your Business”.

“A to Z Signing” is one of the returning classes, along with Landlord-Tenant Relations, Line Dancing and Improv.

The semester will have a number of partnerships with the local business community as well.

Sonder & Dram will host “The Craft of the Cocktail” at their Ash Street location.

The Vault will have a food and wine pairing at its Lisbon Street store.

Lewiston-Auburn

Metro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shanna Cox will give a one-night talk about economic growth.

Classes that are in-person have a stick figure illustration next to them in the catalog. Online classes have a fan-shaped wifi icon at the top of their listings.

Students are required to follow district policy by wearing face coverings for the in-person classes.

The brochure has class information for both Lewiston Adult Education and Auburn Adult & Community Education. Listings appear on the opposite side of the book-

let. The Lewiston-Auburn combined brochure is going out to all general delivery mailboxes throughout the two cities.

Students may also register by going to the Lewiston Adult Education website at www.lewiston.maineadulted.org.

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Dr. Libby is now president at CMCC

From M CCS

AUGUSTA, ME – The Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS) voted unanimously last week to confirm Dr. Betsy Libby as the next president of Central Maine Community College in Auburn.

Libby has served as interim president at CMCC since last September.

“I am honored to have been selected as the next president of Central Maine Community College,” Libby said Thursday after the vote. “This is a very dynamic time for the college. We are increasingly focused on providing students with enhanced opportunities to pursue in-demand careers.

“CMCC has a long history of providing an excellent educational experience with robust academic programs that support industry need. I look forward to working with the tremendous team of colleagues at CMCC to further position the college as a catalyst for economic development in the region and across the

state,” she said.

Libby has worked at CMCC since 2006. In addition to serving as interim president, she has served as the vice president & dean of academic affairs, the dean of student services, the director of admissions and an adjunct faculty member.

MCCS President David Daigler recommended Libby for the post after a national search drew 30 candidates. Finalists gave in-person presentations at CMCC in August, and the search committee sought out input from the CMCC community.

The search committee included two representatives from the MEA Faculty unit, and one representative each from the MEA Administrators unit, the Confidential Employee unit, and the MSEA Supervisors and Support units. The committee also had representatives from the board of trustees, the student body, system presidents, and the college foundation.

The committee recommended finalists to



Dr. Betsy Libby, the interim president at Central Maine Community College for the past year, was named last week to the full position as president at the school. She had stepped into the role of president following the retirement of Dr. Scott Knapp in 2020. (Photo courtesy of MCCS)

President Daigler, who forwarded his recommendation to the full board.

“Betsy Libby is a strong, talented and deeply engaged leader on campus. Her efforts during the pandemic were especially remarkable. She has demon-

strated her ability to tackle tough situations thoughtfully and compassionately, with a can-do attitude. She is strategic and effective, prioritizing CMCC students, faculty and staff. I’m very pleased the board confirmed my recommen-

dation,” Daigler said.

Prior to working at CMCC, Libby held administrative roles at State University of New York at Canton. At CMCC, she has been deeply involved in strategic planning and developing recruitment and enrollment management strategies.

“On behalf of the search committee, I want to thank Betsy Libby for sharing her vision for the college. It is an important role at a critical time. She is a confident and collaborative leader, with a great depth of knowledge and appreciation of CMCC’s important role in the community,” said Trustee Peter DelGreco, who led the CMCC presidential search committee. “I also want to thank the many members of the community who shared their thoughts and gave feedback on the candidates. That community input was vital to helping us provide important insight to President Daigler on the finalists.”

Libby has a doctorate in higher education leadership from Northcentral

University in Prescott Valley, Arizona; a master’s degree in public relations from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; and a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Maine in Orono.

Libby is also actively involved in multiple professional and community-based organizations. She is a member of the Regional Leaders Roundtable for the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Area Chamber of Commerce and served three 2-year terms on the LA Metro Area Chamber of Commerce board, including a term as chairwoman of the education workforce committee. She lives in Gray with her husband and two teenage sons.

Libby succeeds Dr. Scott Knapp, who retired in 2020.

CMCC offers more than 40 degrees, certificates, and advanced certificates and enrolls more than 2,500 students. It has multiple sports teams, residential housing, and an off-campus center in Damariscotta.

Discussion group on building community

From APL

AUBURN - The Auburn Public Library is proud to offer a reading and discussion group during which we will focus on connecting and building community.

What attributes do we share that connect us as members of a local community? How can we gain a greater understanding of and empathy for one another? Our reflections will be based on books, poetry, articles, and perhaps a film or two, and will touch upon four key components: connection, empathy, diversity, and community. Any books or articles we read will be provided to the group members, and the books

are for participants to either keep for their personal library or to share with someone else.

Our monthly discussions starting Thursday, Sept. 16, and continuing through Thursday, May 19, will be facilitated by James Ford, a black man who has spent over 40 years in Maine and works as a Restorative Practices

Coordinator in Lewiston. Dylan Welch, an English major at Bowdoin College will also be joining us each month. Dylan brings with him a love of poetry which will be woven into our monthly meetings.

Meetings will be held monthly, the 3rd Thursday of each month, September through May, and will take place from

5:50-7 p.m. via Zoom. The book group is open to teens (ages 16 and up) and adults.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Maine Public Li-

brary Fund.

For more information or to register, email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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Ribbon cutting for Gallant Therapy Services

From LA Metro Chamber

LEWISTON - A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Gallant Therapy Services location at 20 East Ave. in Lewiston took place at the end of May.

City of Lewiston Representative, Councilor Alicia Rae, was joined by the LA Metro Chamber President + CEO, Shanna Cox, Senator Susan Collins' representative, Karen Staples, and members of the public.

Gallant Therapy Services provides pediatric Occupational Therapy and Feeding Therapy in their new spacious, fun, play-based clinic. Its team of therapists helps children with developmental disabilities and delays, behavior challenges, anxiety, feeding difficulties, Autism, and more.

"I love working for



The ribbon is cut to officially open the new Gallant Therapy Services location on East Avenue in Lewiston, at the end of May. (Photo courtesy of LA Metro Chamber)

GTS. Nothing is better than seeing the happiness my kids feel when they are so proud of themselves for reaching a goal. I get to use play as the tool to help them and cheer them on as they become more successful in school, at home, and in their community," said Mary Miller, Occupational

Therapy Assistant.

"It is so great to see a business continuing to invest and expand in Lewiston, and to provide these specialized services to our youth. Having this therapy space so close and accessible is very important for the kids who need that extra support," said Councilor

Alicia Rae.

The new space has allowed GTS to hire more therapists, giving them the opportunity to provide their services to more kids in the region. Anyone who knows of a child who might be in need is asked to reach out to the team at Gallant Therapy Services for more informa-

tion.

"Chambers are an important piece of the business community, and the only reason I can say that is because of the businesses like Gallant Therapy Services that contribute to the wellbeing and betterment of our community. GTS therapists are making a positive

difference by serving our youth in their new, bright, and cheerful space. We can't have the workforce that we need a generation from now without people like the GTS team doing this type of work and being a part of this community," said LA Metro Chamber President + CEO, Shanna Cox.

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

Maine Public News Connect launched

From Maine Public

LEWISTON - Maine Public recently launched Maine Public News Connect, a new news service translating news stories into different languages.

The project takes stories aired on Maine Public Radio and appearing online and has them pro-

fessionally translated and delivered in various languages. The project initially will focus on the creation of French, Spanish, and Portuguese translated news pods and added news translated into Somali in early May.

Maine Public News Connect is part of a larger Connecting Communities

initiative at Maine Public with the overarching goal to make Maine more inclusive, stronger, and more cohesive.

"With Connecting Communities, and specifically here with Maine Public News Connect, we're really hoping to extend the reach of our public service journalism," stated Mark

Simpson, Maine Public's Director of News & Public Affairs. "We want to help more Maine people access credible, reliably reported news and information. This is especially important in an age of both information and source overload, but also at a time when misinformation is common. Maine Public is a trusted space for news, and we want to make sure we able reach the broadest number of people with this new pilot initiative."

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- By following Maine Public on Twitter and Instagram

This project would not have been launched without the help of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition, Presente Maine, Gateway Community Services Maine, Congolese, and Angolan communities of Maine. A special thanks to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, cPort Credit Union, Lee Auto Malls, St. Joseph Healthcare, and the Maine Health Access Foundation for their generous support of this project.

Maine Public is also

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HS, Dr. Vinsel practices as an emergency department staff physician at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston and as the physician lead for the emergency induction medication assisted treatment program at Bridgton Hospital in Bridgton.

In addition, Maine Inside Out will perform, and Dave Bilodeau & Charlie Ames will provide musical selections. Taped testimonials will be available for viewing, and a tented area will be on site where individuals can decompress and talk with someone if in need.

Information and resources will be available at tables from Tri-County Mental Health, An Angel's Wing, Groups Recover Together, Nar-Anon, Safe Voices, Recovery Connections, The R.E.S.T. Center, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Celebrate Recovery, God's Plus, Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Healthy Androscoggin, Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition, Maine Recovery Advocacy, Maine Rap, Blue Sky Counseling, Avalon Counseling, Journey Magazine, Dartmouth Geisel School

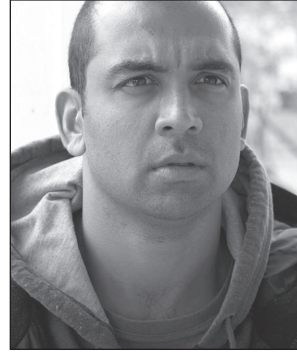
of Medicine, and the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee.

The Green Ladle food truck will be on site, and beverage/food donations have been made by Poland Spring, Dunkin – Main Street, An Angel's Wing, and Pathway Vineyard Church. Recovery Connections is providing a dunk tank for the day so that attending children can enjoy dunking local school resource officers, law enforcement officials, and a representative from Tri-County Mental Health. The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council will also be providing face painting for children.

The Lewiston Area Public Health Committee, host of Rally for Recovery, was formed on June 7, 2016, by the Lewiston City Council. It is a public health advisory board to municipal elected officials on policy issues and works collaboratively with other municipal committees and community partners on issues related to public health.

For more information about the Rally or the LAPHC, call (207) 513-3018.

Al Ghanekar at Craft Brew Saturday



Al Ghanekar will be the featured comedian in a comedy show Saturday night at Craft Brew Underground on Court Street in Auburn. (Photo courtesy of Maine Event)

starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Ghanekar left a full-time technology job to pursue stand-up comedy, primarily in the corporate arena. He's worked with national headliners at New York City's Gotham Comedy Club and Broadway Comedy Club and has performed in Sydney, Australia, and Mumbai, India.

The show is for ages 21-and-older. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at MaineEventComedy.com.

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

From Maine Event

AUBURN - Maine Event Comedy presents Al Ghanekar with Sevrin Remmo and Mike Gray at Craft Brew Underground,

From City of Lewiston

LEWISTON - Encouragement, resources, testimonials, and information will be the focus of "Rally for Recovery," a Sept. 18 event hosted by the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee (LAPHC) in Kennedy Park, Lewiston.

The LAPHC has been concerned about the number of opioid related deaths across the nation and decided to bring together different agencies that have a "heart for recovery."

The rain date is Sept. 25.

The free event is for those struggling with addiction, those in recovery from addiction, those who have lost a loved one to addiction, those seeking help for an addiction, and those who are providing support for a loved one.

During the 10 a.m.–1 p.m. event, attendees will

hear from people who are in recovery and people who have lost a loved one to an addiction.

There will be a substance use disorder presentation by Dr. Paul Vinsel of Tri-County Mental Health Services (TCMHS), who is a physician prescriber for the TCMHS Opioid Health Home Service in Lewiston. In addition to his work at TCM-

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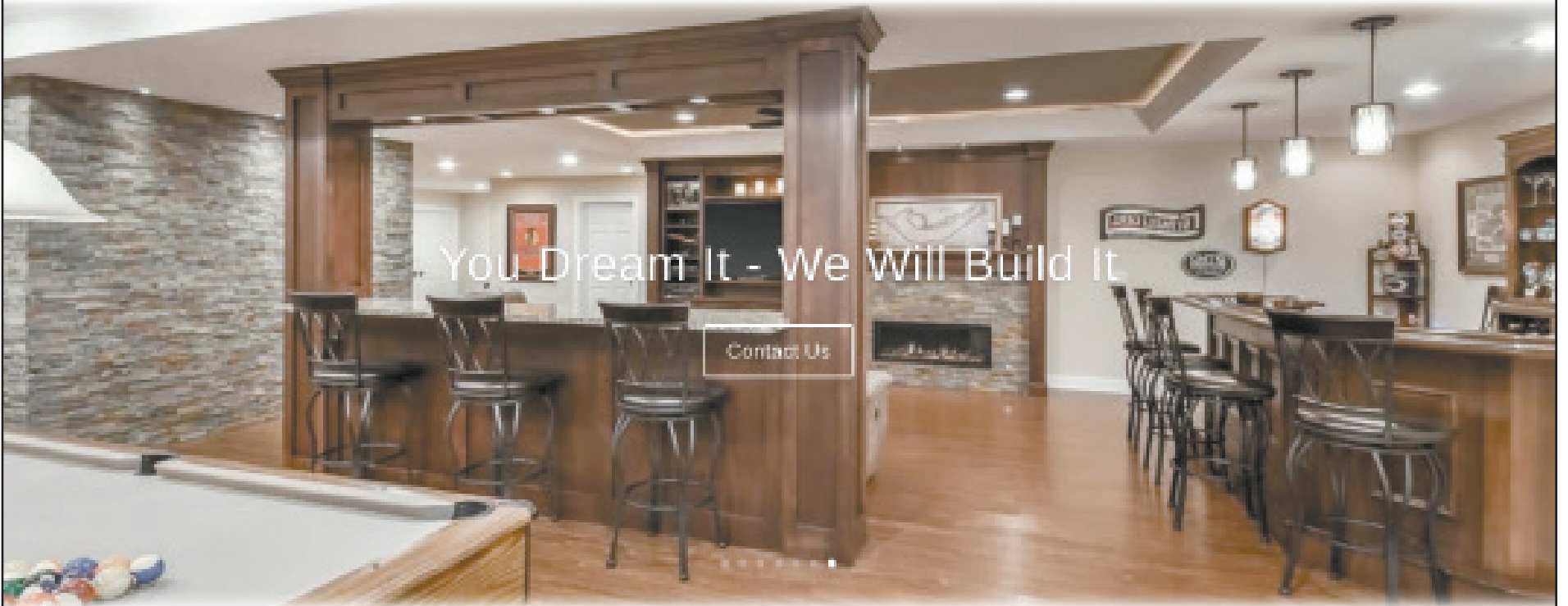
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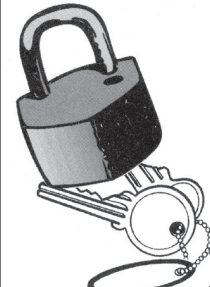
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Sept. 9**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY
Sept. 11**

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LEWISTON-Greek

Calendar

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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.

**TUESDAY
Sept. 14**

6 p.m.

LEWISTON – City Council Workshop, at City Hall, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston 1st Floor in the City Council chambers. This 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

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AUBURN – Planning Board meeting.

7 p.m.

GORHAM – Conservation Commission meeting.

**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.

6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – tentative Board of Appeals meeting in council chambers.

GORHAM – tentative Recurring Capital Improvement Projects/Economic Development Committee meeting in council chambers.

7 p.m.

AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

**FRIDAY
Sept. 17**

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

7:30-9:30 p.m.

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Sept. 18**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LEWISTON – Rally for Recovery, at Kennedy Park, Lewiston. For those struggling with addiction, and their families. For More Information - (207) 513-3018.

**MONDAY
Sept. 20**

5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

GORHAM – Finance Committee meeting in council chambers.

7 p.m.

GORHAM - optional Planning Board meeting date.

**TUESDAY
Sept. 21**

8 a.m.

GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting in conference room A.

4 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Sewer District Trustees meeting.

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6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – tentative recurring Town Council workshop in council chambers.

**WEDNESDAY
Sept. 22**

4 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees meeting

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

**SATURDAY
Sept. 25**

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