

## Tutu time again for Dempsey Challenge rider



Dennis Richardson of Turner presents a pink tutu to Twin City Times/Gorham Weekly Publisher Laurie Steele as he challenges her to join a team of "pink tutu riders" that he hopes to bring together for the 2022 Dempsey Challenge. (Tsukroff photo)

By Nathan Tsukroff

LEWISTON – It was tutu time again for Dennis Richardson of Turner as he rode for the seventh time in the Dempsey Challenge.

He's been riding his bike in the annual Challenge since Patrick Dempsey, a childhood friend, challenged him to stop smoking in 2014.

Richardson participated last year wearing a pink tutu to signify the fight

against breast cancer, and a purple tutu to represent the fight against pancreatic cancer.

This year, he wore just the pink tutu, with a pink tiara perched atop his bicycle helmet, and added pink pom-poms on his shoes, another gift from a friend and supporting fundraiser in New Jersey.

Despite his claims to "hate wearing the tutu," Richardson rides with a smile as he acknowledges the waves and smiles of passers-by, and the honks of drivers.

Dempsey helped start the Patrick Dempsey Center at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, in response to his mother's bouts with cancer. The first Dempsey Challenge took place in 2009. Dempsey's mother died in March, 2014.

The Dempsey Center "has always been a positive spin on such a negative family situation, with cancer," Richardson said. "You know, they help everybody in the family, they heal them . . . not just the patient."

Dempsey and Richardson grew up as best friends in Turner. "from the time we were little kids, like four years old. And then I worked for his father in the family business, with Patrick," Richardson said. "So we've always been very close."

"In 2014, he challenged me to quit smoking," Richardson said. "It was a challenge to quit smoking, get healthy, (and) ride with him in the Dempsey Challenge." Richardson started training in March of that year, riding some 2,000 practice miles and dropping 44 pounds. He finished his 50-mile ride in the Challenge in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and raised a combined \$7500 with his 8-person team that year.

Dempsey has returned to Lewiston-Auburn every fall for the annual Dempsey Challenge. The Dempsey Center said his presence is felt throughout the weekend as he participates in one of the cycle rides, along with his friends and family, greets the crowds and personally thanks top fundraisers for their amazing efforts.

In 2016, Patrick took on an advisory role, and in 2018 he became a Dempsey Center board member so he can continue to help support those impacted by cancer, according to the Dempsey Center.

The Dempsey Challenge went virtual in 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and returned as an in-person event this year, along with the first Global Dempsey Challenge.

Presented by Amgen Oncology, the



Dennis Richardson of Turner warms up for the Dempsey Challenge in a recent ride through downtown Lewiston, sporting the pink tutu and tiara he committed to wear if he met his fundraising goal for this year. Setting an initial goal of \$10,000, Richardson had raised over \$14,000 by Sunday, the day of the ride. (Tsukroff photo)

Dempsey Challenge is the primary fundraising event for the Dempsey Center. Poland Spring is a Centurion sponsor of the event, with Central Maine Healthcare, Specialized, IDEXX, 107.5 Frank FM, Zwift, and 99.9 The Wolf as Champion sponsors.

Registration for the Dempsey Challenge 2021 opened in April and offered a local in-person event in Lewiston - with an emphasis on implementing industry-leading COVID-19 safety protocols - and a global option, allowing participants to complete the Challenge, wherever they are in the world.

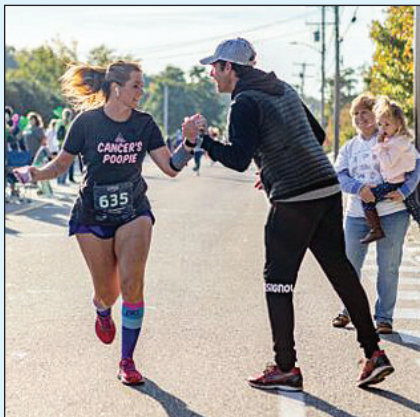
Richardson and his wife, Lori, reached their 2020 fundraising goal with a final donation from Twin City Times/Gorham Weekly publisher Laurie Steele, and this year he presented Steele with a pink tutu of her own, challenging her to ride with him next year as part of a group of "pink tutu riders".

Steele said she hasn't ridden a bicycle since childhood, as she accepted the challenge.

The pandemic dampened the fundraising abilities for Richardson this year, so he set an original goal of just \$10,000

See Dempsey, page 8

### Photo caption correction



Patrick Dempsey greets runner Jennifer Bilodeau at a previous Dempsey Challenge event. The Twin City Times/Gorham Weekly incorrectly identified Bilodeau in a previous edition. (Photo courtesy of Dempsey Center)

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Educator seeks election to Lewiston school board

**From Paul Beauparlant**

LEWISTON - Paul Beauparlant, an area classroom teacher for six decades, is a candidate for the Ward 7 representative position to the Lewiston School Board.

He has been serving as the Ward 7 committeeman since January of this year, when he was appointed by Mayor Mark Cayer to fill a vacancy. He was confirmed by the City Council in a unanimous vote.

Beauparlant, recently retired from teaching at Edward Little High School in Auburn, feels his classroom experiences and over 20 years as a department chair will benefit him on his committee work. "I feel this provides me with an

excellent background on educational and personnel issues. Sometimes great ideas that are theoretically sound don't work in practice. I know my 43 years in teaching has helped me to form a strong skill-set for committee work", he wrote in his announcement.

Beauparlant asserts the Committee's immediate focus should be in supporting the children of Lewiston in getting the best education possible. Beauparlant feels "the impetus needs to continue to be 'Kids First'. Attention must be given to those who were deprived, overlooked or neglected due to the struggles of COVID in the schools". He believes "This election should not be focused on a single is-



Paul Beauparlant was appointed by Lewiston Mayor Mark Cayer in January to the Lewiston School Board from Ward 7, and is now running for election to that office. (Photo courtesy of Paul Beauparlant)

sue; instead, it must be on how to make the second largest school district the best that it can be for all of its citizens. Education and educators must be supported by the school administration and the citizens of Lewiston".

Beauparlant and his wife, Marilyn, have been residents of Lewiston and Ward 7 for over forty years. They have two adult sons who went through the Lewiston Public Schools and have transitioned into successful careers. Long active in community affairs, Beauparlant has served as President of the Farwell School PTO as well as president/member of the Lewiston football, basketball, soccer and swimming booster clubs. He has coached

youth sports teams for elementary intramurals, the YMCA, LAYSA (soccer), FLY football and the South Lewiston Little League. As a registered and certified basketball (IAABO) and softball (Federation, USA) official for over four decades, Beauparlant "... has learned that diffusing conflicts on the court and the diamond can be applied to real life settings as well".

Beauparlant said he will strive to respond to concerns of the Lewiston citizenry, regardless of where they reside or their position on issues. "If someone takes the time to contact me, I feel an obligation to reply to them in a timely manner."

He is running against Heather Benson.

## Claxton earns perfect voting score

**From Maine Senate**

AUGUSTA - Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) earned a perfect score from Democracy Maine's 2021 Legislative Scorecard for his voting record to clean up state government, get money out of politics and safeguard democracy.

Sen. Claxton was one of 15 members of the Maine Senate to earn a perfect score.

"Throughout my time in the Senate, I have prioritized legislation to ensure we have accessible and secure elections throughout our state for generations to come," said Sen. Claxton. "In Maine, with our town clerks working hard to ensure accurate vote counts, we have one of the highest voter turnout rates in the nation, and we ought to build on that. I will continue working to

ward growing the number of voters who participate in our elections, reducing the influence outside money has in our campaigns, and protecting the fundamental right every American citizen has to the ballot box. At the end of the day, the more folks who participate in our elections, the better off we all are."

This session, Sen. Claxton supported legislation that was sponsored by Sen. Louie Luchini, D-Ellsworth, to ban corporate contributions to political candidates running for state office.

Sen. Claxton also supported legislation to fully implement ranked-choice voting, to open up Maine's primary system to unenrolled voters, to include racial impact statements as part of the legislative process, and other measures protecting the rights of Maine people to

vote.

Democracy Maine is a collaboration between three nonpartisan organizations - the League of Women Voters of Maine, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections and Maine Students Vote - that work together to lead Maine in advocating for voter rights, campaign finance reform, modern and secure elections, government ethics, and voter education and engagement.

The coalition scored nine initiatives considered by the 130th Maine Legislature.

Democracy Maine's 2021 Legislative Scorecard can be viewed at [democracymaine.org/2021scorecard](http://democracymaine.org/2021scorecard).

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

## Entertainment to surely make you smile!

**From L/A Sr. College**

LEWISTON - On Oct. 17 at 5 PM on Zoom! L/A Senior College is excited to welcome a local Mainer whose fame has spread throughout the country and beyond.

Scott Moreau was born at the old Bath Memorial Hospital, raised in Litchfield on Sand Pond and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1997. He made his professional stage debut at Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick in 1999 and received a Bachelor Of Fine Arts degree in Music Theatre from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2001. In a career spanning 22 years, Scott has performed in over 300 American cities in 47

states, as well as in Tokyo, Osaka, Quebec City, Toronto and Montreal. He is most known for his role as Johnny Cash on the 1st National Broadway tour of Million Dollar Quartet, a role that he has performed over 1,000 times including at Maine State, Merrill Auditorium, The Cross Insurance Center in Bangor and the Regional Premiere at the Ogunquit Playhouse in 2015.

Scott's original tributes to Johnny Cash have been performed to sold out audiences from Las Vegas to New York City. He is proud to have recorded his tribute album, Home Of The Blues, at Sun Studio in Memphis, TN, standing in the very same spot that Johnny, Elvis, Roy Orbison,

Carl Perkins, Conway Twitty and Howlin' Wolf once stood. He lives in The Bronx with his new wife Sonia and their two cats Mo and Timmy. Each and every performance is dedicated to his parents Leonard and Donna. More information can be found at [www.scottmoreau.com](http://www.scottmoreau.com).

A perfect presentation for a Sunday evening cocktail hour - Scott will tell us about his career and treat us to some of his favorite musical numbers. Food for Thought is free and open to the public.

Email [laseniorcollege@gmail.com](mailto:laseniorcollege@gmail.com) to sign up by noon on Oct. 16. Don't forget to mention which FFT program you wish to see and you will receive a link the morning of the 17th.

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## Bag for Bag food pantry donations



Patrick Wescott places food in the cart for donation to the Gorham Food Pantry in a recent event conducted by the John & Janice Real Estate. (Photo courtesy of John & Janice)

John & Janice Real Estate Team in Gorham set up in the Gorham Hannaford parking lot under a white tent on a recent Saturday to raise money and food donations for the Gorham Food Pantry.

The team was able to raise over \$280 in donations and over 700 pounds of food for the pantry.

Janice Lesser of the team said "I feel so privileged to be part of such a close community. It amazed me the stories that were shared regarding their own memories of how a food pantry effected them in earlier years to great parents taking the time to teach the children how

giving back is vital to our community."

She said a gentleman brought two bags of food for donation. As she unpacked his bags, he shared with her that the reason he bought "Stove Top Stuffing" was because growing up he and his three siblings were raised by a very hard working single mom who was helped by the food pantry. His favorite "treat" that she would bring home was the stuffing. He went on to describe how successful he and his siblings became as adults through education and family values. It was a tribute to his mother.

The Real Estate

team and their volunteers handed out reusable bags for donators to fill inside Hannaford. When the bags with donations came back, they were swapped for an empty bag to bring home for personal use.

This is the second year in a row the Team has reached out to the community to help benefit the Gorham Food Pantry.

The Gorham Food Pantry accepts donations every day. There is a place beside the pantry with food can be donated.

The pantry is located on the rear right-side of St. Anne's Catholic Church at 299 Main Street in Gorham.



John Lesser of the John & Janice Real Estate Team shows one of the bags used for food donations during a recent drive by the team to raise money and food donations for the Gorham Food Pantry. (Photo courtesy of John & Janice)

## Evergreen CU listed on Best Places to Work

From Evergreen CU

GORHAM - Evergreen Credit Union appears once again in the annual Best Places to Work list among Maine companies.

The designation results after employees of participating companies complete an annual survey

focusing on work environment, compensation, collaboration, communication and many other job-related criteria.

Evergreen, now the 5th largest Maine credit union by asset size, employees just over 100 people.

"We focus tremendous resources on maintaining a

healthy workplace for our employees. This is essential to attract and keep the best talent, allowing us to continue our growth. Therefore, we're very proud to again be recognized as a great place to pursue a career here in Maine," said CEO/President Jason Lindstrom.

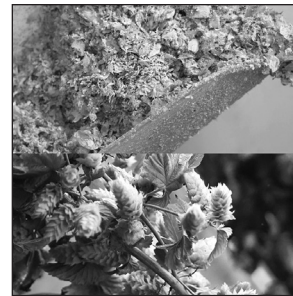
## Local Harvest Ale at Sebago Brewing

From Sebago Brewing

GORHAM - Every year, Sebago Brewing Company celebrates fall by getting the freshest hops available from their friends at The Hop Yard.

Then they freeze them and smash them to pieces.

This year's Local Harvest Ale uses Cascade and Comet hops, plus four different styles of grain and malt produced by local producers Maine Malt



House and Blue Ox Malt House, making this year's brew a real Mainer.

Learn more about Local Harvest Ale and the delicate art of cryo-whack-

ing at <http://bitly.ws/gFXN>

Local Harvest Ale is available on draft and in growlers to go at all Sebago Brewing locations as of last week, including the Tasting Room at the brewery in Gorham, the Scarborough Brewpub by the Maine Mall, the Gorham Brewpub in Gorham Village, the Kennebunk Brewpub in The Shops at Long Bank, and the Portland Brewpub in Old Port.

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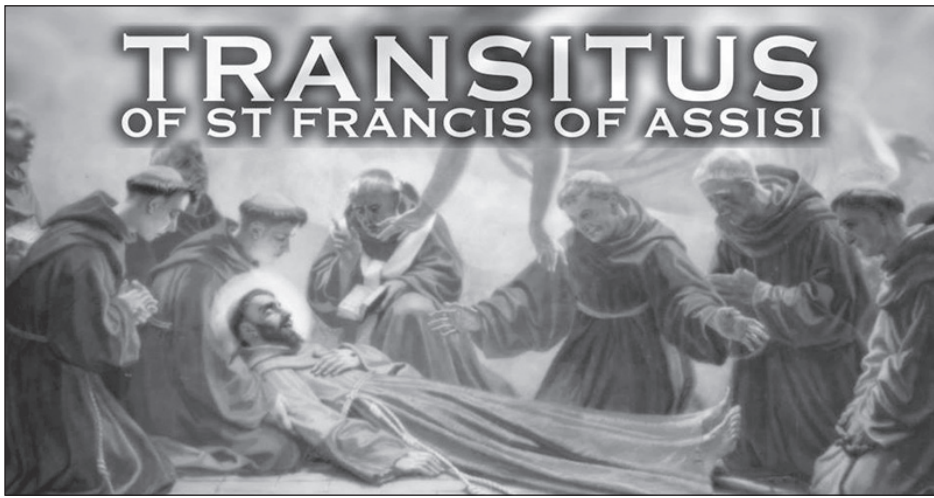
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# Transitus Services Set for Belfast and Lewiston



**From Portland Diocese**

BELFAST - From the earliest days of the Franciscan Order, the followers of St. Francis of Assisi have gathered on the anniversa-

ry of his death to celebrate his Transitus (passage from earthly life into everlasting life).

Franciscans ritually remember the passing of St. Francis as a reminder to re-

new our own commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi.

The Transitus service is a beautiful and inspiring commemoration of his death that was handed

down by one of his brother friars, Brother Bonaventure, who witnessed his death in 1226. To commemorate that anniversary and the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, which is on October 4, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belfast and Holy Family Church in Lewiston will hold special events during that week.

**Sunday, Oct. 3  
Lewiston**

Prince of Peace Parish will host a Transitus service following the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, located on 607 Sabbathus Street. The evening service will celebrate the light which St. Francis was to the world. It is not only a memorial, but a recognition

of his life and spirit that remains in our midst today and provides an opportunity for those gathered to consider how we, too, can be a light for our world and all creation. Attending the service will be members from the Franciscan family's First Order (priests and lay brothers) and Third Order (religious and lay men and women who try to emulate St. Francis' spirit by performing works of teaching, charity, and social service).

**Saturday, Oct. 2,  
and Sunday, Oct. 3  
Belfast**

St. Francis of Assisi Church, located on 81 Court Street, will celebrate its patron saint with a week-

end of activities. On Saturday, October 2, a Mass for St. Francis will be held at 4 p.m., followed by a Transitus service at 5 p.m. After the service, all are welcome to stay and watch a short movie on the life and impact of St. Francis of Assisi and his special guidance in today's world. Pizza and beverages will be provided at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, October 3, in addition to a morning Mass at 8:30 a.m., Fr. Divine Fossoh will host a Blessing of the Animals service outside of the church at 2:30 p.m. in honor of St. Francis' love of all of God's creatures. All pets are welcome to be blessed and gently sprinkled with holy water.

# Shelter hosts pet portrait fundraiser

**From GAHS**

LEWISTON, MAINE - The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is hosting a "Practically Purrfect Pet Portraits" fundraiser.

All funds raised during this whimsical fundraiser will go towards the purchase of a new industrial washing machine,

dryer and generator for the shelter.

For \$25 per pet, a pet's photo will be randomly assigned one of more than 100 volunteer artists. Ranging from professional artists to local students (or maybe even a GAHS staff member or volunteer!); pet owners will have their very own practically purrfect artistic rendering of your

precious companion.

To sign up for the fundraiser, submit payment at <http://bitly.ws/gwIF>

Once payment has been made, post a pet photo to the event's Facebook page at <http://bitly.ws/gwIH>.

If someone doesn't have access to Facebook, a photo can be emailed to [giving@gahumane.org](mailto:giving@gahumane.org).

The event formally kicked off on Monday.

Once the picture has been posted to the event's Facebook page, per owners can expect a digital copy of the portrait to be posted within 2 weeks. Depending on the artist, physical copies may also be available for pick-up at the shelter.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society

provides a safe haven for over 3,000 sick, homeless, needy and abused animals in the greater Androscoggin area per year. The primary support for the Shelter comes from fundraising events and donations of caring citizens.

The Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston.

Anyone interest-

ed in volunteering as an artist, please call the shelter at 783-2311 or email [giving@gahumane.org](mailto:giving@gahumane.org).

Anyone interested in adopting an animal should visit available pets on their website at [www.Saving-PetsInMaine.org](http://www.Saving-PetsInMaine.org).

Pet lovers can also join them on [www.facebook/GAHumane](http://www.facebook/GAHumane).

# 'Race to the Stage 5K' rescheduled

**From CLT**

Auburn - The Lewiston/Auburn Community Little Theatre (CLT) has decided to postpone their inaugural "Race to the Stage 5K" until Saturday, April 30, 2022. The event had been originally scheduled for October 2, 2021.

Organizers believe that rescheduling the

event will give community partners more time to plan and give friends, family, and followers more time to prepare and register.

Registration for the event is open now through April 28, 2022 and available at [www.lacli.com](http://www.lacli.com). Registration starts at \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults.

L/A Community Lit-

tle 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.lacli.com](http://www.lacli.com).

## Letter to the Editor

# The Moment is Now

Nationwide we finally have an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly. Congress is considering a Clean Electricity Payment Program (CEPP) to help ensure that 80 percent of the electricity that's produced in the US by 2030 comes from clean sources, this is key to meeting the commitment we made under the Paris Climate Agreement. This commit-

ment would be our fair share toward helping the world avoid the worst effects of climate change. A CEPP would also have public health benefits since ME is the tailpipe of the nation. Other states would be emitting less particulate matter that ends up in our state and is a major cause of medical problems affecting our citizens.

Congress must enact a clean energy incentive

program this fall. A shift to clean energy would create jobs right here in ME. Representative Jared Golden and the rest of ME's congressional delegation will play a pivotal role in determining our climate future, and they should support a CEPP and fund the climate provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan and the reconciliation package.

Thank you,  
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# MCP returns to the graveyard with ‘Continuing Tales from Spoon River’

### From MCP

AUBURN - The Monmouth Community Players (MCP) presents its second annual socially-distanced Fall production, ‘Continuing Tales From Spoon River’, in October.

The script for the show is adapted from the Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters.

In his anthology, Masters imagines what the dead of Spoon River might say, if only they

could speak. MCP’s adaptation of Master’s anthology pieces together some of these tales from beyond in an intriguing stroll through the cemetery of Spoon River.

The show is directed by Danny Gay, assisted by Ginger Smith, and publicity is being handled by Josie French.

This year’s cast of spectres includes Tim Wooten, Adam Dawes, Aleah Sebrey, Amy Griswold, Andy Tolman, Char-

lotte Morin, Debby Mansur, Ken Mansur, Emily Carlton, Jane Mitchell, Jeff Fairfield, Jocelyn Curtis, Melissa Record, Nancy Keneally, Ray Fletcher and Tony Morin.

Music for the event will be performed by Neil James and Shane Stevens.

Performances will be Oct. 15-17 in Auburn along the historic Riverwalk behind Gritty’s, and October 22-24 in the Monmouth Cemetery next to Cumston Hall. Show times are 6:30-

8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. both Sundays.

Tickets will be by donation only.

Thdespite its ghostly nature, the show is appropriate for all ages, though some content is a bit dark.

Due to COVID 19, the shows be presented outdoors for the safety of all involved.

For more information on this show and other upcoming auditions and performances, please visit

our website at [www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org](http://www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org). FMI, please contact our box office by email at [mcpboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mcpboxoffice@gmail.com) or leave a message at 207-370-9566. We hope that you will join us for this unique experience!

**Melissa Record is one of the spirit guides in the upcoming production of “Continuing Tales From Spoon River” by the Monmouth Community Players. (Photo courtesy of MCP)**



## Pop-in to the Lewiston Library

### From LPL

LEWISTON - The Lewiston Public Library will be offering a free popcorn-making demonstration to anyone who drops in from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 19, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 17, and 4- p.m. on Dec. 16.

There is no set time to join and it takes less than 15 minutes from start to finish. Any popcorn made can be taken home by those who participate. Learn a little about the science of popcorn while combining two ingredients over heat

to make a delicious treat which saves money over time and offers more control over the calories and even flavors to suit individual preferences.

The library will also have take and make kits for those would like to try it at home. Between Oct. 18 and Dec. 18, community members may stop by the Library to pick-up a take and make popcorn kit. Written instructions will be provided as well as a link to an online video tutorial.

Admission is free and no reservations are required.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information on this program is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or [LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov).

Send all items for Names and Faces to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

## Program on living a life less wasteful

### From LPL

LEWISTON - The Lewiston Public Library is hosting Zero Waste Maine for a virtual program on living a life less wasteful, on Monday, Oct. 25.

This free, public program will start at 5:30 p.m. over Zoom and be simultaneously livestreamed to the Library’s Facebook page.

Julie Olson, co-founder of Zero Waste Maine, will give a virtual presentation about how she reduced her

household’s trash by more than 85%, along with a variety of practical skills and strategies viewers can use to reduce their own waste.

Julie Olson is a librarian and lifelong learner who shares her suburban home with her husband, son, and beloved rescue pets. A dedicated maker and a supporter of eating and shopping locally, Julie loves finding strategies and resources that support zero waste and spreading the word to others.

Admission is free. Reg-

istration is required for those participating through Zoom.

Living a Life Less Wasteful is a virtual program co-sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library and Zero Waste Maine.

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

More information on this program is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at [LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov) or 513-3135.

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# Summer visitor wins food pantry challenge

**From Portland Diocese**  
 WELLS - A recipe challenge sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine's Parish Social Ministry program provided an opportunity for Mainers to put their recipes and cooking knowledge to the test while helping local parish food ministries.

The theme for the 2021 St. Hildegard Food Pantry Recipe Challenge was "Food Box +1," meaning that entrants could only use the basic contents of a food pantry food box for a family of four in their recipes: cereal, crackers, powdered milk, canned soup, dried fruit, nuts, chickpeas, beans, instant potatoes, bread, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pork, chicken, beef, whole milk, butter, yogurt, sour cream, in-season fresh vegetables (corn, tomatoes, broccoli, squash,

green peppers), and basic fruits. The recipes could be for any main or side dish, and participants were allowed to add one additional food to the recipe that is not in the box but is usually available at a local food pantry.

"The winner is from St. Mary Church of Holy Spirit Parish in Wells," said Bill Wood of Parish Social Ministry. "The name of the entry was 'Church Chicken' and was submitted by summer visitor Robert Peppin. A check for \$1,000 will go out to that parish to support their community food pantry."

Second place went to parishioner Beverly Gallant of Holy Savior Parish in Rumford for her "Chili Macaroni" recipe. A check for \$500 will go to the new food pantry at the parish.

"In the past four

years, the St. Hildegard's Food Pantry Recipe Challenge has collected close to 175 appetizing, easy-to-make, and nutritious recipes that come from foods found right at your local community food pantry," said Wood. "This year's recipes were once again challenging to judge, but all are simple to prepare, good for you, and tasty, too!"

The winning recipes can be found on the Catholic Charities Maine Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesME](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesME). An electronic version of all of the recipes submitted will be made available for all parish food pantries and soup kitchens to use for those they serve.

Anyone who would like a copy of the recipes should email [psm@ccmaine.org](mailto:psm@ccmaine.org).

The mission of Parish



Social Ministry is to provide leadership, guidance, Catholic social teaching education, and training to empower parishioners to compassionately serve people of all faiths living in their communities. From Kittery

to Madawaska, the size and scope of the program continues to grow one successful initiative at a time through youth camps, case managers at soup kitchens, community fairs promoting strong family life,

an educational series for seniors, and hundreds of other initiatives. For more information about Parish Social Ministry or the contest, call (207) 523-1161 or visit [www.ccmaine.org/parish-social-ministry](http://www.ccmaine.org/parish-social-ministry).

# Maine youth artist named national winner

**from BGCSM**

PORTLAND – Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine (BGCSM) recently joined thousands of Clubs across the country in a search to identify talented young artists.

Old Navy generously supports this competition, which is part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) National Arts Contest, a comprehensive initiative promoting young people's creativity, and encouraging artistic skills and

cultural enrichment.

BGCSM submitted 177 pieces of artwork created by our members who range from ages 6-18. Artwork was screened at the regional level, and a limited number sent to BGCA's Atlanta headquarters

for judging at the national level. This past August, regional winners were judged by professionally recognized artists virtually. Their decisions were difficult and resulted in 33 National Fine Arts winners.

BGCSM Portland Club member, Eli M. (7 years old), was named as a national winner in the Collage Category, ages 6-9. Eli's collage, entitled "Big City" took several weeks of dedicated work and encouragement. "Big City" will be displayed at special events throughout the year and fea-

tured in BGCA's online arts gallery. Winning artists also receive a commemorative plaque.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Club members got to experiment throughout the school year with a variety of artistic mediums such as acrylic and water color painting, oil pastels and colored pencil drawings, sketching, printmaking and collage. BGCSM encourages creative expression in all our members. We know that youth who participate in the arts are more likely to succeed ac-

ademically and find effective ways to communicate. To ensure our members are able to take full advantage of their talents, we offer an array of arts programs geared to encourage our members' abilities. We help members build confidence by proudly displaying their art at the club and encouraging them to submit artwork to the contests like the Annual Fine Arts show. This year, of the 177 pieces submitted by BGCSM to the virtual art show, 2 moved on the National competition in which Eli won.

For more than 110 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine has provided youth development programs for children ages 6-18. Our five Clubhouses located in Auburn/Lewiston, Portland, and South Portland are safe places to learn, have fun, and develop skills and interests that last a lifetime. For more information visit [bgcmaine.org](http://bgcmaine.org)

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\$12,380 and Don Oakes at \$11,650.

The Concentra team had raised \$100,192, followed by the Fran's Army team at \$83,418.

The presenting sponsor of the Dempsey Challenge/ Global Dempsey Challenge 2021 is Amgen Oncology, with Poland Spring as a Centurion sponsor.

Dempsey

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for this year's Challenge. He surpassed that goal and was over \$14,000 in his fundraising efforts just days before riding in the Challenge on Sunday.

After raising about \$1.2M each year the past couple of years, the Dempsey Challenge set a lofty goal of \$1.5 Million for this year. "We learned so much over the course of the last year," Deneka Deletetsky, Event Manager, said. "And what stands out most is that the power of a community of passionate, dedicated, fearless folks who work tirelessly to help ease someone's cancer journey is unstoppable."

Participants from 45 different countries took part in the 2020 Dempsey Challenge, "So, we really, really are a new, refreshed Dempsey Challenge!" she

said. "We're going with it as the Global Dempsey Challenge."

"For the first time there's no barrier to participate. People can choose to participate however they feel comfortable - whether they want to be with us here, locally, in our local Challenge right here in Lewiston/Auburn, or if they want to be a global participant. They can participate virtually from wherever they are in the world," Deletetsky said.

By the Challenge weekend, fundraising was at \$1,351,201 for 2021.

The top fundraisers as of Sunday were Fran Stanhope at \$23,658, "Top Dollar" Dave Gervais at \$18,681, Serena Panzeri at \$18,180, Ethan Helie at \$17,255, Sheena Wenz at \$16,900, Shawn Cox at \$16,415, Kathy Dettmann at \$16,393, Richardson at \$14,150, Carmella Pettitt at



Dennis Richardson of Turner warms up for the Dempsey Challenge in a recent ride through downtown Lewiston, sporting the pink tutu and tiara he committed to wear if he met his fundraising goal for this year. Setting an initial goal of \$10,000, Richardson had raised over \$14,000 by Sunday, the day of the ride. (Tsukroff photo)



Laurie Steele (right), Publisher of the Twin City Times and Gorham Weekly, presents a donation to Dennis Richardson of Turner to help him in raising more than \$14,000 to benefit the Dempsey Centers in Lewiston and South Portland (Tsukroff photo)



Dennis Richardson of Turner added pink pom-poms to his Dempsey Challenge garb, a gift from a fundraising friend in New Jersey, for this year's ride. (Tsukroff photo)

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# Northeast Bank donates \$20K to Junior Achievement

## From Northeast Bank

PORTLAND – Northeast Bank announced last week a \$20,000 donation to support Junior Achievement of Maine (JA).

This donation will help support JA virtual programming throughout the state as well as several key programs including the Titan Challenge, an online simulation for high school students to learn how to run a company, the Maine Business Hall of Fame South which honors the state's most influential leaders who have made an impact on Maine's economy, and the JA Pathways program which connects community members with volunteer opportunities to educate students on finan-

cial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness.

"As a community bank, Northeast Bank understands the important role financial education plays in building and maintaining strong communities," said Robert T. Banaski, Senior Vice President, Director of Community Banking. "Junior Achievement of Maine reaches our youngest community members through its key programs, and we are proud to support JA in its mission."

Michelle Anderson, President of Junior Achievement of Maine, said, "Northeast Bank has been incredibly supportive of JA over the years, contributing over \$102,000 as well as over 1,000 volunteer hours since 2008. Their

contribution helps power our programs and makes an impactful difference within Maine schools."

Junior Achievement of Maine partners with local schools and businesses to provide financial education for all students, from elementary to high school. Through a wide array of programs, including JA in a Day and the Titan Challenge, communities can come together to better prepare younger generations for a financially stable future.

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# Spiritual enrichment in Fall Retreat

## From St. John Paul II Parish

SCARBOROUGH -- Three nights of spiritual enrichment will be offered by St. John Paul II Parish on October 4-6.

Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. will present "iMercy: The Divine Hotspot" as part of St. John Paul II Parish's annual Fall Retreat.

All three nights of the retreat are available through in-person attendance at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church on 150 Black Point Road in Scarborough or livestreamed online at [www.jp2me.org](http://www.jp2me.org).

Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. uses his musical abilities on piano and guitar to preach parish missions, weekend retreats, days of

recollection, and various youth events. He composes his own music and has release his own CD's. He was 17 years old and deeply caught up in the world of rock music when he first experienced the joy of knowing, loving and serving Jesus Christ. Through word and song, Father Garrott desires to draw listeners more deeply into that

unconditional love which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit reveal to us through the Catholic Faith.

On Monday, October 4, Fr. Garrott, O.P. will discuss the unconditional love of the Father. The evening concludes with an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of

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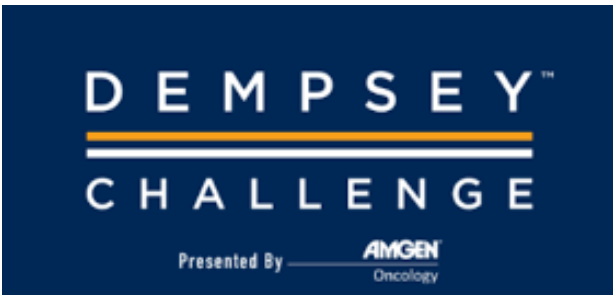


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# Book sale at Baxter in October

### From Baxter Library

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library has a book sale coming up in Oct., along with Story Adventures and book club events.

**Thursday Sept. 30 10-11 a.m.**

### Book Club: The Vanishing Half

Join us at 10:00am 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 to receive the link.

We will us these first meetings to help decide what the next books should be!

Open to the public  
**Tuesday Oct. 5 10-10:30 a.m.**

### October 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 Oct. 6 9:30-10 a.m.**

### October 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. Ages birth-3yrs

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**Thursday Oct. 7 3:30-4:30 PM**

### Dance w/ Dance Studio of Maine

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**Friday Oct. 8 9 a.m.-6 p.m.**

### Book Sale!

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale is happening on Oct. 8 from 9 am to 6 pm, and on Oct. 9 from 9 am to 1 pm! The Book Sale will be located in Shaw Gym in the Gorham Municipal Center.

**Saturday Oct. 9 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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**Monday Oct. 11**

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**Tuesday Oct. 12 10-10:30 a.m.**

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**Thursday Oct. 14 10-11 a.m.**

### Book Club: Waiting for the Night Song

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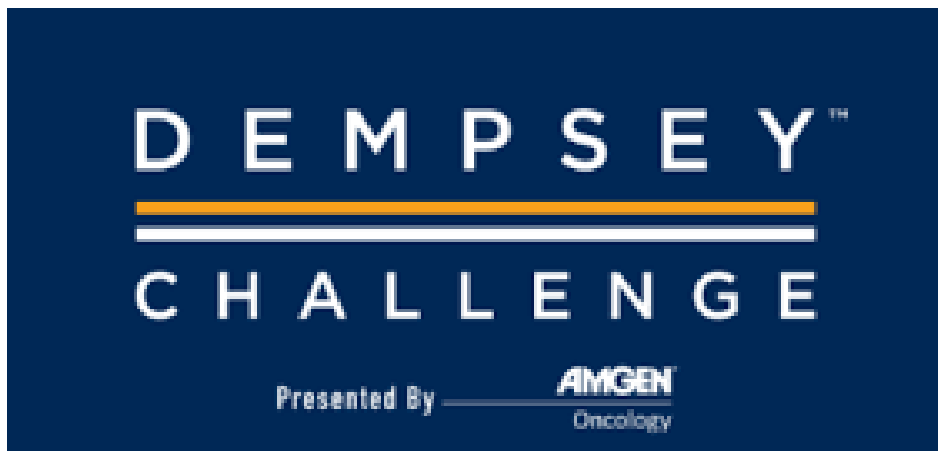
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**EVERY TUESDAY  
10:30-11:15 a.m.**

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Preschool Babytime & Storytime. 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 for details and registration.

**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  
THURSDAY**

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

**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.

**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.

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
Oct. 1 & 2**

NEW GLOUCESTER - SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming book sales at the New Gloucester Library - **First Dibs for Kids** on Friday Oct. 1, and **2nd Book Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 2, sponsored by the Friends of the New Gloucester Library.

**SUNDAY  
Oct. 3**

**8 a.m.**

BRUNSWICK – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is conducting a Run for Kids 5k Race/Walk. 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.

**5 p.m.**

LEWISTON - Prince of Peace Parish will host a Transitus service following the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, located on 607 Sabattus Street.

**MONDAY  
Oct. 4**

**6-7 p.m.**

GORHAM – Planning Board Ordinance Committee Workshop in Conference Room A.

**7 p.m.**

GORHAM – Planning Board meeting in council chambers.

**Retreat**

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St. Joseph in Montreal. On Tuesday, Octo-

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ber 5, Fr. Garrott, O.P. will present a talk on Jesus, who by His death on the Cross sets us free from sin and enables us to forgive and gives meaning to our suffering. The evening concludes with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Garrott, O.P. gives his third presentation on Wednesday, October 6 on the Holy Spirit, who enables us to live the Christian life and propels us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. The evening concludes with a sending forth blessing utilizing a first-class relic of St. John Paul II.

Each evening will begin with a rosary at 6:40pm and will conclude with the opportunity for sacramental confession. About the Fall Mission, Father Jack Dickinson, Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish, recently commented, "The parish is filled with joy to welcome Fr. Bill Garrott for our mission. I look forward to Fr. Bill's assistance in helping all of us know God's love in a personal way and better relating to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

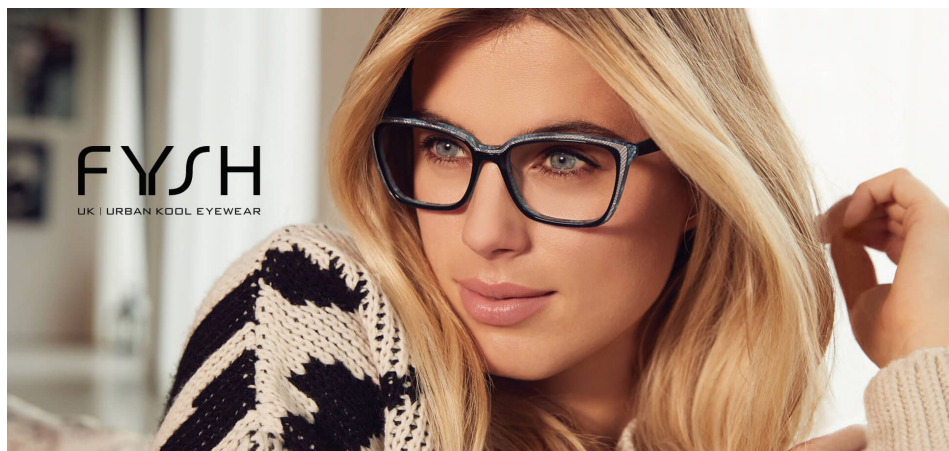
In July of 2020, St. Bartholomew Parish in Cape Elizabeth, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough, and St. John and Holy Cross Parish in South Portland joined to form the new St.

John Paul II Parish. The three churches maintained their individual names under the common patronage and intercession of St. John Paul II.

For more information, visit www.jp2me.org. The retreat is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and working several years in the field of technology transfer, Fr. Bill Garrott entered the Order of Preachers in 1988. Ordained in 1994, Father Bill Garrott, O.P. served four years as an associate pastor in Ohio where he gained experience with RCIA, adult education, Confirmation retreats, Bible studies, training and leading altar servers, lectors, and Pro-Life Marches. Father Garrott then obtained a Masters in Theology from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Father Garrott also served as the Director of Vocations for the Province of Saint Joseph.

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# QUESTION 1 IS **BAD** FOR MAINE BUSINESSES

Question 1 gives politicians the power to apply new laws and restrictions retroactively, as far back as 2014. The legislature will be able to second guess — and even reverse — past decisions, creating uncertainty for small businesses and making it much harder to create jobs and bring investment to Maine. Question 1 is bad for Maine's economy and bad for Maine jobs.

## **VOTE NO** ON QUESTION 1

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