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MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival Friday & Saturday

From Public Theatre

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

Proof of vaccination 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 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 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..

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),

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Dempsey Challenge 2021 is this weekend

Five things to know about this year's event



Patrick Dempsey greets runner Derek Bissonnette at a previous Dempsey Challenge event. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

From Dempsey Center

LEWISTON – The Dempsey Challenge presented by Amgen Oncology has been the flagship fundraising weekend in Lewiston for the Dempsey Center every year since 2009.

However, the pandemic forced the massively popular ride, run and walk event to become a virtual-only event for last year.

Almost 150,000 people participated in the virtual event in 2020, completing a months-long activity challenge on Strava, joining Dempsey Center founder Patrick Dempsey on an interactive Zwift ride or choosing their own fundraising challenge. Many missed the in-person camaraderie

and spirit provided by the annual event, which raises money for the Dempsey Center.

The 2020 version of the Dempsey

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Challenge was still able to raise \$1.2 million to continue their mission to make life better for people managing the impact of cancer. This includes cancer patients, survivors, care partners, and family members of all ages.

Needless to say, event organizers, Dempsey Center clients, riders, runners, walkers and volunteers alike are gearing up to be able to safely gather again for this year's events.

It was announced in June that the two-day event would return, Sept. 25 and 26 in Lewiston, as well as a Global Challenge for anyone interested in participating who can't make it to Maine during the fall.

"There's this pent-up excitement about being back out and doing something as a community," Dempsey Center events manager Deneka Deletetsky said.

The event will undergo some modifications to ensure COVID prevention protocols are maintained during the weekend, but many beloved aspects will continue to happen.

Currently, over 1,000 people have registered to participate locally and over 500 are participating Globally.

While the virtual experience got a new name this year – the Global Challenge – Deletetsky said that after the success it

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

King pushes White House to open northern border

From Sen. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Office of U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) last week announced that Senator King and a group of his colleagues are urging President Joe Biden to begin allowing vaccinated Canadians to travel to the U.S. through land ports of entry in the coming weeks.

Noting the economic and familial strains caused on states like Maine by the continued restrictions at the U.S.-Canada border, the Senators wrote a letter to the President urging him to lift travel restrictions at the end of this month, create a public plan to reopen land ports of entry to vaccinated Canadians, and appoint an interagency lead to spearhead coordination. In addition to Senator King, the letter is signed by Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Jon Tester (D-MT), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Gary Peters (D-MI), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

“As Senators who represent states along the northern border, our communities have been deeply affected by the restrictions on travel. Many of our communities maintain close professional and personal ties with communities in Canada. Canadians come to our states to con-

duct business, enjoy recreational opportunities, buy goods, and visit friends and family. The restrictions on non-essential travel across the border have greatly curtailed these activities and led to economic and emotional strain in our communities,” the Senators wrote.

“We appreciate the need to prioritize the health and safety of the American public through reasonable restrictions on international travel,” the Senators continued. “However, we believe that fully vaccinated Canadians should be allowed to safely travel into the United States via land ports of entry. We urge you to lift these restrictions before October, provide a plan for reopening land ports of entry and appoint an interagency lead on U.S.-Canadian border restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Since March 2020, travel across the two nations’ border has been severely restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in significant disruptions to Maine communities, businesses and families. In light of progress in COVID-19 vaccinations in both countries, Canada opened its border to vaccinated Americans last month, but the U.S. government extended its ban on non-essential travel from Canada.

Senator King has

repeatedly advocated for vaccinated Canadians to be able to enter the United States and support Maine businesses. In July, he joined with Maine’s Congressional Delegation in sending a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, urging the Biden Administration to take steps to allow fully-vaccinated Canadians to cross the border for business or leisure.

Letter to Pres. Biden

Dear President Biden,

We write regarding current Department of Homeland Security (DHS) restrictions limiting non-essential travel from Canada to the United States at land ports of entry along the United States-Canada border. We appreciate the need to prioritize the health and safety of the American public through reasonable restrictions on international travel. However, we believe that fully vaccinated Canadians should be allowed to safely travel into the United States via land ports of entry. We urge you to lift these restrictions before October, provide a plan for reopening land ports of entry and appoint an interagency lead on U.S.-Canadian border restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Senators who represent states along the

northern border, our communities have been deeply affected by the restrictions on travel. Many of our communities maintain close professional and personal ties with communities in Canada. Canadians come to our states to conduct business, enjoy recreational opportunities, buy goods, and visit friends and family. The restrictions on non-essential travel across the border have greatly curtailed these activities and led to economic and emotional strain in our communities. These limits on cross-border travel via land ports of entry are still in place even though, under existing DHS regulations, fully vaccinated Canadians can board an airplane and fly into the United States. We struggle to understand the public health rationale for the disparate treatment in modes of travel.

As you know, fully vaccinated Americans have been able to enter Canada via land ports of entry since August 9. This is true despite lower vaccination rates and higher per capita case rates in America. As of this writing, 84 percent of individuals 12 and older in Canada have received at least one dose of the vaccine and the country is experiencing 10 cases per 100,000 people. Alternatively, 74 percent of individuals 12 and older in the U.S. have received the

vaccine and we are averaging 44 cases per 100,000 people. Given that Canada has opened its land border to fully vaccinated Americans, we feel that now is the time to open our land border to fully vaccinated Canadians.

We also urge you to provide a public plan for reopening travel to fully vaccinated Canadians at land ports of entry. Businesses in our states need to plan ahead, which includes an assessment of the impact of ongoing travel restrictions on their operations. A plan with some indication of when your administration would feel comfortable lifting border restrictions based on public health data would provide clarity to businesses and families along the northern border. It is also necessary to ensure that DHS personnel at land ports of entry in our states are ready to reopen to fully vaccinated Canadians as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Finally, we ask that you designate an interagency lead responsible for monitoring and eventually lifting non-essential travel restrictions. We understand that decisions relative to restrictions on travel at the border necessarily involve multiple federal agencies and executive branch personnel. We also appreciate the efforts of the administration’s

COVID-19 task force to process and evaluate the public health data and other information they receive from the various agencies. However, naming an interagency lead on non-essential travel restrictions would give this issue the attention it deserves and provide clarity to our offices and constituents. An interagency lead would facilitate discussions between the administration and our offices and ensure that we are able to effectively convey the concerns of our constituents as you evaluate the COVID-19 pandemic.

We know that vaccines work and provide the best opportunity to end this pandemic. We should recognize their efficacy and stop penalizing northern border communities by lifting the restrictions on non-essential travel for fully vaccinated Canadians. The COVID-19 pandemic has already taken a devastating economic and human toll on our country. Vaccines offer us the chance to mitigate and ultimately eliminate the spread of this virus. Allowing fully vaccinated Canadians to travel freely to our states and others would reflect the public health data which shows that vaccines work.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing our work with you on this issue.

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Guest column

Students return to school with big changes



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

By Sen. Libby

As summer comes to a close and fall approaches, there are many perennial changes that our state experiences. Leaves begin to change color, days become shorter, and students return to classrooms. This year, our students are likely to experience more changes than any of the rest of us. Kids are back in a physical classroom for the first time in a year and for some, the first time ever. Thanks to

the work we did in the Legislature this past session, there are plenty of positive changes in our public K-12 schools.

For starters, the Legislature approached the issue of youth food-insecurity with ferocity. When COVID-19 entered our lives last year, the federal government took action to provide free school meals for all students. After observing the positive results that this program yielded, Maine legislators passed a similar measure. Now,

all students, regardless of income are guaranteed to have access to free meals at school. This law is historic, as Maine is only the second state in the nation to guarantee access to free school meals for all students. The sad reality is that one in six Maine children do not know where their next meal will be coming from. When kids are in school, learning should be the priority. But kids can't learn when they're hungry. I am confident that this new law will yield many positive outcomes for our students.

It is important to note that despite school meals being provided to all students free of charge, families still need to fill out the forms that would qualify their children for free meals.

For our schools to receive necessary funds to help pay for these meals, the federal government still requires these forms to be filled out to fulfill that funding.

To find the forms, visit <http://bitly.ws/giEA>

If you need assistance or have questions with verification reports or requirements, you can contact the Department's Child Nutrition Specialist David Hartley at david.hartley@maine.gov or 624-6878.

Another exciting change that we made in the

Legislature this year has to do with how we fund our public K-12 schools. In 2004, Maine voters passed a referendum that required the state to cover 55 percent of public education costs. Despite this referendum passing over a decade ago, the state has never fulfilled this requirement. When the state didn't pay in full, the remaining funding was left to municipalities and property taxpayers to pick up the tab. This changed this year, and the state will finally pay the 55 percent of K-12 public schools.

One of the bills I was most proud to see become law was my bill to support students whose education has been disrupted by homelessness, foster care or other extenuating circumstances receive their diplomas on time. This new law, according to the Maine Department of Education, will impact thousands of Maine pre-K through 12 students, including 1,335 homeless youth, 1,021 youth in foster care, 5,339 English Language Learners, and 1,194 new Mainers.

The original idea for this bill was brought to me by the folks at New Beginnings youth shelter who see the barriers and educational disruptions that homeless youth and youth in foster care experience

every day. In 2018, the overall high school graduation rate in Maine was 86.8 percent, but for youth experiencing homelessness it was 57.7 percent, and for youth in foster care it was only 56 percent. This law gives young students who have experienced education disruption the tools they need to build a portfolio for high school graduation.

These investments are investment in Maine kids, and in turn, Maine's future. Helping our students focus on learning instead of worrying where

their next meal will come from, fulfilling our state's commitment to fund public education costs, and ensuring our most vulnerable students stay on track are measures that will help our students and our state grow in a positive direction.

If you ever have any comments or questions, you can always reach out to me at nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1515.

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

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Surviving the Mere Point Boat Launch



A team of paddlers assemble on a paved ramp at Mere Point Boat Launch. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

When my octogenarian friend, Carolyn Welch, invited me to join her and companions for a sea kayak trip to Crow Island in Merepoint Bay, I eagerly accepted.

Although scheduled for hip surgery a few days later, I found kayaking manageable and the proposed excursion was a modest one.

Her plan was to depart from Mere Point Boat Launch near the southern end of Merepoint Neck in Brunswick.

Carolyn’s trips are extremely well-planned and organized. The weather forecast was exquisite. Her intention was to ride an incoming tide north to Crow Island in the morning and return on an outgoing tide early afternoon. In terms of construction, parking, and amenities, Mere Point Boat Launch is the Cadillac of boat landings.

I’ve been launching kayaks at Mere Point Boat Launch since it opened about a dozen years ago. My regular pattern has been to line up with other boat owners and load and unload on the paved ramps. Why would anyone do otherwise? At some point, I became vaguely aware that a separate loading and unloading zone had been designated for kayaks about 100 yards from the water.

Frankly, I ignored that option (as did most others) because it created unsafe conditions for kayakers and was discriminatory since motorized watercraft owners were allowed to use the convenient paved ramps.

When I arrived at the boat landing for this trip, a kayaker from another group informed me the harbor-master was now enforcing the burdensome loading and unloading rule for kayakers. Further, for the first time, I learned there was a designated launch site for kayakers that entailed trying to hold and slide a long heavy kayak down a steep narrow wooden ramp while negotiating equally steep cement steps that literally end in the water at high tide. This ridiculously dangerous contrivance was a bad accident waiting to happen.

Five solo kayakers assembled for Carolyn’s outing. The average age was in excess of 70. I’m 73 and as noted was awaiting hip surgery at the time. We complied with the onerous edict to park in the designated loading and unloading area and toted or hauled our heavy boats to and from the water. However, we launched and returned on the paved ramps as we always have because the slide and stairs were inherently hazardous. I have a knowledgeable friend who says the stairs don’t meet State of Maine safety standards and they certainly don’t comply with ADA access requirements for those with disabilities. The mandate that kayakers must drag or lug their heavy boats for a relatively long distance through traf-



Kayakers approach Little Iron Island on a recent trip from Mere Point Boat Launch. (Ron Chase photo)

fic is unsafe and discriminatory.

Winds were light and skies partly sunny when the five of us departed from the landing. Since there was a southwest breeze and an incoming tide, we collectively decided to travel south across sheltered Merepoint Bay to the end of Birch Island and then use the wind and tide to our advantage traveling north in Middle Bay towards Crow Island.

The tide had risen sufficiently to allow navigation through a narrow channel separating tiny House Island from the southwestern terminus of Birch Island. From there, a gentle tailwind helped propel us north along the east side of Birch while enjoying numerous bird sightings. Continuing past Little Birch Island, we entered a channel between expansive White Island and Little Iron and Scrag Islands to the east. One kayaker observed a large osprey nest high in a tree on Little Iron. Alas, closer inspection failed to confirm the presence of chicks.

From the northern end of White, it was about a half mile paddle to Crow Island. Formerly owned by Civil War hero and Governor, Joshua Chamberlain,

the island was donated to Harpswell Heritage Land Trust which now conserves it. After some exploration, we found a suitable location for lunch. Two in our group went for a swim. A cold water sissy, I held out for a hot shower at home.

A light headwind provided relief from the humidity on our return voyage south through Merepoint Bay. To my knowledge, no injuries were suffered as a result of the arduous carry at the takeout. Joint damage and muscle strains were certainly a risk.

On Aug. 18, I sent a letter to Brunswick Parks & Recreation requesting they change the unacceptable rules for kayakers. To date, they haven’t responded.

The author of “The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery” and “Mountains for Mortals – New England,” Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, “The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine” is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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Guest Column

Of woods and weeds

By Grammar Guy

I’ve been getting into native perennial gardening this year. Of all the plants I’m growing, I love milkweed the most.

Seventy-three species of native milkweeds grow in the United States, and these plants are the exclusive host plants for monarch butterflies. When people hear “milkweed,” they think of something ugly and undesirable. In an effort to rebrand milkweed, I think we should start calling it “butterfly happy plant.” It could work!

I apologize for getting in the weeds about milkweed. This brings me to discussing and distinguishing a pair of flora phrases, “in the weeds” and “in the woods.” Let’s take a quick hike down a linguistic path in order to better understand these expressions.

Let’s get into the weeds. This term has multiple applications and definitions. First, a golf shot can

land in the rough, which is tall grass or weeds, as opposed to on the shorter grass of the fairway or green. Being in the weeds is a precarious position for your golf ball and can lead to killer divots.

If you’ve ever worked in the restaurant industry, you know that “into the weeds” means that the kitchen and wait staff are busy to the point of total disorder. Being “in the weeds” happens when a server has too many tables to handle or if several patrons order entrees at the same time, leading to a backlog in the kitchen.

Political policy wonks love to get into their version of “the weeds.” In this case, getting “into the weeds” means going into unnecessary detail about a policy or initiative. My opening paragraph is an example of getting “in the weeds” about milkweed. Don’t ever ask a triathlete about how his last race went, because he’ll get into the weeds about every ag-

onizing detail of his recent competition.

Being “in the woods” means something altogether different. When someone “isn’t out of the woods yet,” it can mean that she is quite ill and hasn’t gotten better yet. By this logic, being “in the woods” means someone is on death’s door or incredibly sick. Getting “out of the woods” can also mean a person is trying to come out of a difficult situation. You might hear a person who lands a good job after being unemployed say, “I finally got out of the woods with this new job.”

In general, being in the woods or in the weeds are negative situations, unless you’re a nerdy type who, say, reads an entire column on parsing out two similar-sounding phrases.

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.

Guest Essay

Exercise Gives Our Kids A Fighting Chance

By Jake Steinfeld

SACRAMENTO, CA - In Maine, thirteen percent of kids are considered obese.

While obesity in itself is alarming, when you factor in COVID-19, the risk of our children becoming severely sick is increased substantially.

The delta variant, an even more transmissible strain of COVID, is attacking our children in greater numbers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the COVID infection for kids aged 5 to 17 were higher than the rates in adults over 50. Quite a change from where we started with the first iteration of this virus.

A British Journal of Sports Medicine study shows that “consistently meeting physical activity guidelines was STRONGLY associated with a reduced risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes.” Researchers found that those who were infected with COVID but were more active before contracting the virus were the least likely to be hospitalized or die because of it.

I’ve always believed in the power of exercise and that real change needs to start with our kids. My vision is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. That’s where the National Foundation for Governors’

Fitness Councils (NFGFC) comes in. Through the NFGFC, I am making that happen by motivating children across the country to make fitness a priority by giving the schools the tools they need to be successful.

Our kids, when given the opportunity and support, strive to be physically active. So far, we’ve visited 36 states and have delivered nearly 500 state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON’T QUIT! Fitness Centers, and this year we are delivering fitness centers to the great state of Maine as well as New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Mississippi. In each school we’ve visited, the excitement about getting fit has been palpable.

I think we can all agree, it’s been a tough couple of years. The pandemic has wreaked havoc across the world, and our attention is often drawn to news stories that weigh us down with all that is wrong, scary, and sad. Yet I know that for every depressing article, there’s an enlightening story that may never make the news. It’s amazing what happens when teachers, students, and communities come together in the name of health, fitness and hope. In fact, every time we gift our fitness centers to a state, I meet people who go above and beyond and should have

the spotlight shined on them for the efforts that they’ve taken to help kids thrive physically.

This isn’t a Democrat nor Republican issue; this is a kids issue. Our children are a beacon of hope and when we put them first, we can expect them to live long, productive, and healthy lives. Prioritizing fitness is a powerful way to change our children’s future for the better.

By combating childhood obesity, not only are our kids getting healthy, increasing their energy, boosting their self-esteem, and improving their overall confidence, but we are also strengthening their bodies to help them fight this pandemic. In my opinion, exercise IS a “vaccine” that helps strengthen our immune systems to help fight infection. Being idle has imperiled our children, but a program like ours can change a child’s outlook on life forever. Exercise gives our kids a fighting chance!

Jake Steinfeld serves as Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors’ Fitness Councils, whose sole mission is to provide DON’T QUIT! Fitness Centers to elementary and middle schools throughout the United States.

To learn more about the DON’T QUIT! Campaign, visit www.natgovfit.org.

Letter to the Editor

Maine rental assistance helps renters

The Covid-19 Pandemic has put a financial strain on many Mainers, and for some that means struggling to pay rent and utility costs. On August 26th, the US Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a temporary eviction ban that was put in place because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Through federal funding there are local and state resources available to help.

Maine’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides rental and utility relief payments to help eligible renters.

In order to qualify for the program, the tenant must meet the following criteria:

- The household income must meet certain income limits. Limits vary by location and household size.
- One or more people in the household has experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.
- The household has

had a hard time paying for rent or utilities.

You can apply and learn more about this program by visiting Mainehousing.org or by calling the Maine Housing office at 1-800-452-4668. If you know someone who might benefit from the Maine’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program, please share this important information so they can apply right away.

Linda Dougherty
Bangor, ME

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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Horror story contest at LPL

From LPL

LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library is hosting a 2-sentence horror story contest, both online and in-person.

This free, public contest will be open to all for the opportunity to win one of three gift card prizes.

This contest will be accepting submissions from Oct. 1-31, and voting will

take place from Nov. 1-14 at the Lewiston Public Library.

Stories can be submitted to the 2-Sentence Horror Story Contest online at <http://bitly.ws/gwFg> or in person at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library.

Community members will vote for their favorite story to choose the winner. Voting will be made available online and in person at the Library starting Nov. 1.

The three stories with the most votes will win a Hannaford gift card: \$50 for 1st place and \$25 for 2nd and 3rd runners-up. Only one story per person may be submitted. All stories submitted must be original work and appropriate for display in the Library and on social media.

This contest is free and open to everyone. Contest rules are available on the Library's website and at the

Reference Desk inside the Library.

The 2-Sentence Horror Story Contest is sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library, located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

For more information or to enter the contest, contact the Lewiston Public Library at LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or 513-3135.

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Fall Vendor Craft Fair Oct. 2

From WACC

AUBURN - The West Auburn Congregational Church will conduct its 10th Annual Fall Vendor Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event will include

a bake sale, raffle of craft items and a lunch to go.

The fair will host a variety of craft and product vendors including jewelry, hand woven items, quilted items, bowl cozies and Scentsy.

The historic church at

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Pumpkin craft night at Lewiston Library

From LPL

LEWISTON - Lewiston Public Library is hosting a pumpkin-themed craft night for adults and teens on Thursday, Oct. 14.

This free public program will run from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Couture Room at the Lewiston Public Library.

The Library will be providing instruction and materials for three different pumpkin crafts to brighten your home this autumn: wine cork pumpkins, paper roll pumpkins, and pom pom pumpkins.


This program is free and open to adults and teens only.

Space is limited - registration is recommended.

Pumpkin Craft Palooza is sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

For more information or to register for this program, contact the Lewiston Public Library at LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or 513-3135.




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For more information or to register, contact the Reference Desk at LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or 207-513-3135



‘Let’s Talk About Punishment, Rehabilitation, Justice’



Joseph Jackson, incarcerated as a young man, will be the first USM L/A Senior College Food For Thought speaker for 21-22, speaking in a Zoom session on Oct. 6. (Photo courtesy of Senior College)

From Senior College

LEWISTON – The University of Southern Maine Lewiston/Auburn Senior College will present the first Food For Thought speaker for the 21-22 year in October.

Joseph Jackson, founder and director of Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC) and an accomplished poet, will speak in a Zoom session at 11 a.m. on Oct. 6.

To sign up for the link please email lase-niorcollege@gmail.com by noon on Oct. 5..

Send all items for What’s Going On to the Editor.
Deadline is Friday by five.

Mr. Jackson was incarcerated as a young man. He could have turned his anger toward others, but instead he chose to work toward his Associates and Bachelors degrees and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Southern Maine in Augusta while still serving his sentence.

He was selected as a member of Who’s Who among students in colleges and universities in 2012. and was the first prisoner in Maine to be selected to the University of Southern Maine’s Stonecoast MFA in the Creative Writing graduate program. As a result he was chosen to represent the University of Southern Maine in Augusta’s 50 Years 50 Portraits for their 50th anniversary in 2015.

Despite his rocky start he earned his Master’s Degree from the University of Southern Maine in 2015, and was one of four commencement speakers for his class.

Mr. Jackson has experienced many successes during his decade-plus work as a prison advocate: revoking, revising, or de-

feating proposed MDOC policies and practices.

In addition to his role with MPAC, he is the Advocacy Director with Maine Inside Out (MIO). Their mission is to build community, develop youth leadership, and initiate dialogue through the use of collaborative original theater, working across boundaries, both inside and outside of Long Creek Youth Development Center.

Simultaneously, his work with the Reentry Center in Belfast with incarcerated citizens, led to the co-founding of Restorative Art Works (RAW) in Belfast. RAW creates original theater as therapy to address the post traumatic stress of incarceration.

Mr. Jackson will speak about his experiences and those of many of the prisoners he has encountered in his work. He has become a voice for those who can’t speak out for themselves. And he begs others to ask the question: what is the real goal of punishment?

This program is free and open to the public.

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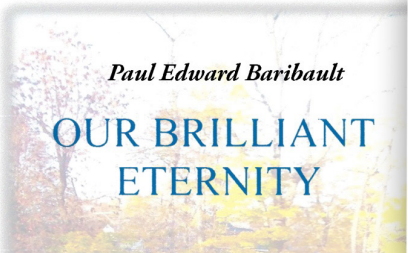
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Art Walk L/A with Live Music on Friday



local artists Stream Reggae will be part of the LA Arts Music in the Parks Concert on Friday evening as part of the Art Walk L/A. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

From LA Arts

LEWISTON - The September edition of Art Walk L/A begins at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Enjoy this in-person arts experiences downtown, including drumming by Taiko Maine Dojo, a Portland-based community taiko drumming group that seeks to share Japanese culture through the unifying spirit of kumi-daiko.

There will also be performances by Bates College a cappella groups the

Merimanders, the Deansmen, and the Crosstones.

At the LA Arts Gallery, exhibiting artist Tom Jessen will share an interactive art making game with guests. And the final Music in the Parks concert this season will feature live, local hip hop and reggae bands. Join us!

Events

5-7 pm: LA Arts Gallery: art making game with exhibiting artist Tom Jessen

5:30-6:15 pm: Taiko Maine Dojo drumming in

Dufresne Plaza

6:00 pm: Bates Deansmen at Kimball Street Studios, 291 Lisbon St, Lewiston

6:15 pm: Bates Crosstones at Dufresne Plaza

6:30 pm: Bates Merimanders at LA Arts, 221 Lisbon St, Lewiston

7 pm: LA Arts Music in the Parks summer concert, Kennedy Park, Lewiston

7 pm: Manhattan Short, global film festival at the Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston

From 7-10 pm, enjoy live music at the LA Arts Music in the Parks Concert, with live local hip hop and reggae at Kennedy Park performed by local artists Stream Reggae, MOJOSUDAN, Chaly Rich, JDubb, and DJ Bernarzo.

Art Downtown

Visual arts will be on display at:

The Studio, 291 Lisbon St. Annual Horror & Gore show with works by artist Grayling Cunningham and friends.

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

Kimball Street Studios, 191 Lisbon St. - Quilt Show.

Rinck Advertising, 113 Lisbon St. - Artist Roderrick Dew.

110 Lisbon St, Lewiston - Artist Corey DuFour.

Craft Brew Underground, 34 Court St, Auburn - Artist Jelisa Hamilton

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



Drummers from the Taiko Maine Dojo, a Portland-based community taiko drumming group that seeks to share Japanese culture through the unifying spirit of kumi-daiko, will perform during Art Walk L/A on Friday evening. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

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.

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Art Walk LA and all LA Arts programs are made possible with the generous support of community partners including 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 organizations, and highlights the essential role the arts play in shaping an economically vital, socially integrated, and forward-looking future for its community.

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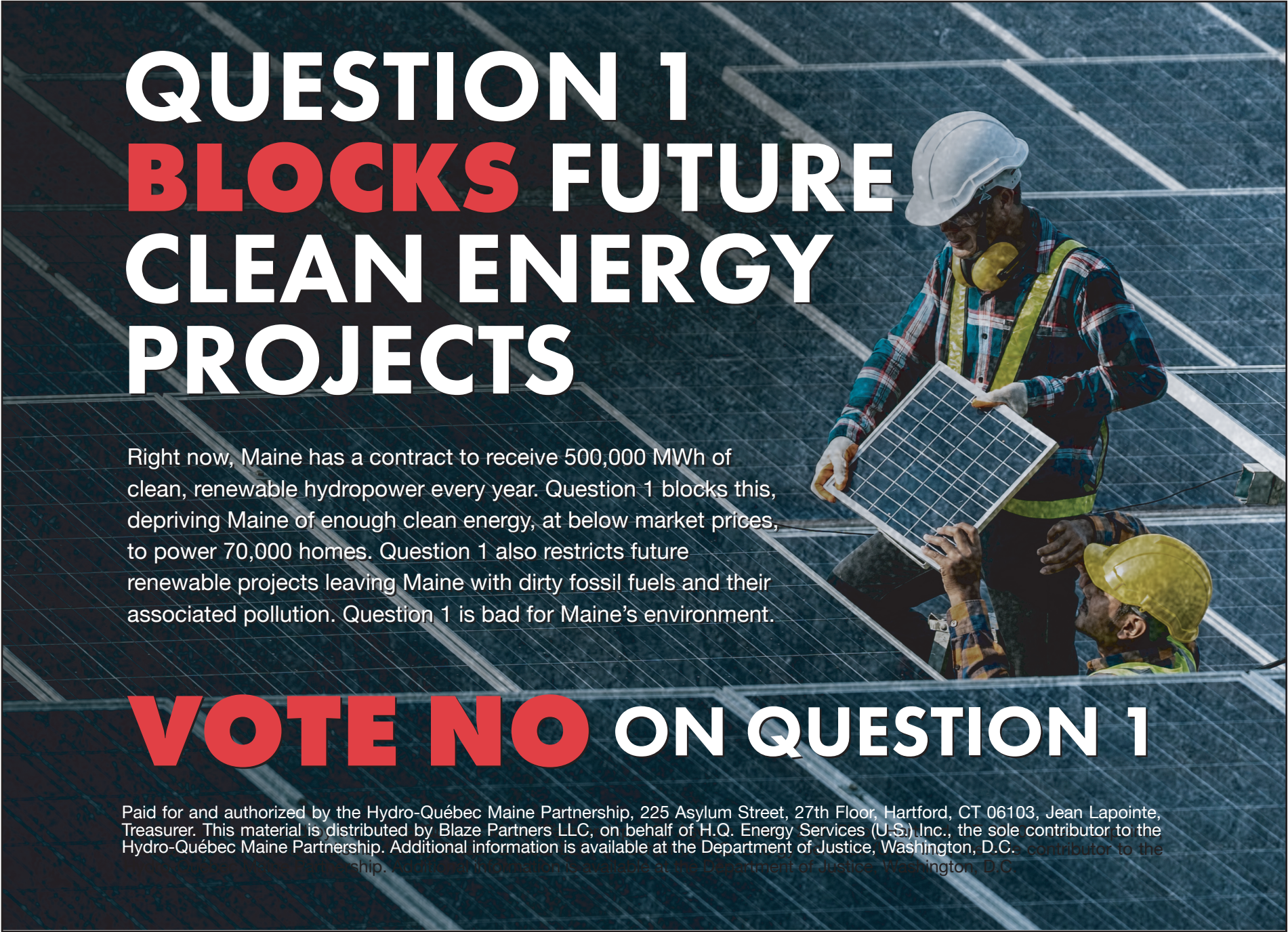
The Bates College a cappella groups the Merimanders will perform during Art Walk L/A on Friday evening. (Photo courtesy of LA Arts)

QUESTION 1 BLOCKS FUTURE CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS

Right now, Maine has a contract to receive 500,000 MWh of clean, renewable hydropower every year. Question 1 blocks this, depriving Maine of enough clean energy, at below market prices, to power 70,000 homes. Question 1 also restricts future renewable projects leaving Maine with dirty fossil fuels and their associated pollution. Question 1 is bad for Maine's environment.

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 1

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Dempsey

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saw in 2020, officials hope to continue to tap participants who want to join in the Dempsey Challenge festivities from afar.

Changes

“There will be more time for riders, runners and walkers to start and finish their events to help disperse crowds at start locations and rest stops,” Deletetsky said.

Dempsey Challenge will offer new routes in 2021 and will ask that all participants wear masks outside of physical activities.

The run and walk events presented by Poland Spring Brand 100% Natural Spring Water are back with a 10km run and 5km run and walk, open to all participants. The walk will take place at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston.

For 2021, the shortest ride option will be 25 miles, offering beginners and veterans alike a chance to test themselves over the picturesque rural Maine countryside in the Dempsey Challenge Bike Rides presented by Specialized Bicycles.

Distances

Participants have 4 routes available. 25 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles and 100 miles. Providing plenty of choices for cyclists of all ages.

Runners can choose a 5km or 10km option and walkers can participate in a 5km.

All in-person participants were required to meet the minimum fundraising commitment of \$250 by September 15 to participate in the Local (in-person) Dempsey Challenge.

How contributions help

The Dempsey Center is committed to making life better for people managing the impact of cancer. This includes cancer patients, survivors, care partners, and family members of all ages 100% of funds raised during the Dempsey Challenge go to providing cancer support services at no cost to anyone impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

Another silver lining of 2020 was the genesis of Dempsey Connects, offering select support services online to those who cannot travel to the Centers in Lewiston or South Portland--reaching people in all corners of Maine and



The local Dempsey Challenge walking events on Saturday will be centered at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston. (Image courtesy of Dempsey Center)

beyond our borders.

Registration

Challengers had until today to reach the fundraising minimum to participate Locally. However, fundraising will continue through the end of October to help us reach our goal of \$1.5 million!

Learn more about this year's event and register at DempseyChallenge.org.



James Carpenter rides in the 2018 edition of the Dempsey Challenge. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

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Lewiston Library events for October

From LPL

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library will host a series of virtual and in-person events during October.

Children Programs (In-person) Pumpkins in the Park: Friday, October 8 at 10:00am in Kennedy Park.

Kids can decorate pumpkins to take home, play harvest games, listen to pumpkin story time, and earn prizes! Lewiston Parks and Rec will supply all the materials, the games and pumpkins. No sign up needed and all materials provided.

(In-person) Outdoor public theatrical performance for all ages: Monday, October 11 In Kennedy Park

University of Southern Maine is performing the “Marvelous Meep Island Adventure,” a free theatre event for audiences of all ages. Bring a blanket, chairs, a picnic; tell your

friends and join the fun! This one-hour theatrical adventure is meant for everyone! No sign up needed.

(Virtual) Preschool Babytime & Storytime Every Tuesday 10:30-11:15—Lewiston Public Library Children 0-5 are welcome to join the fun on Zoom as Ms. Jackie uses interactive songs and stories to introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@LewistonMaine.gov for details and registration.

(In-person) Make Art with ArtVan! Every Wednesday September 15-December 22, 3:45-5:15 PM

This program is in Kennedy Park (near the playground). ArtVan will be providing a creative art project for kids ages 5-14 (ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult). No sign up needed and all materials provided. This program is weather permitting. Questions? Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@LewistonMaine.gov

TEEN PRO-

GRAMS (Virtual) Homework Help: Every Monday-Thursday 2:00-6:00 PM in the Teen Room while school is in session.

Students in grades 7-12 can meet virtually with Bates tutors via Zoom from 2-6pm Monday-Thursday while school is in session. Library Chromebooks are available for use in the Teen Room and library staff are here to help students connect.

Teen Manga Battle! Submissions 10/1-10/31, voting 11/1-11/8 (on Instagram and Discord).

Show off your skills in the Manga Battle! Teen artists can submit one piece of manga art to join the contest. Our two categories are original art and fan art. Submissions can be made online via google form or in-person at the Teen Desk on the 2nd floor of the library. The best artist in each category will receive a pack of manga-making supplies as a prize.

ADULT PRO-GRAMS

2-Sentence Horror Story Contest—submis-

sions 10/1-10/31, voting 11/1-11/14.

All are welcome to submit their best 2-sentence horror story for a chance to win one of three Hannaford gift cards (1st place=\$50, 2nd & 3rd places=\$25). You may submit your story either online via the LPL webpage or in person by filling out a submission form at the reference desk. For more information about the contest, including the rules and how voting will occur, see our website at LPLonline.org or call 207-513-3135.

(In-person) Pumpkin Craft Palooza: Thursday, October 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Couture Room.

Three different pumpkin crafts for people to make during the program: paper roll pumpkins, wine cork pumpkins, and pom pom pumpkins! All materials and instruction provided. This program is for adults and teens 13+ only. Registration is recommended. To register, contact the reference desk at 207-513-3135.

(Virtual) Living a

Life Less Wasteful: Monday, October 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Zoom and livestreamed to Facebook

Julie Olson, co-founder of Zero Waste Maine, will teach participants about how she has reduced her household’s trash by more than 85% and how you too can make less trash by using a variety of practical skills and strategies. For more information or to register, email LPLReference@gmail.com or call 207-513-3135.

(Virtual) Great Falls Forum: Thursday, October 28th 11 AM – 12 PM on Zoom and Facebook Live

Great Falls Forum is a free, monthly series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and the arts. October’s forum is featuring Tom Caron, studio host of Boston Red Sox baseball on the New England Sports Network, with a talk entitled “The Golden Age of Boston Sports.” For more information or to register, email LPLReference@gmail.com or call 207-513-3135.

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Safe Voices seeks donors for holiday outreach

AUBURN - Safe Voices, the domestic violence and sex trafficking resource center based in Lewiston, invites businesses

and community members to participate in its annual holiday programs Feed-a-Family and Adopt-a-Family.

Individuals, businesses and community organizations are welcome and may choose to support one or both programs.

This annual program serves more than 100 families across Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties each year. Similar to 2020, advocates anticipate greater need as survivors continue to struggle with increased risk and instability brought on by COVID-19 and social distancing. For parents and children who are struggling with isolation brought on by abuse, or who have had to flee a dangerous situation at home, donors can help provide a happy holiday in difficult times.

The Feed-a-Family program matches donors with a family to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Donors purchase the supplies for a traditional dinner of turkey, sides and dessert and deliver them to Safe Voices, who will then get them to the family in need. The Adopt-a-Family program also matches donors with families to provide gifts in celebration of the December holidays.

If you would like to participate as a donor, please call or email Emily Mitchell at 207-795-6744 x222 or emitchell@safevoices.org. Donors may also complete a participation form online at www.safevoices.org.

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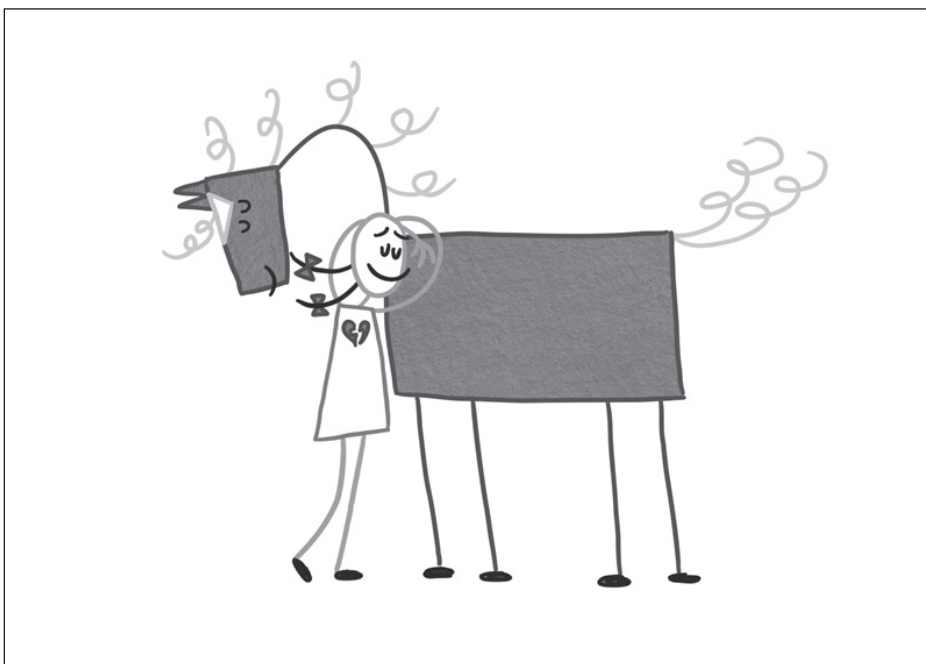
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A still image from the short animated film, *Aurora*, about a little girl who falls in love with a beautiful horse. The film is one of a pair of films from the United States that are included in the 10 films of the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival playing at The Public Theatre on Friday and Saturday. (Image courtesy of The Public Theatre)

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 began its first season in

1991, producing two plays in a borrowed space at the Auburn Mall. Today, The Public Theatre is one of the most remarkable success stories in the state of Maine and a cornerstone in the cultural life of Lewiston/

Auburn. Each season The Public Theatre produces six to eight productions, playing to an audience of over 17,000 people.

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Bicyclists line up at the starting line of a previous Dempsey Challenge event. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

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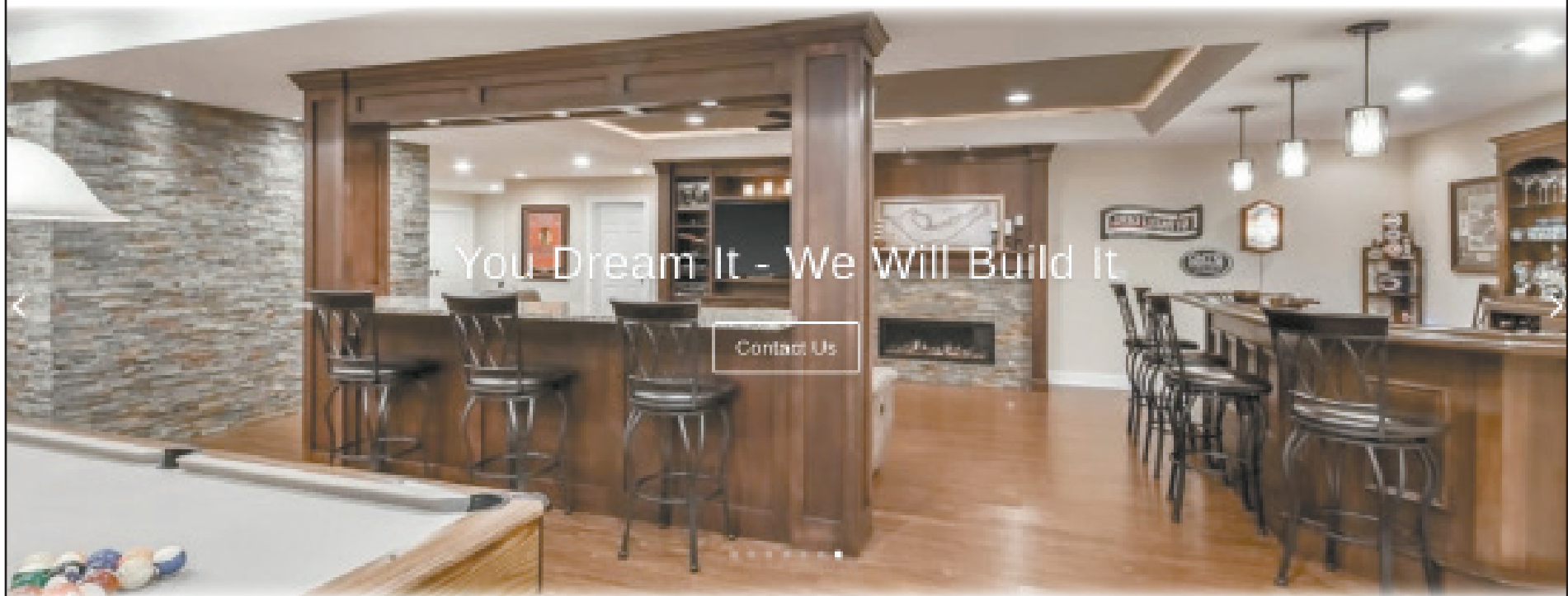
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WEDNESDAYS
Through December
3:45-5:15 p.m.
LEWISTON - **Make Art with ArtVan!** Every Wednesday, Sept. 15-Dec.22, 3:45-5:15 p.m. This program is in Kennedy Park (near the playground). ArtVan will be providing a creative art project for kids ages 5-14 (ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult). No sign up needed and all materials provided. This program is weather permitting. Questions? Call 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@LewistonMaine.gov.

MONDAY thru

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

THURSDAY
While school is in session
2-6 p.m.

LEWISTON – From Lewiston Public Library - virtual **Homework Help** in the Teen Room. Students in grades 7-12 can meet virtually with Bates tutors via Zoom from Monday-Thursday while school is in session. Library Chromebooks are available for use in the Teen Room and library staff are there to help students connect.

FRIDAY
Sept. 24
5-10 p.m.
LEWISTON – Art Walk L/A. The September edition of the Art Walk includes drumming by Taiko Maine Dojo, a Portland-based community taiko drumming group that seeks to share Japanese culture through the unify-

ing spirit of kumi-daiko. There will also be performances by Bates College a cappella groups the Merimanders, the Deansmen, and the Crosstones. At the LA Arts Gallery, exhibiting artist Tom Jessen will share an interactive art making game with guests. And the final Music in the Parks concert this season will feature live, local hip hop and reggae bands.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Sept. 24 & 25
7 p.m.
LEWISTON – The MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival will show 10 short films from around the world at The Public Theatre on Maple Street in Lewiston.

SATURDAY
Sept. 25
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
AUBURN – Fall

Festival at Auburn United Methodist Church, at 439 Park Ave, Auburn
7:30-9:30 p.m.
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MONDAY
Sept. 27
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.

5:30 p.m.
GORHAM – Tentative Finance Committee meeting in Conference Room A.
5:30-6:30 p.m.
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting, in City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

TUESDAY
Sept. 28
10-10:30 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Sep-

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tember Story Adventures (3yrs-5yrs). Join Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff for a socially-distanced musical story adventure on the lawn. We will present books, songs, movement activities and rhythm instruments. Masks recommended when social distancing isn't possible. (Ages 3yrs-5yrs)
In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.

WEDNESDAY
Sept. 29
9:30-10 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - September Story Adventures (birth-3yrs). Join Ms. Dani for a socially-distanced story adventure on the lawn. She will present books, finger-plays, movement activities, and songs. Bring a blanket to sit on in case the lawn is damp. Masks recommended when social distancing isn't possible. birth-3yrs
In the event of inclement weather program will be cancelled.
7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

THURSDAY
Sept. 30
10-11 a.m.
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Book

Club: "The Vanishing Half". Join us at 10 a.m. to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett on the lawn in good weather, in poor weather in our meeting rooms if COVID restrictions allow, or via Zoom - email Nissa at nflanagan@gorham.me.us to receive the link.
1-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Blood Drive at Cressey United Methodist Church 1-6 p.m, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.
5-8 p.m.
WISCASSET – Wiscasset Art Walk.

FRIDAY
Oct. 1
9 a.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Golf Tournament at Gorham Country Club; 9 a.m. Shotgun Start, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

SATURDAY
Oct. 2
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
AUBURN - West Auburn Congregational Church - 10th Annual Fall Vendor Craft Fair.
Noon-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Block Party at Junction Bowl on Railroad Ave. in Gorham, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.



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